

All a Council held at the Town and Port  
of Annapolis the third Day of May 1704  
in the third year of her Maty Queens

By Gent. Sir Henry the Gov.<sup>r</sup>

The hon. <sup>the hon.</sup> Thomas Vench Esq<sup>r</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> John Hammond  
Thos Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Edw Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup> Wm Pursey Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Robert Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> Mr James Sanders

Advised Resolved & Ordered that Proclamation issue requiring  
all persons what soever as well Clerical as Laick within this  
Province to hold in or exercising any Benefice or  
publicke Office or Trust to repair to the Sevdall County  
Courts and there take the Oath appointed by Act of Assembly  
of this Province for the better Security of her Matys Person &  
Succession of the Crowne in the protestant Line & without  
which they are not to proceed in the Execution of the respective  
Offices they now enjoy or hold the Benefices to which they  
are appointed.

By Gent. Sir Henry is pleased to Communicate to the Board Sevdall  
of her Matys Royalls Instructions to him in which he desires  
their Advice & Assistance - And first that of transmitting  
the Names of twelve persons fitly qualified to succeed  
upon the Death or Absence of any of her Matys present  
Counsellors - On which Occasion These following  
persons are recommended viz<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Thomas Smith  
Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Greenfield Colonel John Biggs, Mr Wm Harry

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