

At a Council held at his Excellency
the Governour house the 15th day of October

Anno Domini 1692.

Present

His Excellency the Governour

the Honble	{	Coll Nehemiah Blakiston	Thomas Tench Esq ^r
		S ^r Thomas Lawrence	Capt John Addison
		Coll Nicholas Greenbury	Capt John Courts

S^r Thomas Lawrence is given to understand, the resentment
this Board had taken at his proceeding so far in his Office / be-
fore such time as he had duly qualified himself as to displace
some Clerks without any just Grounds for the same / to wit John
Llewellyn and Henry Bonner he is desired to give his reasons
for so doing

To which he answers that he conceives he has the disposition of
all County Clerks places by virtue and authority of his commis-
sion and that he hath entred upon the execution of his Office by
virtue of an order of this Board

Qu^o Whither the aforesaid two Clerks have given any just Occasion
for their removall or have committed any misdemeanors whereby
to be turned out of their Places

Ans^r He saith that he can give no other reason but that as he
hath the power of nominating and appointing the severall County
Clerks he may appoint and put in whom he pleases upon a vacan-
cy.

He is given to understand that by his Instructions he is oblig'd
to take no fees reward or gratuity of any the Clerks but the
10th Part of their Profits Quere wherefore he hath demanded &
taken Pay for granting Commissions for Clerks Places

Ans^r He deny's any such thing and saith that what he hath
taken is in part of their 10th of last years Arrears