

land, or his Attorney in Fact, but the same was Signed by the said *Jenings*: Upon the obtaining of which Commission, the said *Thomas Bullen* entred into a Bond with the said *Tench* and *Richard Francis*, as Securities to the said *Edmund Jenings*, conditioned for the Payment unto the said *Edmund Jenings* of the tenth part of the Fees, that should arise on the said Office of Clerk of *Talbot* County aforesaid, and further, that he the said *Thomas Bullen* with *Risden Bosman* and the said *Tench Francis* as his Securities, entred into Bond to the County Court aforesaid, agreeable to the Act of Assembly in that Case made and provided; and that after he had the Commission, and entred into the Securities aforesaid, he executed the Place of Clerk of the said County, from the first Day of *June* 1734, until the tenth Day of *July* 1738, and during the said time, discharged the Business of Clerk aforesaid under the Conditions and Articles aforesaid, and during which time also the said *Tench Francis* received all the Profits of the said Office, save the Salary, contracted to be by the said *Tench Francis*, paid to the said *Thomas Bullen*, and the tenth part to be by the said *Thomas Bullen* paid to the said Secretary, which the said *Thomas* yearly paid by an Order on the Sheriff of the said County, that after the said *Thomas* had been some time in the said Office, the said *Tench Francis*, told him the said *Thomas*, that he had paid two Hundred Pounds for the same, and in sometime after on Discourse between the said *Tench Francis* and the said *Thomas*, he the said *Tench* told him that the said *Jenings* had publickly said, that he the said *Jenings* had received of him the said *Tench*, one Hundred Pounds for the said Office: That some time in the Year 1738, the said *Thomas Bullen* being summoned to attend the Honourable the House of Delegates then Sitting in *Annapolis*, *John Leeds* of *Talbot* County, came to him the said *Thomas* and told him that Mr. *Tench Francis* wanted to speak with him, upon which he went to the House of the said *Richard Francis*, and the said *Tench* came to the Door and took him into a Room, and told him the said *Thomas Bullen*, that the said *Leeds* had been with him, and had offered him a Sum of Money for the Clerks Place aforesaid, and that he the said *Thomas* must resign it, upon which the said *Thomas* said it was hard to resign at that Time, when the Country were in a ferment about the Matter, and that if he must resign, he would chuse to do it when the Matter was over and quiet, and which would be in a few Months; in answer to which the said *Tench* said that it must be then, for that he intended to leave the Parts, and resolved to go to *Philadelphia*, upon which the said *Thomas* told him, the People would Sacrifice him the said *Thomas*, and asked what would become of him, in answer to which the said *Francis* told him that he should come