

Mr. *Matthews* from the Committee of Aggrievances, &c. delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report.

By the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, May 30. 1739.

Y Our Committee humbly beg leave to inform your House, that they have Inspected the Land-Office, and find, that the said Office is at present in Disorder, occasioned by the Repair of the Stadt-House and Offices, the Books and Papers being removed to the Repository: But your Committee having examined the Clerk of the said Office, as to the Manner of Charging the Fees, he made Answer, that the Fees of the Office were Charged by a Regulation made by his Lordship's Proclamation, and that their usual method has been to take Bonds in the Form following, *viz.*

' Know all Men by these Presents, That I A. B. of — County, am held
' and firmly bound unto *Edmund Fenings*, Esq; Secretary of the Province of
' *Maryland*, in the Sum of One Thoulard Pounds of Merchantable Leaf
' Tobacco, to be paid to the said *Edmund Fenings*, his Executors, Admini-
' strators, and Assigns; to which Payment well and truly to be made and
' done, I do hereby bind myself, my Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and
' Assigns, firmly by these Presents. Sealed with my Seal, and dated this
' 18th Day of *March* 1735.

' The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound
' A. B. his Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, do and shall from Time
' to Time, Pay, or cause to be paid, to the above named *Edmund Fenings*,
' his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, all Fees that now are, or shall
' accrue due to the said *Edmund Fenings*, as Judge and Register of his Lord-
' ship's Land Office, from the said A. B. for or upon account of a Caveat
' by him now Entred against C. D. according to the Regulation made by
' the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary in Council the 14th Day of
' *April* 1733, on or before the 10th Day of *May*, after the same shall be
' Demanded; then the above Obligation to be void, otherwise to be and
' remain in full Force and Virtue in Law. But if Default be made in
' Payment of the said Fees, or any Part thereof, on or before the Time
' aforesaid, after Demand as aforesaid, Then I empower any Attorney, in
' any Court of Record in this Province, to appear for me at the Suit of the
' above-named *Edmund Fenings*, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns,
' and to receive a Declaration on the above Obligation, and thereupon to
' Confess Judgment, by *Nil dicit, Cognovit Actionem, Non sum Informatus*,
' or otherwise. Hereby Releasing all the Errors that may happen upon
' the said Judgment, suing out Execution thereupon, or in any of the
' Proceedings thereunto relating.

' Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of E. F.

A. B. (Seal)
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