

and not before, but under what Circumstances he came the Informant could by no means —
Learn from the said Frisby whether from the King or Lord Baltimore but said he would meet
with a great many Obstructions, and the Country was not so far lost as People did imagine.
And he advised the Informant what ever he did not to sit nor Officials till such time as he
did or saw further. —

Brought hither by Mr. Dent and Mr. Harris from the house Viz.
An Act for Securing the rights of Several Persons &c. Indorsed read the third time, they desire
may be read here, they present to speak to it, It was accordingly read, as to that Clause in
the Act. giving liberty to Persons / having had and paid for Warrants to lay out Land in any
part of the Province not formerly taken up &c. By a sworn Surveyor, there being some
Dispute how such Officer shall be appointed, The house conceives his Excellency hath
power sufficient by his Commission to appoint convenient Officers for the Administra-
tion of Right and Justice to the People, and therefore they have not thought to insert the
same in the Law or prescribe the Method of so doing. —

His Excellency is pleased to let them know, that the Soil he conceives to be his Lordships
and whether he can grant Warrants for taking up fresh Lands he is not well satisfied him-
self, but will inform himself better from England, but for the Deciding of Disputes or Controver-
sies among the People as to their respective Titles, and the Bounds of those Lands they already
Possess he has sufficient power he conceives to appoint Surveyors or other Sworn Officers to
Resurvey and lay out any Lands already taken up, yea further for what Warrants have been
heretofore Granted by or under his Lordship he thinks it but reasonable they should be re-
excited and the Lands laid out for the Parties concerned, as falling under the same Circumstances
with the former, and being the Peoples right by Virtue of his Lordships Grant aforesaid. —

An Act against Divulgers of false News / Indorsed May 30th read the third time with
Amendment,

Came Mr. Boothby from the house with the Act relating to Servants & Slaves —
which he presents and was thus Indorsed / Viz. / May 30th read 2. time with Amendment. —

To his Excellency the Governor & his Honourable Council
The Humble Petition of William Macay Commander of the Ship Providence
of London & William Montell Merchant of the said Ship

Humbly Sheweth. —

That One Edward Randolph their Majesties Surveyor General of all the Shires &
in America lately made Seizure and Stop of the said Ship for some Breaches of the Act for
Navigation &c. And further Sheweth that being much to the prejudice of your Petitioners and
their Employers is stopped or hindered in their Voyage for want of Speedy Tryall, therefore
your Petitioners humbly pray that Commission of Oyer and Terminer may immediately
issue for Tryall of the said Ship in St. Marys City being willing and subject to answer
unto such things as may be laid to Charge. —

And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall pray

Ordered that Commission accordingly issue for Tryall on Monday or Tuesday
to Coll Probotham, Thomas Sench, John Addison, John Purles & Thomas Brooke &c.

Mr. Sench by Mr. Winn his Attorney Moves for hearing the Cause &c. of Sen.
and Hopkins; —