

*George Gardiner*, an Under-Writer in the Commissary's Office, says for Answer, That he has been but a little Time in the Office, was unacquainted with the Law, nor yet understands it perfectly; therefore cannot safely take the said Oath.

The Clerk of the Land Office gives for Answer, That it had been an usual Perquisite in that Office to have ten Shillings for every Petition formed and drawn by such Clerk from the Persons applying to the Office, where they could not get it done by any other, or do it themselves; and that he conceived if he was to take the said Oath, he could not take the said Perquisite or Reward.

*Thomas Harwood*, a Writer in the said Office, says, That he applied to *Mr. Stephen Bardley*, as a Lawyer, for his Opinion; who gave it him, that if he took that Oath, he could not receive his Salary for acting in the said Office from his Principal, or charge the Fees arising for the Business of the Office.

*Robert Tyler*, a Writer in the same Office, says, That he doubted whether he could charge the Fees arising due to his Principal for the Business of the Office, if he had taken the said Oath; and for that Reason refrained it.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed per Order, *Wm. Wilkins*, Clerk.

*The House adjourns until Tomorrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.*

Friday Morning, June 7, 1751.

THE House met according th Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as yesterday except *Mr. Wilmer*. The Proceedings of yesterday were read.

*Mr. Lloyd*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to *Mr. Speaker*

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders, &c.*

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act for destroying Wolves in Frederick County:*

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for Punishment of Horse-stealers, &c.*

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act to annex certain Extra-parochial Lands, lying between Nassaongo Creek and Accongo Branch, &c.*

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act to enable the Vestrymen, &c. of Durham Parish in Charles County, for the Time being, to sell two Tracts of Land, &c.*

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act to prevent cutting up Tobacco Plants, &c.*

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act to enable the several and respective County Clerks within this Province to remove some of the County Records, &c.*

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act to enable the Justices of Charles County to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of that Part of the late Rev. Mr. Donaldson's Parish which lies in the said County, fifty-five thousand Pounds of Tobacco, &c.*

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act continuing a Supplementary Act to an Act entituled, An Act laying an Imposition on Negroes, and several Sorts of Liquors, &c.*

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act to make the Testimony of Convicted Persons legal against Convicted Persons:*

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act to enable the Justices of Charles County to levy a Sum of Tobacco on the taxable Inhabitants of Port Tobacco Parish, &c.*

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Additional and Explanatory Act to the Act Entituled, An Act empowering the*