

U. H. J. But that Act having not been under his Majesty's Consideration before He was graciously pleased to Reinstate his Ldship in his Right of Governm^t nor ever assented to by his Lordship He does not think It is a Bar to him from executing his Lordships Commission, Which when he rec^d it did not enter into his thoughts that his Ldship's Governour would require more of him than the Govern^{rs} under the Crown ever did for these twenty five years past during which time He has had the Honour to serve his Lordship & the People of this province without Reproach And he believes that his faithful Services And the Justness of his Accompts with his Lordships Ancestors was the only Inducem^t his Lordship had to committ the Receipt of the Revenue of this Province Rather to his Care than to others who phaps were not so well known in the Family

To what is desired He answers that his Lordship has not yet appointed any Surveyors General consequently there can be no Deputy Surveyors but his Ldship & the L^d Guilford his Guardian have sent in twelve Commissions for Surveyours with directions to grant them to Protestants in such Countys where his Lordship's Surveyours Places were usually Executed by Protestants While the Governm^t was in the Crown And that upon the Death or just Cause of Removal of any such Surveyour or any other Officer or Officers in Offices Usually held by Protestants none should be put in their Rooms but Protestants But none of the S^d Commissions are as yet issued because M^r Walter Pye & M^r Henry Sewall who have the distribution of the s^d Commissions have met with some Disappointm^{ts} therein from the Government (as they say) for which Reason his Ldship & the People of this Province suffer much detrim^t And the Land Office is in effect thereby shut up for the issuing warrants for taking up Lands without Surveyours to execute them would be but a Charge to no purpose

Char^s Carrol

Being read at this House His Excellency desires their Opinion thereupon

Who unanimously agree & declare that M^r Carrol has not made a direct answer to any of the s^d Queries but Endeavoured wholly to Evade the Questions

M^r Charles Carrol appearing at the Board and being taxed that he had given it under his Hand that the Land Office was in effect Shut up

Says the Gentlemen appointed to distribute the Surveyours Commissions were told they should take the oaths in order to