

if not my Justification your Lordship will see by it in
 what Capacity I have been ever since I came hither either
 of performing his Majesty's Commands or even of making
 my defence in what I may be accused of the Clerk hath
 constantly denied me the Peruseall of those Books whereby
 I am utterly debarred of looking into the nature of my
 Office from records & presidents or of knowing how any order
 is wouled which relates to any Complaint made against me
 a thing never denied to any in Common right & Justice
 on Thursday March 9th Mr Denton who of Clerk of the
 Assembly I had made Clerk of St Marys County was in
 Council accused to me by the Gov^r for expostulating with
 Coll^r Blakiston Collector of Potomock too freely about this
 City Priviledges & for not suffering his Deputy Clerk just
 then going with him to keep the County Court to obey the
 said Coll^r pretended warrant never shew'd tho demanded
 for which also he had by his Excellency been before bound
 over in 200 £ to his good Behaviour, & to answer at the
 next Provincial Court yet in the Interim was I demanded
 without hearing the man to turn him out of his employm^t
 this because I excused my self from doing till the cause be
 heard I was declared a supporter of one that was said to
 deny the Kings Authority of this order by Letter I deman-
 ded a copy of the Clerk of the Council to which I could ob-
 tain nothing but this answer which was not till after he
 had been with the Governour - humbly begging your Lordships
 pardon for Interrupting your more important Affairs
 with such impertinency having no other Evidence to produce
 y. y. beside my Bare ascription..... in my Defence for
 the same reason not being able to see or give acc^t of this
 Clerks Commission for publick Notary always a branch of
 the Office communicable to the Secretary (et tale et Senyior)
 nor of Coll^r Blakistons Commission for Chancellor nor of any