

Lib. H. D.

December the 16th 1696.

P. 44^t Ordr abt the Ships tht come in after the ffleets Sayling. It being proposed by his Ex^{ncy} whats to be done with the Ships that shall be left behind or that shall happen to Come in after the ffleet is Sayl'd, whether they shall be stopt to go in a ffleet together or to goe Single as they get ready, and which will Conduce most to his Ma^{ts} Service, Where upon after a full Debate therein had it is Resolved and Ordered that if there should not happen such a number of Ships and of Good Countenance as were upon Making up the ffleet last year that then they be permitted to Sayle as fast as got Ready pursuant to fformer Ord^{rs} & Advice in Councill.

Whitehall

Ordr abt the Assemblys being pro-rogued if Occasion. Ordered (if in Case no Extraordinary Occasion happen out) that the Assembly be prorogued for Some further time ; and that timely notice be given thereof.

Ordr abt the Rangers not to be Arrested Vpon Representation, Ordered that none of the Rangers imploy'd in the publick Service of the Countrey be lyable to any Arrest for debt during their being Actually in Service ; but that where any Debt is Claim'd from them so that they will not make Compliance, that then upon Complaint to his Ex^{ncy} care will be taken that such Debtor be turn'd out and another person put in his Stead ; hereby Commanding the Sherriffs of Charles, Baltemore & Prince Georges Counties to take due notice hereof and publish the same accordingly.

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Ordr to the Severall County Courts to Adjourn &ca Ordered that the Com^{rs} of the respective County Courts of this Province Cause a Grand Jury to be Summoned in Jan^{ry} next, and that if please God, such weather should happen that the Courts cannot then sit to do business, that they thereupon Adjourn to some time in ffeb^{ry} without faile and that the Sherriffs publish this Ord^r and that the papers and Depositions against M^r Cood and about calling the Assemblys and Raising money &ca be then again Read a new and that the Sherriffs and their Dep^{ties} Carry Copyes of the s^d papers about with them to Satisfye the people for ffear of ffalse Reports ; so that if any disturbance should happen, which God fforbid, they cannot pretend ignorance of being fforwarn'd in all these things.

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Ordr to the Sherriffs to Raise the Ordered that in Case of any Riotts or insurrection, which God fforbid, the Sherriffs of the respec-