

they are not do at present and produce severall Authorities, which are  
Conceived rather to be ag<sup>t</sup> them than for them.

Major Dent acquaints the House that Mr. Denton Esq. of the Council  
being Ordered that day to attend upon a Committee, he is Ordered to attend upon  
his Esq. and Council to take some Minutes therefore. Desire to know if  
he may attend thereon and is told he may.

Whereupon the Gentlemen departe this House.

Resolved by the House that a certaine Opinion of the Kings Lawyers  
Signed by George Plater M<sup>r</sup>. Dent and Robert Goldsbrough Esq. bearing  
date the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1697 wherein they have Given Counsell to His  
Esq. the Governour in these words.

May it please your Excellency

We have Considered the within Returne of the Justices of Great  
County Court relating to James Crauford, and we are of Opinion that  
it is Contempt in the Justices in not obeying your Esq. Orders.

We are also of Opinion that your Esq. may dismiss or suspende any  
person from practicing the Law within this Province upon just and  
Sufficient Cause shewn to your Esq. The process proper ag<sup>t</sup> the said  
Judges is a Benire Facias unless your Esq. will be pleased to Call them  
before yourselfe and the Hon<sup>ble</sup> His Matys. Privy Council.

All which we do humbly Submit to your Esq.

Geo Plater.

W<sup>m</sup> Dent

Robert Goldsbrough.

Is a very dangerous Opinion tending to the depriving of people of their  
freehold and liberty upon bare suggestion, without any presentment of their  
peers and to the Preaspiring his Esq. the Gov<sup>r</sup> ag<sup>t</sup> the Justices of the peace  
of this Province unjustly for protecting people in their Rights.

Whereupon Resolved the following address be sent to His Esq. the  
Governour and His Matys. Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council:

In His Esq. Hanew Nicholford Esq. and His Matys. Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council.

The humble address of all the Delegates of His Matys. Province of  
Marylands now in Assembly sitting.

Whereas it was Complained to us that Mr. George Plater, Mr. William  
Dent and Mr. Robert Goldsbrough had signed a certaine Opinion a<sup>t</sup>  
Law which your Esq. was generously pleased to lett us have at our humble  
request, this House upon full hearing of their Arguments and p<sup>r</sup>idents have  
Resolved that it is a very dangerous opinion giving Liberty to the depriving  
and forejudging His Matys. Subjects of their freeholds and livings upon bare  
suggestions without any p<sup>r</sup>esentment of their peers and to be Esq. assisting  
your Esq. ag<sup>t</sup> His Matys. Justices of this Province for protecting people in  
their Rights according to their Oaths to the great vexation of His Matys. &