

The Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of Somerset & Worcester Counties was then read setting forth that in the year 1753. they had contracted with William Weinder then Steward of Wicomico Manor for sundry Tenements to be under Lease for Lives, in consequence of which they had been at considerable Expence in getting the same surveyed, had settled thereon and made considerable Improvements, but by unforeseen accidents they had hitherto been prevented from obtaining Leases therefor—

The Board are of Opinion that it is reasonable and just they should be redressed in such a manner as to put them in the State they would have been in had Leases been then executed, and therefore advised that the Leases made out and only executed by the then Agent and the Tenant, be further completed by his Excellency the Governor who might assign the Reason therefor, in case the same should be satisfactory and if otherwise, that the Tenants must necessarily be at the Expence of new Leases, which may be executed for and during the Lives that are still in Being and were to have been executed at the Time of Contract, satisfactory Proof being first produced of the Identity of the Persons

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board do write to Hugh Hamuoly Esq. requesting the Favour of him to signify from time to time the Amount and Receipt of Remittances made his Lordship by his Agent and Receiver General residing in this Province, as such Information would not only be a Cheque but also a Justification of the several Sums charged annually in the Account sent, under that Head

The Board adjourn til tomorrow Morning 10 o'clock

Tuesday April 2<sup>d</sup> 1771

The Board met according to adjournment—Present

His Excellency Robert Eden, Esq.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> } Daniel Dulany Esq.

George Stewart, Esq.

Benedict Calvert, Esq.