

Person engages to Pay the usual Fees: And on those Terms the Clerks have Orders to make out any Copies that shall be called for.

I am, Gentlemen,

Annapolis, July 25. 1739.

Your most humble Servant,

To Doctor Charles Carroll,

Levin Gale.

and Mr. Vachel Denton. Present.

By the Answers of the said Honourable Gentlemen herein before inserted, it may appear, that we were refused Transcripts or Copies and view of the Papers mentioned in your Order. All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

V. Denton,  
C. Carroll.

Which being Read, the House unanimously Resolved, that the said Vachel Denton and Charles Carroll have Executed the Order of this House so far forth as they were able, and have been refused the view of the Papers and Journals required, and Copies of Records, as appears by the foregoing Report.

And it is also further Resolved, that the Records, Enrolments, Publick Registrys and Offices of this Province, wherein all or any the Laws, Acts, Proceedings and Journals of Assemblies, Judgments and other Proceedings of Courts, Patents, Deeds, Writings, and other public Matters and Things relating either to the private Estates and Properties of the People, or Public Administration of the Government of this Province, are entred, enrolled, kept or repositd, are the Right and Property of the People of Maryland: And that the Clerks, Registers, and other Officers, having the Care and Custody of such Records, Enrolments, Registrys and Offices, are invested with that Charge, Care and Custody, in Trust and for the Use and Benefit of the same People, and others interested therein, and not otherwise. And that all and every Person and Persons whatsoever, hath and have, an unquestionable Right to call for, have, take and receive from the same Clerks, Registers and Officers, any Views, Searches, Copies and Transcripts of such Laws, Acts, Proceedings, Deeds, Writings, and other Things aforesaid, as he or they shall at any Time have occasion for, paying, tending, or in the usual manner securing to such Clerks, Registers or Officers the lawful Fees for the same, without the Lett, Hindrance or Refusal of such Clerks, Registers or Officers, or of any other Person or Persons whatsoever.

And it is further Resolved, that the House of Delegates of this Province in Assembly Convened, or any Person or Persons by them authorized and appointed for the Use and Benefit of the Publick during the interval of Assemblies, to search and inspect such Records, Enrolments and Registrys, and