

Liber B. Month at St Maries where the Court or the Secretary who hath power for the Granting thereof upon Consideration to be then taken of the busieness will grant Administracōn to whom it properly belongeth. And the other busieness now Moved relating to the Said Estate may be then taken into Consideration.

John Johnson & Thomas Adams ptes
Coll ffrancis Yardley & Nathan^{ll} Batts defts } Upon Complaint this day
made by John Johnson and
Thomas Adams Craveing reliefe against Colonell ffrancis
Yardley Nathan^{ll} Batts and others for that Contrary to all Law
and Justice and in affront of the Governm^t here they had lately
by force of Armes taken and Surprized a Vessell riding in
Patomock River within this Province belonging to them the
Said Compts to their great Damage. The Said Coll Yardley
in Answer hereunto Saith that he did take the Said Vessell as
prize for that as he alledged She came lately from trading at
the Movadoes or Dutch Plantacōn But the Said Colonell,
Nathaniell Batts, m^r Charls Thurston now p^rsent in Court nor
any other their Complices or confederates in this Rebellious
UnWarrantable Action Makeing any thing appeare to the
Court that the Said could be a lawfull prize nor that they or
any of them had any Lawfull Warrant or Authority to make
prize of her, And it appearing to the Court that the Said Ves-
sell had lately ridd about two months together at Accomack in
Virginia which the Said Colonell could not deny, and Comeing
from thence to this Province fraighted with Cattell and Goods
belonging to Some Inhabitants here, one or both the owners
being Inhabitants of Virginia, and Comeing up (as it Seems)
with intent to Seate in this Province and none of the Dutch
Nation (Soe far as appears to this Court) having any Interest
in the Said Vessell, and the Court (for Very Sufficient reasons)
p. 509 apprehending that this Enterprize was meerly undertaken and
grounded upon a Malitious quarrell. It is therefore Ordered
that the Said Vessell with all furniture and Goods belonging
to her be forthwith restored to the Said Johnson and Adams,
and for any thing belonging thereto (goods or otherwise) which
Shall be made appeare by prooffe to have been imbeazelled by
the Said Colonell or his Complices in their late Enterprize
aforesaid the Said Coll Yardley (who takes the busieness
wholy upon himself) when the Same Shall Soe appeare upon
prooffe, is to give the owners trebble Satisfacōn And the Said
Colonell ffrancis Yardley for his offence herein and affront to the
Governm^t is Ordered to pay forthwith three thousand pounds
of Tobacco and Caske for a ffine to the Lord Proprietary, And
the Said Nathaniell Batts appearing to be a Mayne Instigator
and Actor in this busieness in Respect of his offence therein is