

At the Court of Whitehall the 28th day of September 1693.

Present

Her Majesty Most Excellent Ma^y

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| Lord Archb ^{sh} of Canterbury | Vicomte Faulkland |
| Lord Treasurer | Lord Bishop of London |
| Lord President | Lord Cornwallis |
| Lord Chamberlain | Lord Godolphin |
| Earl of Oxford | M ^r Vice Chamberlain |
| Earl of Nottingham | M ^r Secretary of State |
| Earl of Northampton | M ^r Chancellor of the Exchequer |
| Earl of Mountague | Lord Justice Justice Holt |
| Earl of Sandwich | J ^r Henry Goodrich |

M^r Professor

Whereas the srd Hon^{ble} the Lord of the Committee of Trade and Plantations by their Report dated the 15th instant hath presented to Her Majesty in Council that upon reading several Petitions from the Governor and Council of Maryland to the Committee dated the 14th of October 21st of November and 11th of December last together with Certificates of Impediment against J^r Thomas Lawrence Secretary of that Province upon which Certificates the Governor and Council of Maryland acquaint the Committee they had committed and confined J^r Thomas Lawrence and had debarred him from being of the Council and Judge of the Provincial Courts there appearing to the Committee on good ground for such proceedings although the Allegations contained in the said Certificates were true but that the proceedings of the Governor and Council in this matter are illegal and arbitrary. Their s^{ts} are of opinion that the Governor and Council of Maryland be directed to give J^r Thomas Lawrence a Copy of the Certificates transmitted against him and that he return by answer unto them to the end their Majesty pleasure thereupon may be known. And that in the mean time J^r Thomas Lawrence be set at liberty and be restored to his place of Councillor and Judge of the Provincial Courts and that he receive no molestation or disturbance in the enjoyment of his office of Secretary of Maryland according to their Majesty former Order in Council made of the 30th of March last and that permission be given in Maryland to examine all persons that shall give evidence in this matter without any hindrance or discountenance to such persons as J^r Thomas Lawrence shall desire to be examined on this behalf.

Her Majesty in Council approving the same if this day please to order as it is hereby ordered accordingly that the Governor and Council of Maryland do give J^r Thomas Lawrence a Copy of the Certificates transmitted against him and that he forthwith return to his Majesty by answer in writing to the said Certificates to the end their Majesty pleasure thereupon may be known. And that in the mean time the said J^r Thomas Lawrence be set at liberty and be restored to his place of Councillor and Judge of the Provincial Courts in Maryland. And that he receive no molestation or disturbance in the enjoyment of his office of Secretary of that Province according to his Majesty order in Council of the 30th of March last and that permission be given in Maryland to examine all persons that shall give evidence in this matter without any hindrance or discountenance to such persons as the said J^r Thomas Lawrence shall desire to be examined on this behalf.

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