

vse upon the late unhappy accident of the murder of M^r Christopher Rousby his Maj^{ties} Collecto^r here. Whereupon it is thought most safe, and resolved that for want of such officer and untill his Maj^{tie} or the Chiefe Officers of his Customs in England shall otherwise provide and Direct, The hon^{ble} Coll William Digges, Maj^r Nicholas Sewall, Coll William Stevens and others his L^{d^{sps}} Collecto^{rs} or other Officers Authorised to Enter and Cleare Shippes and other Vessells here within this Province and to Collect his L^{d^{sps}} duties for the same doe also take most effectuall and diligent care to secure for his Maj^{ties} Dues Duties and customs that shall or may arise or become due to his s^d Maj^{tie} from any shipp or vessell tradeing here upon the severall acts of Parliam^t of England in such case made and provided within their severall and respective precincts according to the following Order thereupon drawne up and passed (viz)

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By the Dep^{ties} Lievetenants & Councill

Maryl^d ss:

Decemb. 3^d 1684

This board according to their bounden duty haveing taken into their serious consideration the preservation and promotion of his Maj^{ties} service and Interest in this Province, to which without due care taken, there may at p^rsent possibly seeme to be some Impediment (occasioned by the late unhappy and untimely death of M^r Christopher Rousby Collecto^{rs} of all and singular his Maj^{ties} Dues Duties and customs due and payable here according to the severall Acts of Parliament of England in such case made and provided) And to the End that the same and every part thereof may still be duely collected and received, and that his Majesty in this juncture may in noe wise be defrauded of his duties and customes for want of such Officer as afores^d It was considered by this board this day and ordered that the hon^{ble} Coll William Digges, Major Nicholas Sewall and Coll William Stevens, and all others his L^{sps} Collecto^{rs} or other Officers now already, or hereafter to be appointed to Enter and Cleare shippes and other vessells in any the Ports or harbours within this Province take especiall and diligent care sufficiently to secure for his Maj^{ties} vse such Duties and customs as shall or may become payable upon any the Acts aforesaid from any shipp or vessell, shippes or vessells w^{ch} shall Enter or cleare with such Collecto^r or Collecto^{rs} as aforesaid at the time of Entring and Cleareing such shipp or vessell as aforesaid by such waies and meanes as in such cases formerly hath been used, untill such time as some other provision therein shall be made by his Maj^{tie} or the Chiefe Officers of his Customes in England by Establishing such Officer or