

Third, Seventeen Hundred and Twenty-eight, and ending *June* the Twelfth, Seventeen Hundred and Thirty-nine; and one other Book of Journals, beginning *April* the Third, Seventeen Hundred and Forty, and ending *October* the Twenty-ninth, Seventeen Hundred and Forty-two.

And we also find by a List delivered to us, that there is lodged in the Provincial-Office, the following Journals of the House of Delegates, for the Years herein after mentioned, but in loose Sheets; *viz.* the Years Sixteen Hundred and Sixty-four, Sixteen Hundred and Sixty-six, Sixteen Hundred and Seventy-one, Sixteen Hundred and Seventy-six, Sixteen Hundred and Eighty-one, Sixteen Hundred and Eighty-three, Sixteen Hundred and Eighty-six, Sixteen Hundred and Eighty-eight, Sixteen Hundred and Ninety-two, two of Sixteen Hundred and Ninety-seven, Sixteen Hundred and Ninety-nine, Seventeen Hundred and One, and Seventeen Hundred and Three.

And we are informed, that there are several Journals of the Lower House in the Council-Office. We likewise find several promiscuous Papers; and that the said Assembly-Office wants some Repairs. And we likewise find that the following Order was made, at a Session of Assembly, in the Year, Seventeen Hundred and Thirty-four; *viz.*

*Whereas it appears to this House, that several Journals of this House in the preceding Assemblies, are not now upon Record in the Assembly-Office; Ordered, That Mr. Macnemara collect and record the same, and that he be allowed for his Services therein.*

Which Order we do not find any ways comply'd with, and refer the Consideration thereof to your Honourable House.

Your Committee have likewise viewed the Provincial-Office, and find the latest Commission granted in the said Office, dated the Fourteenth Day of *March*, Seventeen Hundred and Forty-three; and that all the Justices in the said Commission mentioned, except one, qualified themselves, by taking the several Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly to be taken to the Government, as also the Oath of Judge or Justice, made in the Year Seventeen Hundred and Thirty-two: And we likewise find Records of Proceedings of the said Court, to *October* Term, Seventeen Hundred and Forty-three: And we find Deeds recorded in the said Office, to *April*, Seventeen Hundred and Forty-four; and the said Office generally in good Order. Your Committee have likewise viewed the Commissary's Office, and find Wills recorded in the said Office to *November*, Seventeen Hundred and Forty-three; and Accounts entered to *July*, Seventeen Hundred and Forty-three; and Inventories, to *January*, Seventeen Hundred and Forty-three; and the Books and Papers generally in good Order. Your Committee have likewise viewed the Land-Office, and find that several Certificates and Patents are recorded to *December*, Seventeen Hundred and Forty-two; and that many Certificates are not recorded, for want of Caution being paid, or other Requisites; that the Composition Money paid his Lordship, for vacant uncultivated Lands, is Five Pounds Sterling *per* Hundred, and Four Shillings Sterling yearly Rent, which in our neighbouring Colony of *Virginia*, immediately under his Majesty's Government, is no more than Ten Shillings Sterling for every Hundred Acres, and that given by his Majesty into the Treasury of that Colony, for defraying the contingent Charges of Government, and the yearly Rent has not exceeded Two Shillings Sterling *per* Hundred Acres, and that payable at the Choice of the People there, in Tobacco at one Penny *per* Pound; which Composition is taken in *Maryland* by the following Instruction.

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