

Lib. H. D. in Writing, w^{ch} (after some time granted) he p^resented to the Board accordingly; Ordered that the same be sent to the hono^{ble} James ffrisby Esq^r.

Maj^r Dorsey Came the hono^{ble} Maj^r Edward Dorsey one of the
 Delivers the Commission^{rs} in Chancery & delivered at the Board
 Broad Seal the Broad Seal of the province, which was by Ord^r
 &c^a surrender'd vp to the hono^{ble} Coll Henry Jowles Chancelour
 Whitehall p. 315 for his keeping, during his Residence in Town. His Excellency is pleased to acquaint the Board concerning some Goods lately imported in Cap^t Cheshires ship, now Riding at the port of Williamstadt on the Eastern Shore; how that by an Acco^t given by the hono^{ble} Coll John Courts, his Excell does vnderstand that Joshua Broadbent of Dorchest^r County had by Order of the Merchant of the s^d ship lately transported in his Sloop a considerable quantity of Goods from the s^d Vessel to Stafford County in Virginia without paying the Ten p Cent according to the late Act of Assembly or making any Report thereof, and by that meanes has defrauded his Ma^{ty} of the s^d Duty, as by the Examination of the severall Navall Officers had, does appear;

Joshua Broadbent & Sloop Order- ed to be Seized Ordered therefore that the high Sherriff of Dorchest^r County do (vpon sight hereof) imēdiately search for & seize as well the s^d Sloop & Boat thereto belonging as also take into his Custody the body of the said Joshua Broadbent, so that he have the s^d Broadbent before his Ex^{ncy} in Councill with all convenient speed to Answer &c^a

May the 16th 1696.

The following petition preferred by Cap^t Richard [Cheshire] was Read, Viz^t

Capt Rich^d Cheshires pet. To his Excell ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r Capt Gen^l & Govern^r in Chief in & over his Ma^{ty} Province & territory of Maryland & his Ma^{ty} hono^{ble} Councill &c^a

p. 318 The humble Petition of Richard Cheshire of Bristoll Marriner &c^a
 Humbly Sheweth

That your Petition^r being employed by S^r John Duddleston of Bristoll to sell & dispose for him a Cargo of Goods for loading a ship, whereof your pe^{tr} is Mast^r and finding Tobacco very scarce in Maryland, and hearing it was plenty in Virginia did transport part of his Cargo into Virginia