

At a Council held at the City of S^t Marys in the Province of Maryland the 6th Day of April in the fourth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord and Lady King William and Queen Mary &c Annoq Domini 1692 Liber K.
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Present

His Excellency Lionel Copley Esq^r their Majesties Governor
The Hon^{ble}

{ Coll Henry Jowles } Capt: John Addison } Of their
{ Captⁿ Nehe: Blakiston } Capt: John Courts } Maj^{ties} Council
{ Thomas Tench Esq^r }

His Excellency produces to the Board here their Maj^{ties} Commission to him for the Government of this Province, together with his Instructions which were openly read, and thereupon the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy also the Oaths of Chief Governor, and of their Majestys privy Council within this Province were in due form administred unto him

The said Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, and that of a Privy Councillor were also administred to and taken by Col Henry Jowles, Captⁿ Nehemiah Blakiston, Thomas Tench Esq^r Captⁿ John Addison and Captⁿ John Courts distinctly and severally in their due places according to form, and they take their Places at the Board accordingly John LLewellin sworn Clerke

Proposed by his Excellency and he demands of the Board their Opinion touching the Provincial Court, and what Necessity of holding the same at the time appointed very near at hand, which being duely and maturely considered It is advised and resolved that the Court do meet and sit at the time appointed, and from thence adjourn to the next Day after, by which Time new Commissions may be prepared by Virtue whereof they may the more regularly proceed, to the hearing and determining of all Matters relating to the Crown first, and then to other Actions ready and fit for Tryal

Taken under Consideration the Case and Condition of p. 2
William Burley and George Mason Prisoners convict and under Sentence of Condemnation for the Murther of M^r John