

again to imprest the said Stephen the said Denton took him away and said that he should not go (Saying that you I Suppose meaning his Excellency the Gov^r) always lays the Burden upon the Citizens, and that it was a Grievance, and that the Assembly should be acquainted with it The Deponent told Stephen in the hearing of the said Denton that he had Authority to press him and bid him detain him at his Peril Liber K.

The foregoing motion of suspending M^r Denton for his Contempt and disaffection aforesaid made known & again moved to S^r Thomas Lawrence to which he replied that he would require M^r Denton to Go to Coll Blakiston and beg his Pardon if that might Suffice but as for the rest he saith he is bound over to answer at the next Provincial Court and therefore can take no further Cognizance thereof

Coll Edward Pye called in is given to Understand that whereas upon the late Revolution some of the COUNTRY Arms being then in his Custody severall of the Locks and other materials belonging to the same where lost or imbezelled he Replies and saith that at the beginning of the Revolution some of the COUNTRY Arms were in his Custody and of such of them as where not well fixed he did take of the Locks and deliver them to M^r William Dent to Secure but afterwards the People mutinying and threatning to fire his the said Pyes House which to prevent the said Dent did Deliver them up to the Man whom Major Smallwood had sent for them all which the said Smallwood being also called in and enquired off did acknowledge to the Board p. 150

The said Pye is ordered to procure and give in a List of what Arms were in his Custody and what Locks were by him delivered to said Dent with all Convenient speed

Ordered that the Book of Laws and all other Books Records & Writings belonging to the Secretarys Office be forthwith lodged and remain in the Office as formerly they have done & nowhere else & that the Clerk of the Same do attend there at the Usual Hours with the Seal

Ordered also that Sir Thomas Lawrence deliver to the Clerk of this Board a true Copy of the Contract or Agreem^t between him & William Taylard Clerk of the Provincial Court touching or Concerning the Profitts and Perquisits of the Office

Proposed and Offered to the Consideration of the Board the Raising of Fifty thousand pounds of tobacco in the publick Leavy this Year for a Stock or Bank to be lodged for defraying the publick Charge upon this Emergency of treating with and Providing against any attempts of the Indians and it is accordingly resolved that the said Sum be raised for the use aforesaid and that Orders for the Levying thereof be directed to the Severall Sheriffs of the Province by an equal Asses-