

Stamps within your Government, in whatever may relate to his Duty in the Execution of his Office, under the Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, and that your Excellency would be particular in seeing that the Chief Distributors, & appointed under Distributors, in every proper Town and Place within your Government, and that each of the said under Distributors, be well supplied with Stamps for all Demands, and that your Excellency would be very attentive to the Detection of any Frauds which may arise in this Branch of His Majesty's Revenues, and in case it shall have happened that any Chief Distributor, residing in your Government, hath not given Security for the due Execution of his Office, that your Excellency will take care, that he do forthwith execute his Bond for the same, which Bond when executed, your Excellency is desired to return to the Stamp Office. My Lords so much depend upon your Attention to the public Service, that they cannot doubt of receiving Information from your Excellency in case any Remissions in the Execution of the Office of the Chief Distributors, within your Government, or other Mismanagements or Abuses whatsoever shall appear to you.

Treasury Chambers
15th September 1765

I am Your Excellency's
most Obedient humble Servant
Chas. Townshend.

The above Letters being read, and the matters contained in them, being found to be of much Importance, and requiring mature Deliberation, The Consideration thereof is deferred until the next Meeting.

Read the following Petition.

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor of Maryland.

The humble Petition of John Granger of Wicomico County sheweth.

That M^r Robert How one of the Justices of this County, (having bought a pretended Title to a Piece of Land, of which your Petitioner and his Father before him, have for many Years been quietly and peaceably possessed, and to which your Petitioner apprehends he has a just and legal Title) being armed with loaded Pistols and other dangerous Weapons, did on the twentieth day of this Inst^h in the absence of your Petitioner, forcibly and in a violent manner, enter into your Petitioner's house which stood on the said Land, in order to get into Possession thereof, and your Petitioner upon his return to the House, finding the said How in the House, and the Door shut fast against him, did notwithstanding the endeavours of the said How to the contrary, with some Difficulty get the Door open and enter into the said House, when which the said How having two loaded Pistols with him, fired one of them at your Petitioner, and your Petitioner thereupon immediately closed with the said How, who in the Scuffle that ensued between them, was unfortunately and accidentally killed, as your Petitioner verily believes by the said How's falling on a Sword, that your Petitioner had in his hand. And your Petitioner further sheweth that tho' he is innocent of having killed the said How, yet he is now confined in close Goal for the same, and as the sitting of the Provincial Court is so remote, and your Petitioner will be obliged to lie in close Prison the whole Winter, the Expences attending so long a Confinement, will be more than your Petitioner, who is very poor, will ever be able to discharge, and therefore he most humbly prays, that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to grant a Special Commission for the speedy Trial of your Petitioner in this County, and he as in Duty bound will ever pray.

John Granger