

Not by the next Shipping to strengthen and confirm by further
evidence & to give your Lordships a more ample acct thereof, in the
mean time we beg pardon for this trouble & remain

To the right honorable
the Lords of the Treasury
at Whitehall London
humbly present

Your Lordships most humble Servts
L Copley
N Blakiston
N Greenberry
Tho Tench
J Courts
Tho Brooke

Maryland Dec^r 21st 1692

May it Please your Lordships

Since our last to your Lordships of the 11th of October last we have
had fresh and repeated occasions of representing to your Lordships the
irregular and undue proceedings of Sr Thomas Lawrence their
Majestys Secretary of this province daily pursuing and putting in
Practice his former wonted inclinations and endeavours to promote
& advance his own private Interest above their Majestys Service, con-
tinually & only associating himself with Papists and other Male
Contents their Majestys open and known Enemies, countenancing
none but them, and endeavouring to raise and foment differences
and their private animosities against the Government and not
only so but (as we are credibly advised) hath used his Skill to as-
perse and scandalize the same to their Majestys and your Lordships
by his most notorious fals^e informations and suggestions from
whence we hold our selves obliged with submission to vindicate and
defend our selves before your Lordships and the whole world and
to assure your Lordships that as our zeal for their Majestys Service
shall lead us principally to the Promoting of their Interest so our
own naturall inclinations shall never sway with us to do him
or any Particular Person whatsoever willingly any wrong

One thing we observe has particularly disturbed him and humbly
Conceive he may have not fairly and candidly represented as
one of his Grievance (viz^t) that he is abridged of a certain Fee or
fine assessed upon the Inntholders or Ordinary Keepers of this