

Bonds being in his Custody for which there have been no Certificates returned according to the Law in that Case therefore does humbly Move that Consideration may be had concerning the same & Directions given him what most Convenient & Suitable Methods to take therein

Resolved & Ordered thereupon as it is hereby Ordered that the said Mr. Plater give speedy Notice to all persons any way concerned or interested in the said Bonds & that they have twelve Months time allowed & given them from hence forward to Commence for procuring Certificates as aforesaid & that all such Bonds in the interim be suspended from being put in Suit ..... without which it is the Opinion of this Board that several persons in the Country here will be liable & exposed to ruin & it is hereby further Ordered that what Bonds are not at present in the said Mr. Plater's Possession be forthwith delivered him by all & singular their Majestys Collectors within this Province other person or persons in whose custody they shall be found

The said George Plater does likewise Represent that whereas he had received a Commission from the present Gov. for being Collector of Potomock District upon the death of Coll<sup>o</sup> A. Stakiston late Collector of the same & whereas Edw. Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup> their Majestys Surveyor Gen<sup>l</sup> has since by an unknown Authority not appearing to this Board granted a Commission to one Philip Clark fully thereby empowering him to act <sup>as Collector</sup> in the aforesaid District who thereupon has put in execution the said Commission by entering & clearing of several Ships notwithstanding the Governm<sup>t</sup> Commission to him the said Plater granted upon the whole matter it is the Opinion of this Board that the same is all illegal: there nothing appearing to this Board in the said Mr. Randolphs Commission empowering him to place or displace Officers in any of their Majestys Governments in these parts but that the same wholly lies in the breast of such Governments

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