

Do promise upon my Safe arrivall in England (God willing) Lib. C. B.  
to Deliver to Coll Nathaniell Blakiston Agent for the Province  
of Maryland in order to Carry to their Lordships the Lords  
of Trade & Plantations & to take Coll Blakistons Receipt  
therefore. Evan Evans.

Whereas their Lordships the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of Trade  
and Plantations require to know by what Authority his Ex<sup>ncy</sup>  
had Sent Benjamine Celie Humpherye Hernaman to Barbados.

Ordered that a Representation be drawne up Shewing the P. 57  
reasons viz. the Act of Assembly for Transporting of Celie the  
Conviction of Hernaman & the Imprisonment fees for which  
by the Law of this Province he was obliged to make Satis-  
faction by Service and the Advice & Concurrence of this  
Board to what his Excellency had done therein.

M<sup>r</sup> Philemon Lloyd Secretary of Maryland his Petition read  
and allowed viz.

To his Excellency John Seymour Esq her Majestys Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Generall & Governour in Chiefe over the Province of Mary-  
land and the hon<sup>ble</sup> the Councill.

The Petition of Philemon Lloyd at Present Appointed  
Secretary of the Province of Maryland Humbly Sheweth.

That whereas by an Act of Assembly made at a Sessions  
of Assembly held at the Port & Towne of Annapolis the 28<sup>th</sup>  
Day of June in the year of our Lord 1699 Entituled an Act  
for Limitation of Officers fees it was there Enacted that the  
Clarke of the Provinciaall Court among other Enumerated  
fees, might Charge Eight pounds of Tobacco for Drawing  
any Proceeding of Court, not otherwise rated not Exceeding  
half a Side of a leaf. And by one other Act of Assembly  
made at the Port and Towne of Annapolis the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
December 1704 in like manner Entituld An Act for ascertain-  
ing Officers fees it was Enacted that the Said Clarke of the P. 58  
Provinciaall Court might Charge Eight pounds of Tobacco for  
Drawing any Proceeding of that Court if it Exceeded half a  
Side of a Leaf here may it Please your Excellency the Nega-  
tive not Inserted in the Same Article of the fformer recited  
Act of Assembly is omitted & left out; by which means the  
Clarke is withheld from Charging anything for a great part of  
the Proceedings of that Court to the great Detriment of the  
Secretarys Office & forasmuch as it Appears manifestly to be  
a mistake of the Transcriber & in no wise the Intent of the  
Assembly to Oblige the Clarke to those Services Ex-Officio,  
I do in most humble manner apply my Self to your Excellency  
& this hon<sup>ble</sup> Board for Releif in the premises.