

Talbot County, ff.

*I hereby Resign and Surrender this Commission, and the Office therein mentioned, into the Hands of the Honourable Edmund Jennings, Esq; Secretary of the Province of Maryland. Witness my Hand and Seat the fifth day of July, Anno Domini, 1738.*

*To Mr. Thomas Bullen.*

On Reading this Report, *Ordered*, the said Report be Entred on the Journal, and the Papers annexed thereto, for further Consideration the next Session of Assembly.

The following Message :

*By the Lower House of Assembly, May the 30th. 1739.*

*May it please your Honours,*

**Y**our Message by *James Hollyday*, Esq; gave us a real Surprize, in that, you thereby insinuate, that after above Four Weeks sitting, we had not till the 29th Instant, shewn any Disposition to proceed, and that only in some manner likely to attain the great End you are pleased to say is by you desired, the Ease and Good of the Country.

We can appeal to every one, who shall peruse our Proceedings, whether we have not been assiduously employed during our Sitting, in enquiring into Publick Grievances, proposing and passing new Bills, and renewing such Laws as would expire, where we have judged them necessary for the Welfare of the People; and how far our Endeavours have succeeded therein, by the Concurrence of your House, let the impartial World judge.

Could we be of Opinion, that the Regulation of Officers Fees by the Lord Proprietary, could give the People we represent Satisfaction, or make them sufficiently certain, we should not have given your Honours the Trouble of this, or our other Message by Messieurs *Denton* and *Courts*.

We cannot look upon the many Complaints brought us from all Parts of this Province, grounded on the many Extortions committed by the Officers, to be without just Foundation, or to proceed from the clamorous and uneasy Dispositions of restless and turbulent Persons, unless those can be called such who Complain of real Aggrievances imposed on them by the Officers; nor do we know of any Way to Suppress those Aggrievances, but by an Act of the Legislature.

We wish we could say, those Complaints brought us had been on trifling Occasions, if they had, they would never have met with Encouragement from us, but as they appear otherwise, we cannot think we can be better Employed than in finding Means to Redress the Evils, and Punish the Offenders.

However, we are further confirmed in our Opinion of your Inclination