

next, And It is likewise Ordered Mr. Smith have Notice to attend at the same Time

At a Council held at the House of his Excellency the Governor in the City of Annapolis on Thursday the 22. of February in the twenty fourth Year of his Lordes Dominion Anno Domini 1738

Present

His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq. Governor

The Honble { Benjamin Tasker Esq. } James Hollyday Esq.  
George Plater Esq. } Col. Char. Hammond  
Edmund Jennings Esq. } Col. Lewis Gale

Mr. Samuel Chew and Mr. Samuel Smith appearing according to Order of this Board of the 20th Instant Mr. Chew presents to this Board his Answer to the Complaint preferred ag. him by Mr. Smith in the Words following

To His Excellency the Governor in Council

May it please your Excellency

The Misfortune of having an Impediment in my Speech makes me choose to give my Answer in Writing than otherwise to Mr. Smiths Complaint, wherein I shall be far from denying the Truth or justifying my own Conduct, what is mentioned in the Beginning of the Complaint with regard to the Assault committed by my Negro on Thomas Norris's Negro is very true, as it is that Mr. Dulany wrote a kindly and friendly Letter to me as mentioned, upon the Receipt of which I immediately ordered the Negro to appear before Mr. Smith, who I dont question discharged his Duty as a Magistrate

I also acknowledge on the Complaint of Jerome Plummer