

UPon Consideration whereof, this Board is of Opinion, that no Members of the Lower House can be qualified by Virtue of any Order made in the last Convention of Assembly, to Act as a Committee of the said House after the Prorogation, and during the Interval of the Assembly, and that the Exercise of any such Authority or Power, is not only Unwarrantable and Illegal, but is an Encroachment on, and has a Tendency to overthrow, the Authority which every Governor in his Majesty's Dominions is invested with, of Proroguing and Dissolving Assemblies, and that therefore it might be of very mischievous Consequence to give the least Countenance to such a Proceeding, even by Overlooking it, or not taking a due Notice thereof.

Wherefore, this Board is of Opinion, that every Officer should be cautioned and directed, not to Submit to, or Comply with, any Command, Request or Application, made, or to be made, by, or under the pretended Authority of any such Committee.

But forasmuch as this Board, out of a dutiful Regard to his Majesty's Authority, and sincere Desire for the Welfare and Satisfaction of the good People of *Maryland*, who may be made uneasy by Notions of imaginary Grievances, while they neglect their true and real Interest, is unwilling to give the least Stop or Hindrance to any Application to the Throne from his Majesty's Subjects in this Province, on Account of the Irregularity of the Proceedings or ill Practices of any of their Representatives; *It is Ordered*, That the Chief Clerks of the Provincial Court and Land Office, shall transcribe Copies of all such Writings and Papers in the said Offices as shall be thought necessary to carry on such Application, and shall be Applied for by any Person whatsoever, such Person paying or securing the usual Fees due for such Services.

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