

Lib. J. R. well know that I receive no Salary, but am obliged to defray  
& U. S. the Expences incident to my Office and am Supported by the  
Fees allotted by Law for particular services, a considerable  
part whereof arises from Transcripts and Copies of the  
Books and Papers in my Custody. I derive my Commission  
from the Lord Proprietary, and until he shall be pleased to  
Supersede it no one has a Right to controul me in the Powers  
and Perquisites incident to it either in the whole or in part;  
but if a Clerk appointed by you or even by the Lower House  
in Session, is to have the Custody of the Books and Papers  
lodged in my Office or to take Copies from them, his Authority  
pro tanto, would Supersede my Commission, and operate as  
an appointment of a new Secretary, or at least, a Coadjutor in  
Office. The Nature of the Subject and the Duty of my Station  
oblige me in the most explicit and unreserved manner to in-  
form you that for the Reasons Suggested, I cannot admit your  
Authority, as a Committee of the Lower House, tho' as private  
Gentlemen quite independant of and abstracted from all Con-  
sideration of your appointment, I shall take great pleasure in  
complying with any request you shall think proper to make  
Consistent with my Duty, having the Honour to be with great  
Regard.

19<sup>th</sup> February 1767. Gentlemen your most Obedient  
Having last night been informed humble Servant  
by M<sup>r</sup> Ghiselin of your Demand Daniel Dulany.  
of some Papers out of the Secretary's  
Office, I gave him my Instructions in  
Writing this day, to refer you to myself  
for any Requisitions you may chuse to make.

p. 449 It was also recommended to Daniel Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup> to give the  
said Gentlemen notice that if they should think proper to apply  
for an Inspection or Examination of any Books records or  
Papers in his Office without assuming any Authority under  
the Resolve of the Lower House appointing them to act as a  
Committee in the Recess of Assembly he will be ready to assist  
and accommodate them.

In Consequence of which recommendation M<sup>r</sup> Dulany hav-  
ing received no Answer to his first Letter sent also to the  
aforesaid Gentlemen the following Letter, having received  
his Excellency's Approbation thereof Viz<sup>t</sup>

Gentlemen

Not having been favoured with an Answer to my Letter of  
yesterday I think it proper in order to prevent all Mistake or