

and ask him for 320^l Sterling for the place of Clerk of Talbot County aforesaid and if he could get it he should have twenty which accordingly the said Thomas did thinking himself in duty Obliged to Obey the orders of the said Tench not thinking them unlawful and met the said Leeds near the House of Captain Mariot, where or near the Place where he had parted with him before and asked him the said Leeds after some previous discourse what he would give for the Office of Clerk and after some questions by him the said Leeds asked of him the said Thomas as whether he would resign the place aforesaid and such others relating thereto and after his answering in the Affirmative he the said Leeds asked what he would take the said Thomas told 320^l Sterling whereupon the said Leeds Offered 130^l Sterling or more and other Offers of Land and other Composition thinking the Sum of Sterling money too large the said Thomas not finding Leeds comply and not being very forward returned to the said Francis in some time after upon which the said Francis told him that Leeds aforesaid had been with him the said Francis and declared to him that he could purchase the Office of him the said Thomas for a Triffle 130^l as he the said Leeds had said; the said Bullen answered and said he believed he would give more and that he asked him the 320^l upon [which] the said Francis desired the said Bullen to go to the aforesaid Leeds and tell him to come to him the said Francis and agree with him which the said Thomas Bullen accordingly did in a short time, in Annapolis aforesaid and told the said Leeds he must go and agree for the place aforesaid with the said Francis

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In a few days after the said Thomas being called before a Committee of the House of Delegates in relation to some ill Practices in the said Office he returned to him the said Tench Francis and asked him if he the said Thomas might not as well have the said Office as Leeds and that he could afford to give as much as Leeds should upon which the said Francis answered that he should have it for 250^l sterling and then parted, some time after which, he the said Thomas at or near Talbot County Court House in Court time had some discourse with the said Francis and told him he could not procure the money but that if he would continue him in the Office he would make him any reasonable consideration, but that if he Insisted he would resign. They thereupon also parted, and in about A Week or some few days after in the Court Time of Talbot County aforesaid the said Tench Francis came into the Court House of the said County and into the Office there with an Instrument of Writing in nature of a Resignation of the said Office into the hands of the said Edmund Jenings Secretary aforesaid and desired him the said Thomas to execute the same which he the said Thomas Complied with and sealed the same, to which the said Tench Francis Signed as an Evidence and that at the same time he the said Tench told him the afore-