

Earl of Monmouth Lord Chief Justice Holt
 Earl of Randolph J^r Henry Goddard

W^m Boswell

Whereas the right Honble the Lords of the Committee of Trade & Plantations by their Report Dated the 15th Ins^t have represented to her Majesty in Council that upon reading several Letters from the Gov^r & Council of Maryland to the Committee dated the 14th of October 21st of December & 11th of April last together with Articles of Impeachments against J^r Thomas Lawrence Secretary of that Province upon which Articles the Gov^r & Council of Maryland acquaint their Lordships they had committed & confined J^r Thomas Lawrence & had deposed him from being of the Council & Judge of the Provincial Court there appearing to the Committee no ground for such proceedings although the Allegations contained in the said Articles were true but that the Proceedings of the Governor and Council in this matter are illegal & Arbitrary their Lordships are of Opinion that the Gov^r & Council of Maryland be directed to give J^r Thomas Lawrence a Copy of the Articles transmitted against him & that he return his Answer unto them to the end their Majesty's pleasure thereupon may be known & that in the mean time J^r Thomas Lawrence be set at Liberty & be restored to his Places of Counsellor & Judge of the Provincial Court & that he receive no molestation or disturbance in the Enjoyment of his Office of Secretary of Maryland according to his Majesty's former Order in Council of the 22nd of March last & that permission be given in Maryland to examine all persons that shall give Evidence in this Matter without any hinderance or discourtenance to such persons as J^r Thomas Lawrence shall desire to be examined on his Behalf

Her Majesty in Council approving the same is this day pleased to Order as it is hereby Ordered accordingly that the Governor & Council of Maryland do give J^r Thomas Lawrence a Copy of the Articles transmitted against him & that