

at Law, yet this Respondent chooses to acquiesce in whatsoever your Lady shall please to determine

Geo: Plater

To His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq. Governor of Maryland

The Remonstrance and Petition of Philip Lee,
Naval Officer of Northampton.

Humbly Sheweth. That whereas your Excellency hath been pleased to signify your Intention of laying before the Council in Order to a Decision a certain matter of Controversy now depending between the Naval Officer of Patuxent District, and your said Petitioner, in which Resolution, tho' undoubtedly your Excellency had nothing more in View than pure Equity and Justice; yet as your Pet. is justly apprehensive of many Inconveniencies and ill Consequences that may arise from this Affair should it be determined in the Manner proposed, he hopes to be allowed the Liberty of offering his Objections to your Consideration, and doubts not but they will appear sufficiently reasonable to your Excellency for giving you this Trouble

Your Excellency may be pleased to observe that according to the best Authorities in Law as Lord Coke &c, the Council can take Cognizance of no private matter that may be determined in other Courts, & therefore this Cause is not cognizable there, it being a Point of *meum & tuum* which your Remonstrant apprehends to be properly under the Denomination of private matter

Where there is no Right of Determination no Record can be made; so should the Council take this Affair upon them, their Judgment or Award could not be final, but the Matter yet in dispute, to the great Uncertainty and Perplexity of the Officers of, & Traders to this Province

As the Controversy lies in fact, that is, whether at the time