

less then appealing to the King and Council and this so publicly that he gives occasion to other malign^{nts} as well as himself to set at nought and have in Contempt the Authority of this their Majestys Government which we are well assured your Lordships will in no wise Countenance, as altogether unsafe for their Majestys Interest to admit or allow of, & therefore we make Bold to give your Lordships this true and Impartial Acco^t humbly recommending the same to your Lordships more noble serious and judicious considerations not only for Reformation of the premises but also to discourage and prevent such like arrogant attempts and proceedings for the future Wee rest

May it please your Lordships

Your Ldshps most Obedient humble Serv^t

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N Blakiston In^o Addison

N Greenberry In^o Courts

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together with and inclosed in the foregoing Letter was these foll^s Depositions &c^a relating to S^r Thomas Lawrence mentioned in the said Letter Viz^t

Charles County ss

The Deposition of Cleborn Lomax Clk of Charles County taken before us Capt William Barton & M^r Henry Hawkins two of their Majestys Iustices of the peace for the County aforesaid by vertue of an Order from his Excellency the Gov^r and the honble Councill bearing date the 15th day of October Anno Dom 1692.

Cleborn Lomax Sworn and examined saith that when he went to wait upon the honourable S^r Thomas Lawrence Baronet their Majestys Secretary of this Province of Maryland to know his Honours pleasure whither he should continue in his Office of Clerk of Charles County his Honour S^r Thomas did demand of him what the place was worth yearly & this Deponent replied that the said Place was worth about twelve or fourteen Thousand pound of Tobacco p Ann and his Honour replied that it was worth thirty thousand pounds of Tobacco p ann as he was informed and this Depon^t replied to his Honour that since he had the place he could not yet make twenty thousand pounds of Tobacco p Ann of it and that yearly he lost four or five thous^d pounds of Tobacco in bad debts and his Honour Sir Thomas further told this Deponent that a tenth part of the Fees were Yearly due unto him, and that a tenth part of the fees from the date of his Commission was due unto him, and that he expected