

there must naturally be an enquiry from whence the Evil Lib. No. 86  
sprung, my Name being affixed to the Instructions from the  
Board will direct them to me, my Justification is from Orders  
from the Board, to which I must refer them; but in Case I am  
intended to be made the Sacrifice to the Public, by the malice  
of the Enemies to Government; who are the Gentlemen that  
issued them, That I may fly to them for Support and Redress?  
I declare I do not perfectly know them, never having had their  
names, and in general are known to me, only as the Board of  
Revenue.

Pray let me hear from you upon this matter, as soon as  
possible, that I may be able to frustrate, as much as in me lies,  
the base Schemes of designing Men. I must inform you that  
in the case of Wickes for Kent, some difficulties arose of the  
like nature with the above, and before he wou'd qualify he  
chose to consult his Friends, and he with T. Ringgold went to  
the Revenue Office together, and there read over the Oath and  
Instructions, after which they returned to me and told me,  
that upon maturely considering them, they could not discover  
anything contained therein that might give the least Offence  
to the most delicate Conscience, or what wou'd be inconsistent  
with any honest man to undertake. This Instance I have  
mentioned to all who have refused, but still the same obstinacy  
remains and an absolute refusal to Act under the present  
Regulations.

In consequence of the foregoing. Ordered by the Board,  
That the Clerk do write a Letter to Benjamin Young Esq<sup>r</sup>  
desiring him to attend at Annapolis on the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> of next P. 94  
month an order to receive further Instructions relative to the  
appointment of Deputies and the future management of his  
Office of Surveyor General.

The Board adjourn 'til the 12<sup>th</sup> of Septem<sup>r</sup> next.

September 12<sup>th</sup> 1769

The Board meet according to Adjournment. Present.

His Excellency Robert Eden, Esq<sup>r</sup>

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> { Benedict Calvert, Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Walter Dulany, Esq<sup>r</sup>  
George Steuart, Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Thomas Jenings, Esq<sup>r</sup>

In consequence of a Letter received from Benjamin Young,  
Esq<sup>r</sup> whose Indisposition prevents his attending as this Day  
agreeable to notice given him.

The Board go into a further Consideration of sundry Let-  
ters sent up by him, as Surveyor General of the Eastern Shore