

' Mr. Ghiselin,
 ' I am ordered by the present standing Committee of the House of
 ' Delegates, as Clerk to the said Committee, to apply to you for the
 ' Key of the Assembly Office, and at all Times to have the Liberty of
 ' Recourse to any of the Records, Journals or Papers therein, or thereto
 ' belonging; therefore I now desire that you would send me the Key by
 ' the Bearer hereof, or by your Man, as soon as possible.
 ' Annapolis, 19 June. 1739. From, Yours, &c.
 ' To Mr. William Ghiselin, S. Bordley.
 ' in Annapolis. This.

Upon Consideration whereof, this Board is of Opinion, that no Mem-
 bers 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 Un-
 warrantable and Illegal, but is an Encroachment on, and has a Tendency
 to overthrow, the Authority which every Governor in his Majesty's Do-
 minions 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 pre-
 tended 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 Irregu-
 larity 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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J. Ross, Cl. Con.

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