House, still seem to me sufficient to prove it unnecessary. I am, Gentlemen,

Your Most Humble Servant,

T. BLADEN.

March 13, 1742,3

Which Answers concluded us from applying further on that Head, nor could we procure the Attestation to the Copies received from the Clerk of the House, before *June*; and Captain *George Lawson*, in the Ship *Ranger*, from *Patuxent*, being the first good Opportunity, we transmitted such Copies as we were able to procure, by the Master of the said Ship, to *Ferdinando John Paris*, Esq; in a Letter dated the 1st of *July*, 1743.

Phil. Hammond,
C. Carroll,
Henry Hall,
Tho. Worthington,
John Magruder,
Turnor Wootton,
Osborn Sprigg,

Mr. Speaker communicated the Governor's Answer to an Address of this House, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I Was very glad to receive your Address concerning the Land whereon the House designed for the Residence of the Governor for the Time being is Building, and am well pleased that you have enquired into the State of it, which I will readily lay before you.

The Land on which the Building is carrying on, is part of a Tract of Land, for which *Thomas Bordley*, Esq; Father of Mr. *Stephen Bordley* mentioned in your Address, and *Thomas Larkin*, Esq; deceased, obtained a Grant or Patent, which Patent was vacated by a Decree of the Court of Chancery, and my Lord Proprietary restored to his former Right, which I make no doubt will to all unbiassed Persons, appear to be clear and incontestable, and his Lordship is now in actual Possession.

Mr. *Bordley* however still pretended he had a Right to that Land, which tho' I looked upon as merely insignificant, yet in view of extinguishing all Claims and Pretensions whatsoever, I agreed to pay him his own Price, *viz.* 200 *l.* Currency: Upon making this Agreement, I contracted with a fit Person to see the Work carried on, and that it should be begun in *March* last; I likewise employed and agreed with Workmen and Labourers to bring Materials to Place, and to proceed to compleat the Building with all possible Expedition.

After the Foundation of the House was dug, which cost Sixty Pounds, and Part of the Materials were brought to Place, (to which Mr. *Bordley* never once objected that I know of) I directed a Deed to be drawn, wherein was a Covenant to Warrant the Land against the said *Stephen Bordley*, and all Persons claiming under him or his Father only, and was ready to pay the Money; This Deed Mr. *Bordley* refused to execute, and would only Warrant against himself and any claiming under him, which I thought so very unreasonable, that I could not in Honour or Prudence come