

Thousand pound of Tobacco for Ann and his Honour replied that
 it was worth thirty thousand pounds of Tobacco for Ann as he was
 informed and this Deponent replied to his Honour that since he
 had the place he could not yet make twenty thousand pounds of
 Tobacco for Ann of it and that yearly he lost four or five thousand
 pounds of Tobacco in bad debts and his Honour Sir Thomas
 further told this Deponent that a tenth part of the Fees were
 yearly due unto him, and that a tenth part of the fees from the
 date of his Commission was due unto him, and that he expected
 to have it and that if this Deponent would officiate for half pro-
 fits he would continue him in his place whereupon this Deponent
 replied to his Honour that he had formerly officiated along
 time as Deputy Clerk in the said County and was now very
 unwilling to officiate for half Profits under any person for he
 knew how to get a great deal more by practising as an Attorney
 and when he was put into the said place after the revolution here
 the former Clerk refusing to issue out writs in their Majestys
 names when scarce any one would undertake to officiate in the
 said Office and place as Clerk This Deponent was willing to
 forego his Interest as practising as an Attorney which he
 supposed at that time might have been more beneficial unto
 him then the Clerks place merely to serve their Majestys and
 the Country the said place being then vacant and that his under-
 taking to officiate in the said place did hinder him from under-
 taking to do any other Business whereupon Mr William Dent
 coming through the Councill Room where his Honour Sir Thomas
 and this Deponent were discoursing, his Honour Sir Thomas went
 out and discoursed a little while with the said Dent but what
 their Discourse was this Deponent knows not his Honour Sir
 Thomas coming in again told this Deponent he might continue
 in his place if he would give him a Bill under his Hand for three
 thousand pounds of Tobacco for the tenth part of the Fees of the
 said place from the date of his Commission to that time, and
 that if the tenth part came not to so much upon perusal and view
 of the accompts he would deduct out of the same what was over
 & above his tenth part. And his Honour Sir Thomas also told