

and nine pence p. lb. and the duty arising p. the Tonnage on Wines being  
further some p. Tunn. the sum of ten pounds in the hundred and so pro  
rata for a greater or lesser quantity over and above the Saltery so as of  
to be allowed his officers and for receiving and remitting the said tax & more  
price p. lb. and fourteen pence p. Tunn. the same of one hundred pounds  
starting yearly, And we do hereby revoke annul and make void all former  
and other Emancipations powers and authorities touching the premises by us  
our authority to any person or persons heretofore granted notwithstanding  
confirming all whatsoever has been lawfully done by the said Courts & good  
by virtue of my late Lord Justices letter to him as farres in us byes  
as also what after his death we hath lawfully done by virtue of our  
letter to him, And thus our Emancipation and the powers hereby granted  
to continue in force during our pleasure and no longer, In witness whereof  
we have hereunto set our hands and greater Seal of our said Province  
Dated at London this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our said  
our thirteenth seven hundred and fifteen

Prof. in officio Secus Custoniat } Baltimore  
Dennio. Sarto. Di. Aprilis 1716 } Guipford  
John Drayton }  
John Speare }  
John Beale }  
John Smith }  
Court

In reading which the same is ordered to lye on the Table to be perused by the  
members.

On Saturday morning 21<sup>st</sup> July 1716  
Then the house being called over were present as yesterday and the proceedings  
on yesterday were read.

The Court of the Committee appointed by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council and His Honor  
of Delegates to inspect the Records of the said Secretaries and Embarbers offices  
in October Assembly 1713 being read It is ordered the following Message be pre-  
sented Q<sup>ty</sup> By the Lower house of Assembly July the 21<sup>st</sup> 1716

May It please your Lory and Hon<sup>rs</sup>.

The Estates of the Inhabitants of the Province extremely depending on the Records  
of said Secretary Embarbery and County Court offices and for that we find that  
many of the Record books in the said Embarbery and Secretaries offices are  
so very much rotten, that a speedy care must be taken to have them mended at this  
publick charge, and are likely to be a continual charge to the publick, by the  
negligences of the Clerks being secure that they are not obliged to make new good  
the better to prevent such charge and to secure the Estates of the Inhabitants  
for the future we think it necessary and just that as the officers who hold office  
or any of the said offices are intitled to the fees so they ought to bear the  
burthen, and charge of keeping such record books in due repair, and should keep  
their substance on the execution of such office hereafter be obliged to give good  
security in this Province for the due Execution of their respective offices & keeping  
the Records in the like order they receive them, and that the officers now in place  
be obliged by the day of such security or the discharge  
to hold their several offices, and that a Bill may be brought in accordingly with  
which your Lory and Hon<sup>rs</sup> concurrence is prayed signed P. S. L.