

posse of their Counties if Occasion shall Require. tive Counties do immediately raise the Posse of their Counties and Use their Authority to Suppress them and acquaint the Militia Officers therewith, as also forthwith send an Express thereof unto his Ex^{ncy} and so Continue Sending one Express after another untill they are ascertain'd his Ex^{ncy} has notice thereof.

Lib. H. D.

Whitehall

Ordr abt Mr Clark's dismissal from Acting in any of his Mats Courts at Law Ordered that M^r Philip Clarke be henceforth dismissed from acting as a Justice of the Provinciaall Court of this Province and from pleading in any of his Ma^{ts} Courts within the same, and he is hereby accordingly dismissed, Commanding the Sherriffe of S^t Maries County, to Serve him with this Ord^r

Whitehall

Quære abt Mr Cood & ca Quære whether M^r Cood ought not to be Suspendd from Acting as a Vestryman in King and Queen Parish in S^t Maries County and that his Ma^{ts} Council at Law Return their Opinion therein accordingly.

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Ordr abt the Court of Chancery Sitting every two months Vpon Representation and the Complaint of diverse persons Rec^d Ordered that the Court of Chancery do for the future sit every two months, that speedy Justice may be done and the Causes there brought not so Delay'd and prolong'd.

Whitehall

[Order on Ashwick's Petition.]

December the 16th 1696.

Ordr for a Commission to be issued abt a Sp^{ll} Cort The within Peticōn & Report thereon, being Read His Ex^{ncy} in Council was pleased to Ord^r as it is hereby Ordered th^t a Commission issue out of the Secy^s Office accordingly therein Constituting Cap^t. William Barton, M^r Hen: Hawkins Maj^r James Smalwood, M^r Philip Brisco, M^r Joseph Manning or any three of them; whereof the s^d W^m Barton or Henry Hawkins to be always one to hear & finally determine the matter in question by a Jury of Twelve good & Lawfull men of the Neighborhood, for th^t purpose to be summoned tryed and Sworne & th^t the s^d Com^{rs} meet at the Court House in Charles County on the 20th day of Jan^{ry} next for the s^d End & purpose & th^t the Usual Dedi- mus to County Commissions be likewise thereto annex for the taking the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliam^t to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy as also the Oath of a Commission^r of th^t Special Court & that they Subscribe to the Test & th^t a Clause therein be inserted for them to Adjourn from day to day & from time to time untill the s^d matter by them be fully Ended & determined.