

Council Chamber
Annapolis, October 6th 1828.

Sir

Yours of the 2nd instant with Mr John Lee Voss's Commission as Special Auctioneer in the city of Baltimore, was this day received, and contents herewith.

In reference to the Act of the last General Assembly, entitled "An Act to regulate Sales by Public Auction by mutual Consent. I think that it is not contemplated in the Commission given such sales to be the specific kind of Property, but may be determined to be, that is to be determined by the kind of Property, and to appeal to the Court of the Recorder, he may intervene and of his payment into the Treasury. By the 25th Section of the Act it is made the duty of the Recorder of the City to issue such License as the Recorder of the City may see fit to issue, and payment made to him by any Auctioneer appointed by the Recorder, may entitle such Auctioneer to receive. Mr Voss's appointment was made without the Governor and Council being apprised of the specific kind of Property, and it is the intention of the Act. I therefore return you his Commission, with the hope that you will in explanation of the Law and will concur in the view of Mr. I have stated, in terms the Commission, and issued, sufficient authority to take Mr Voss's recognizance.

Very respectfully
Yours Obedient Servant
H. Clifton

William Gibson Esq.
Clerk of Baltimore
Care of Court Baltimore

Executive Department
Annapolis October 9th 1828

Sir

Your letter of the 25th instans to Mr. William Governor Kent, requesting him to cause the Department of State to be furnished with copies found in the archives of this State with a certified copy of the Proclamation of the late King of England of the 9th of October 1703 (Published in the 1st Vol. of the Laws of the U.S. 3rd 1823 Edition) and the letter from the War Office, for the State transmitting the same to the Hon. John Bullard, has been received, and a careful and thorough search of the archives of this State has been made, but the said documents have not been found amongst them.

With the highest respect
I have the honor to be
Yours Obedient Servant
H. Clifton
The Executive Department

Council Secret Office
Department of State
Washington