

Upon Consideration whereof This Board is of Opinion that No Members of the Lower House can be qualified by Virtue of any Order made in the last Convention of Assembly to act as a Committee of the said House after the Prorogation and during the Interval of the Assembly and that the Exercise of any such Authority or Power is not only unwarrantable & illegal, but is an Encroachment on, and has a Tendency to overthrow the Authority which every Governor in his Majesty's Dominions is invested with, of proroguing and dissolving Assemblies, and that therefore it might be of very mischievous Consequence to give the least Countenance to such a proceeding even by overlooking it, or not taking a due Notice thereof

Wherefore this Board is of Opinion that every Officer should be cautioned and directed not to submit to or comply with any Command Request or Application made or to be made by or under the pretended Authority of any such Committee

But forasmuch as this Board out of a dutiful Regard to his Majesty's Authority and sincere Desire for the Welfare and Satisfaction of the good People of Maryland, who may be made uneasy by Notions of imaginary Grievances, while they neglect their true and real Interest, is unwilling to give the least Stop or Hindrance to any Application to the Throne from his Majesty's Subjects in this Province on Account of the Irregularity of the Proceedings or ill Practices of any of their Representatives It is ordered that the Chief Clerks of the Provincial Court and Land Office shall transcribe Copies of all such Writings and Papers in the said Offices as shall be thought necessary to carry on such Applications, and shall be applied for by any Person whatsoever such Person paying or securing the usual fee due for such Services

The Perusal of and Transcripts from several Books containing the Proceedings of Assembly and lodged in the Assembly Office being thought by this Board to be necessary for the present Service & Affairs