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I am ~~not~~ might charge eight pounds,
of Tobacco for Drawing any Proceeding of
~~that Court if it exceed half a side of a Leaf~~
here may it please your Excellency the Negative
not inserted in the same Article of the
former recited Act of Assembly is omitted &
left out, by which means the Clarke is with-
held from charging anything for a great part
of the Proceedings of that Court to the great
Discommodities of the Secretary Office & for as
much as it appears manifestly to be a mistake
of the Transcriber & in no wise the Intent of
the Assembly to Oblige the Clarke to those
Services & Offices. I do in most humble
manner apply myself to your Excellency &
the Hon^{ble} Board for Relief in the premises.

Now may it please your Excellency
altho the Letter of the Law be that the Clarke
may charge eight pounds of Tob^o for Drawing
any Proceeding of Court if it exceed half a side
of a leaf yet humbly conceive this to be a
mistake of the Transcriber & that by inadven-
tency he hath omitted to insert the Negative
not, as it is in the same Article in the said
recited Act of Assembly expressed & inserted:
that is to say not exceeding half a side of a
leaf & that this mistake of the Transcriber
is Obvious both the Nature of the thing & the