

Original
Journal. Gentlemen

I take your sentiments of me with great Satisfaction and shall look upon it as one of the happinesses of my Life, you approve of my Conduct amongst you, and when in England, will with the Blessing of God, as often as it lies in my Power, assert the true Interest of this Province to the utmost ability that is within the reach of him that is with all obligation

Gentlemen

Your most faithful friend & Serv^t
N. Blakiston

March 21, 1701/2

Came Cap^t Benjamin Hall and M^r Philemon Lloyd and bring from the House a Bill prohibiting the abuses committed by wood Rangers which was read at the Board & Endorsed thus

It being thought reasonable that the Rangers at present commissioned by his Excellency should have notice of it to qualify themselves according to it This Board do agree the Bill should pass provided the time for its being in force should
p. 213 be extended to the last day of July next at which time the Rangers are usually commissioned by his Excellency having given Security for their good Behaviour his Excellency upon any Complaints is willing to assign the Bonds or otherwise if the House desire it to call in those Commissions

Came George Plater Esq^r his Majesty's Receiver of the District of Patuxent his Excellency was pleased to tell him that in regard he was his Majesty's Receiver of the said District he is not willing to stand longer Charged with the 3^d p Hh^d which his Excellency received from Governour Nicholson viz. £75.. 00.. 00 and from the said M^r Plater in the year 1699, £240.. 14..^s 1 1/2^d in all £315.. 14..^s 1 1/2^d which his Excellency desires to be discharged from and thereupon Exhibited the Account thereof which was perused by the Board and payed the said M^r Plater the Ballance being £113.. 3.. 1/2 and the said M^r Plater owned that his Excell^{cy} had never received any other of the King's mony during his Government

The Board adjourned 'till 8 of the Clock on Monday Morning.

Monday March 23^d 1701/2

Council Sate Present

His Excellency the Governour

Col John Addison }
Tho^s Brooke Esq^r } Col Edw^d Lloyd
Col John Hammond } Ja^s Sanders Esq^r