

Querie mistaken. It being (as he answers) enacted in the first year
of the Reigne of his present Majesty he does not take the Law to be any
Barr to his Exercising those offices, It not having been (as he
says) under his Majesty's Consideration before he was Graciously pleased
to reinstate his Lordship, By which provision if granted all the laws
of this Province enacted the last Sessions are of no effect tho' they were
enacted under the Authority of his Majesty's great Seal of Great Britain
and before any Judicial Notice of his Majesty's gracious pleasure to
restore the Lord Prop^{ty} to the Govern^{mt}. here which does not appear
to be before the 1st day of July 1675 before which time the said laws
were enacted under the Com^{on} and Instructions from the Crown
by which former laws had been usually made and which were
usually deemed to be in force, here till his Majesty's pleasure known
to the contrary neither does their efficacy commence directly from his
Majesty's Consideration of them but from the time of their being past
here, as to the latter part of his answer to the Querie it is purely
a panegyric upon his own deserts.

To the fourth Querie which Mr. Canoll thinks fitt to subjoine
to the third who are the present Surveyors Gen^l of this Province
and who are to be their Deputy.

His answer is that his Lordship has not yet appointed any
Surveyor General consequently there can be no Deputy Surveyors
tho' he goes further and offers as an answer thereto that the Lord
Prop^{ty} and the Lord Guilford his Guardian have sent in twelve
Comitions for Surveyors with directions to grant them to protestants
in such Countys where his Lordships Surveyors places were usually
exercised by Protestants while the Govern^{mt} was in the Crown, and
that upon the death or Removall of such Surveyors or any other
officer or officers in offices usually held by protestants none should
be put in their places but Protestants, But that none of the said
Comissions are yet Used because Mr. Walter Pope & Mr. Henry
Sevell have the Distribution of the said Comissions having mett
with some disappointments therein from the Govern^{mt}. (as they say)
for which reason his Lordship and the people of this Province
(Mr. Canoll says) suffer much Detiment, and the land office is in
effect thereby shutt up for the Issuing warrants for taking up lands
without surveys to execute them would be but a charge to no purpose.
So that Mr. Canoll's meaning maybe understood that those
Surveyors Comitions should be granted to protestants if in such
Countys protestants had usually exercised them, but what if
Papists ever employed them is not this a sufficient salvo that will
square with his answer to Comissionate a papist to such Countys
where those Comissions were ever held by papists and then it would