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The Provincial Justices have is about fourteen Shillings a Day for every
Day they actually attend the Court & this too never paid them but when
the Journal passes. This being the Case what Measures can be taken in
order to bring better Men on the Bench than are there at present; I
know none in the Province that having devoted any considerable Part of
their time to the Study of the Law have now declined the Practice
except Col: Goldsborough & Col: Henry who as I have already hinted
are already there. I have always thought there was a great Improprie-
ty in County Clerks being Provincial Justices & therefore I took the
Liberty to mention the same to His L^{dy}. in a Letter which I had the
honour to write to him the 6th of June 1758 & yet in fact I do not
know that those of them whose Names are in the Provincial Com-
mission are treated while on the Bench with the less Respect for
being Clerks of Counties; Not they but their Deputies or Assistants
commonly attend the County Courts, & perhaps after they have been
so long continued in the Provincial Commission it might be thought
hard to remove them, unless they have been guilty of Partiality or
otherwise rendered themselves unworthy of such a Trust; & so the
less there is as I have intimated above, an Impropriety in the
Thing: The Gentlemen against whom this Objection lies are Mr
Brice the Clerk of Annapondel County, Col: Rich: ~~Chapman~~ the
Clerk of Queen Anne County & Mr John Parrall the Clerk of
Frederick. Perhaps the second of these may in his Heart be at
this time disaffected to His L^{dy}'s Gov^t as one of his Assistants