

Liber B. R^t hon^{ble}
P. R. O.

The present will be delivered your Lordsp by the hon^{ble} Coll Thomas Taylor one of the Gentlemen of his Lordsp Council now bound for England on board the ship Baltmore Capt Samuell Philips Comander his Lordsp Admirall of Maryland under whose Conduct wee have this day ordered to sayle all the shippes at present ready in this province being in number a list whereof goes herewith Enclosed to your Lordsp and as fast as any ships doe or can get ready whereby to fall downe to poynt Comfort by the first weeke in March wee shall and will dispatch with what speed possible in order to Encrease the fleete the severall Comanders have been desirous of dispatch and pray seeing they cannot goe under at least 20 in a fleete that so soone as said number are compleate they may be permitted to sayle from poynt Comfort which lyes wholly in y^r Lordsps brest to doe therein as to y^r Lordsp shall seeme meete For our parts wee wish them as quick dispatch as they doe themselves soe farr forth as it may Consist with his Ma^{ties} comands and the peoples safety being at present whats offered from

R^t Hon^{ble}
Y^r Lordsp ever humble
and assured serv^{ts}

Dated at Mattapany
14th Feb 1688.

At a Council held at Mattapany
Sewall the 28th day of Feb^{ry} 1688

The hon^{ble} { W^m Ioseph
Henry Darnall } Esq^{es} present
{ W^m Digges
Nich Sewall }

Whereas there has been severall Complaints made by the Inhabitants of Sumerset County as also by severall Masters of shippes for the great want of a naval officer in the said county according to Act in that case provided.

Ordered that the hon^{ble} Coll Henry Darnall his Lordsp treasurer and navall officer of this province doe depute constitute and appoynt a navall officer for officiateing in the clearing and entering all shippes and sloopes etc under him in his County of Somersset aforesaid first taking good and sufficient security of the person soe appoynted for his Lordsp use

Ordered then that the Hon^{ble} the Secryes doe issue forth commisions and Ded: potest for the County of Somersset Nominating the same as in the last Commissions.