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other Dispute as to fees &c the same is referred to the consideration and decision of the next Assembly

S<sup>r</sup> Thomas alledges that formerly by Act of Assembly of this Province there was allowed to the Secretary of this Province a fee of £ 2. 1. 4 for entering and Clearing of any Ship or Vessel &c which when the Lord Baltimore thought fitt to take to himself, he gave them in Lieu thereof the Ordinary Licenses that since there is an Order of Council lately passed abridging him of some fees formerly allowed by Act of Assembly to the Secretary and an Act of Assembly lately passed taking away the Ordinary Licenses which had always before for 14 or 15 Years last past been taken by and paid to the Secretarys, against both which he protests and appeals he saith to King and Council in England

He is further and again given to understand that it is referred to the Assembly what security shall be required of him, and whether those fees in the Act now termed Chancery fees being performed by a Particular Officer thereunto appointed are notwithstanding to be paid to the Secretary or the Person that shall officiate therein & he is therefore advised to proceed in the execution of his Office

He desires again to know whether he may have the records delivered him up or no and whether the former Clerks of the Offices at S<sup>t</sup> Marys may not be obliged to give him an Acco<sup>t</sup> of their Perquisites since the date of his Commission or whither the Collection of those . . . . fees not yet rec<sup>d</sup> by them may not be suspended till they have rendered him such Acco<sup>t</sup>

J<sup>r</sup> Sewellin the Clerks of the Council to whose custody were committed the records of the Land Office &c<sup>a</sup> at S<sup>t</sup> Marys alledges and makes appear to the Board here, that when the Records was committed to his custody, the convention did order and allot him the fees for Searches Copies &c<sup>a</sup> thereby accruing

So soon as the Records in the custody of either the aforesaid Clerks can conveniently be perfected and an Acco<sup>t</sup> thereof taken ordered that they be delivered to S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Lawrence and that he forthwith proceed to the Execution of his Office, taking all fees properly belonging to his Office by Act of Assembly and accruing since his arrivall, and it is also resolved and concluded on that those Persons who have officiated