

11<sup>th</sup> The Order of Councill of the 14<sup>th</sup> of febr<sup>ry</sup> 1693/4 continued to be observed by the last fleet which Sailed out of this province but it is many ways discouraging and prejudiciall to the trade of this province. L. H. J.

12<sup>th</sup> The Proclamation of the Seventeenth of August 1695 We have reason to thinke hath very much reformed the Illegall practice of the pensilvanians and reduced their Trading in this province to a good and orderly Methode.

The Southerne parts of this province especially on the Eastern Shore Viz<sup>t</sup> in Somerset, Dorchester and Talbott Countys afforde great quantity Streight and Lofty pines fitt for Masts and Yards of Shippes of all rates, they generally grow on Low and levell ground neare such creekes and Coves as every high tyde can floate them, most comonly within halfe a mile of the Water and some tymes not ten Rodds from it, the way levell and nothing renders the procureing them difficult, but the want of Labourers and Artificers, for they would be Sold where they grow at very moderate Rates, and the dieting of such Labourers and Artificers is very cheap. P. 149

The Tarr made here is generally said to be more proper for tymber them Cordage, Likewise Standards, knees and other crooked tymber fitte we Judge for the best Shippes in England might be had here plentifully cheape, together with pitch, Tarr, Rope and Hempe, but because such things have not been enquired for, the Inhabitants have not applyed themselves to the preparing of them.

It is generally thought that the old Tobacco houses will afforde Salt peter. The Scarcity of Artificers and Labourers and their high wages is the Chiefe and only difficulty in procurig these things of which there is an unexhaustable Quantity.

16<sup>th</sup> The Sole and only Manufacture or rather production of this province for Merchants and Shippers Supply is Tobacco.

Of late the Inhabitants of the West side of Delaware Bay seating to the Westward from the Bay, and the Inhabitants of this province holding Lands by grant from the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord proprietary of this province seating eastward from Chesapeake Bay so far that now they intermix is allready become and hereafter likely to be occasion of Contention unless tymely prevented by ascertaining the Bounds of each province.

And the Justices of pensilvania harbour and entertaine our fugitive mariners, servants and others, refusing to deliver them backe except we can accuse them of felony or that the fugitives belong only to his Maty<sup>s</sup> men of Warre to the very great prejudice of the Inhabitants of this province

Signed p order.

W Bladen Clk: to the house of Delegates.