

Lands assigned them duly laid out and ascertained they complain also that almost every fall the English pull down their fences and put in their Stocks of Cattle &c.

It is answered them that his Excellency will duly enquire into all their Grievances of this nature and take care to do them all right and Justice therein that their Land shall be laid out and ascertained to them that they for the future be at peace and quiet and that they shall have no more trouble: whereunto they declare themselves Content

S^r Thomas Lawrence again moves the Board for their order to M^r William Taylard and John Lewellin the one as Clerks of the Provincial Court, the other as Clerk of the Land Office and Publick Notary may deliver up to him the Records under their charge and custody—

He is advised first to qualify himself as Secretary to receive them by giving sufficient Security for the due Execution of his Office as other the Secretaries of other their Majestys Plantations are obliged to and do Perform; to which he answers that whatever the Secretaries of this Province have been usually obliged to he is ready and willing to comply with

It was further alledged and averred to him that under the former Government there were generally employed and preferred to that Office his Lordships own relations, and the proceedings therein altogether arbitrary, and that what was then done in such cases was for the most part Private and underhand

He then desires to know what security it is that is required of him And^t Such as in the others of their Majestys Plantations—where upon were produced and ordered to be read the Laws of Jamaica whereby the Secretary there is obliged to give Bond with sufficient Security in the sum of four thousand Pounds Sterd for his due Performance &c.

He humbly desires his Excellency to enquire into what hath been the Custom and constant Practice of this Province, and from thence