

In Council Annapolis July 31/1805

Sir,

We have taken into consideration, the practices stated (in your letter of the 13th Instant) to have crept into the Land Office, of issuing Special Warrants containing several different locations, and into the conduct of Surveyors in executing Common Warrants split by assignments into a number of parts.

The first of these practices, we consider an irregularity, that the Register himself (under the opinion of the Chancellor) would be justifiable in correcting, by refusing to issue a Special Warrant, containing more than one location.

However as it may be more agreeable to the Registers of the Land Office, to have the authority of the Governor and Council for such refusal, we have passed an order directing the manner of proceeding in future cases.

As to the assignments of parts of Common Warrants, this practice seems to have originated from a construction given to certain Instructions heretofore issued to Surveyors. - And as these Officers may require some additional and explanatory Instructions, we have determined to defer the further consideration of this subject until it can be taken up at a full Board. We are with great respect

John Kelly Esquire
Register of the Land Office
Western Shore

Richard H. Harwood

Council Chamber Annapolis August 5/1805

Sir,

The Executive have taken into consideration your letter to me of the 1st Instant, and have directed me to express to you the high sense they entertain of your conduct in the business of Samuel Wright by which the Interest of the State has been so much benefited.

They decline at present ordering Suits to be brought in any of the cases mentioned in your Return.

William Chambers Esquire
Treasurer of the Eastern Shore

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Weniam Robinson
Clerk of the Council