

Ordered that they cannot continue to Farm the Rents on account of some part of the Articles issued being, to them, very exceptionable, particularly the 2^d Article (vide Pa: 48) That they are willing annually to return the fair Debt Book they receive from the Rent Roll Keeper, insert therein all the Remarks in their power to make as to Errors or Defects, Report the Alienations & also return a fair and distinct Debt Book at the end of three years. The Board are of Opinion that a strict Compliance with the above will be sufficient, but as to their Objecting to giving Receipts agreeable to the 3^d Art. The Board are of Opinion they are absolutely necessary & easily executed by stating a fair account of every separate Tract of Land held by the Tenant and leaving sufficient Blank for half yearly Receipts, which will answer the end until Alienations shall happen by Purchase or Sale, as in such case a new account must be stated. That as to the Objection concerning Land lying on and near the Line that divides this Province and Pennsylvania, the Farmer is only required to use his utmost endeavours to act in Conformity therewith, of all which the Clerk is ordered to give the above Gentlemen notice.

His Excellency the Governor informs the Board, that George Lee Esq: resigns his Office of Farmer of the Quit Rents in Charles & St. Marys Counties & that Joseph Murberry will accept the Office in Charles County and Lese Loch in St. Marys County provided the latter may only be liable for old Rents, on all that Tract of Land granted by the Name of St. Clements Manor, as the Tenants refuse payment of new Rents, tho' charg'd on the Debt Book, alledging their Lands were purchased from Thomas Gerard to whom the original Grant was made under old Rents.

Ordered that the Clerk do search the Offices for the Date of the original Grant, the Grant of the Resurvey & the Time the Conveyances were made, in order to shew whether old or new Rents ought to be paid.

The Board adjourn'd til Monday the 26th day of March next.