

in the severall Offices at the State House have take and receive
to themselves the full fees Profits and Perquisites thereby accruing
to the arrivall of ^r Thomas into this Province.

To his Excellency the Governor &c^s and his honorable Council
humbly sheweth The humble Petition of William Taylor

That whereas at the first erecting of the Provin-
cial Court of this Province by the Convention being then the
Government of this Province your Petitioner was appointed
Clerk of the said Court with the fees and Perquisites granted him
during the absence of the Secretary and since which time your
Petitioner has been continued in the said Office by his Excellen-
cy the Governor which has been by him executed and performed
with great Labour and Expence and to no great advantage
he having taken the management thereof upon him in the in-
fancy of the profits and advantages that may now hereafter
accrue, and now may it please your Honours ^r Thomas
Lawrence their Majestys Secretary being arrived your Petition^r
expects an Order of this honorable board for delivery of the aforesaid
Office and Records &c^a thereto belonging unto him the said
^r Thomas Lawrence, your Petitioner therefore humbly prays
your Honours to take into your serious considerations the trouble
charge and Expence of your Petitioner in officiating as aforesaid
and grant an order of this Board that execution may be awar-
ded him for the fees that has accrued during the time of his officia-
ting in the said Office, the which as your Petitioner humbly con-
ceives is his just Right

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray

The Petition granted and Ordered that the Petitioner have Exec-
ution for the Fees accruing to the said Office untill the arrivall of
^r Thomas Lawrence into the Province, and that for what he
hath since done and acted in that Office ^r Thomas Lawrence
pay and satisfy unto him what he shall reasonably De-

serve. —