

John C. & afterwards returned to his Excellency with
all the Records of the Sheriff's of those two Counties being
now by return we have the said Clerk & Ordinary keepers
with a Copy of this Order

Upon Representation of the honorable S^r Tho Lawrence
Bar^t his Majesty's Secy of this Province that he has
received Information from the honorable James Freby Esq
& others concerning some late enormous practices com-
mitted by the present Clerk of said County Court about
the Election of Delegates of that County & that he is much
given to telling the Drunkenness

Ordered therefore that the said Clerk be displaced
and that the honorable S^r Thomas Lawrence Com-
missionate some other more fit and capable Person or
Persons

M^r William Bladen Clerk of the house of Delegates
being sent for Come

And he was asked to make known what Charge the
Speaker gave to the Committee of Grievances & whether
any Charge was given them before he had the Oath of Secre-
cy administered to him as Clerk of the house he says that
the Speaker did give a Charge to the Committee of Gri-
evances before such Oath administered, viz. that he would
have them to Enquire the reason how the Levy came to be
higher now than in the last Baltimore's time or would to
that Effect which was all that was Given them in charge
at that time before his being sworn to Secrecy

And the said M^r Bladen made Oath thereto accor-
dingly before his Excellency in Council

Ordered that it be consulted by his Majesty's Secy
yet whether or no considering three of the Gentlemen of his