

Thus, Sir, in Obedience to the Orders I have received from your Excellency since your Arrival, and in Obedience of those I had received of Mr. *Bladen*, when Governor, the several Bonds directed to be put in Suit have been sued, and to these Suits the Parties have severally appeared, and the Sheriffs have all pleaded a Performance of the Conditions of their several Bonds. I have replied, and assigned the Breaches; to wit, That they had severally collected Money due to the Public for Ordinary Licences, or public Assessments (as the Case happened); which Moneys they had not paid into the Commissioners or Trustees of the Paper Currency Office, as by Law they ought to have done. To which Replication they have rejoined, and say, That they have paid unto the Commissioners or Trustees, the said Moneys by them received; and upon these Pleadings the Issues are made up, and the single material Point issuing from the whole is, Whether they had paid that Money to the Commissioners, or no? Upon which Issue we have had two Tryals on one of *Edward Tripp's* Bonds; the first being set aside, by reason that the Foreman of that Jury was not a qualified Juror; but both Verdicts were in Favour of the Sheriff, it appearing on the Tryals that the Payment was made to *William Ghiselin*, late Clerk of the Paper Currency Office, during the Time of his Clerkship; and in Support of which Payment, the said Sheriff shew'd a Receipt of the Money we had charged him with, in the Hand-writing of the said *Ghiselin*, signed by the said *Ghiselin*, and mentioned in the Body of the Receipt to be taken by Order of the Commissioners, or subscribed, *William Ghiselin, Clerk of the Paper Office*. And tho' this was proved to be taken without the Knowledge or Consent of the Commissioners, and was well known never to have come to their Hands; yet the Juries have been of Opinion, that Payments made to their Clerk shall be taken as Payments made to the Commissioners themselves; and so both Juries have given their Verdicts.

The Causes still depending on the several Sheriffs Bonds, I believe are all circumstanced like this, the Pleadings and Issues are the same, and I presume the Evidence is alike.

I have now given your Excellency all the Account I am able of the several Sheriffs Bonds under my Direction; that of the Naval Officer's is abated, as I have already mentioned; and that of the late Treasurer's, I mean Mr. *Ungle's*, seems to me to be irrecoverably lost, or if to be had, to be recovered only of the Executors of *Richard Bennett*, deceased. I cannot give your Excellency a better and more full State of that Case, than by inclosing a Copy of the Report of the Committee appointed to inspect the Arms, Ammunition, and Accounts relating thereto, *September 27, 1745*; to which I must pray Leave to refer you.

I don't remember that there is, or has been, any Thing else of a public Concern immediately under my Management or Direction, unless it was that at the Time of Mr. *Hyde's* failing; and when the whole Country seemed to be thrown into some Confusion on that Incident, I received verbal Orders from the late Governor, to use my Endeavours to secure to the Public the Money which had been lodged in Mr. *Hyde's* Hands, for the Purchase of Arms and Ammunition; and on the same Day I received those Orders, I issued out a Writ in his Lordship's Name against the said *Samuel Hyde*, in order to obtain an Attachment for his Effects; but when the said Writ was returned, we could not find any of his Effects, or indeed any Person indebted to *Hyde*, in whose Hands we could lay our Attachment; and so the Suit became fruitless and of no Avail.

Thus, Sir, I have done myself the Honour to lay before you the State and Condition of the several Suits I have received Orders from the Government to commence: I flatter myself that I have not been wanting in my Duty; but I fear, that the public Expectations will not be answered: However, I shall proceed to discharge the Part assigned me, and endeavour always to approve myself

Your Excellency's

Most obedient, and

Very humble Servant,

H. DARNALL.

December 27,
1749.

P. S. I take the Liberty further to inform your Excellency, that since I wrote the within State of the sundry Affairs committed to my Management, I have had an Opportunity of seeing a Receipt given to Mr. *Jeremiah Nicholls*; which was given in Evidence on Tryals abovementioned, the Lord Proprietary against *Tripp*; and I find it to be in the Words and Figures following; viz.

May 21st, 1743.

Then Received of the above Mr. *Jeremiah Nicholls* the above Sum of Fifty six Pounds two Shillings and six Pence. I say received per Order of the above Commissioners,

per WM. GHISELIN.

I have thought proper to take Notice of this, because it is observable that such Receipts were usually given for the Moneys, when paid into the Office: Whereas, that of Mr. *Tripp's*, for the Money on which he was sued, is subscribed differently; viz.

Per WM. GHISELIN, Clerk of the Loan Office.

As there was this Diversity in the Receipts, and as this Diversity was taken Notice of on the Tryals, I thought proper to add this Information to the State I have already given: being desirous of settling every Thing relating to this Affair, in the fullest and clearest Light I cou'd; being, as before,

Your Excellency's most obedient

Humble Servant,

H. DARNALL,

May 17, 1750.

Richard Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of the Parishioners of *King and Queen* Parish in *St. Mary's* County, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to build a Chapel of Ease, and to oblige the Incumbent to preach every other Sunday thereat; Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, referred to the Consideration of the Lower House."

Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act to enable the Vestrymen and Churchwardens*

of