

Lib. H. D. Depositions Produced at the Board severall Depositions &
 agt Esqr papers against Esqr Randolph relating to Trade
 Randolph relating to Ordered that Authentick Coppys of the same be
 Trade Or- sent to the Commissioners of the Custom house
 dered to be this next shipping.
 sent for
 England
 Whitehall

Representa- Whereas it is Represented in Council that some
 tion about of the principle inhabitants of Somerset County
 Somerset have by their particular sway thought fit that the
 County holding Courts for that County should be performed
 Court & Ord^r about the same at some other place than where the same are now
 the same kept & held; Notwithstanding the scituation of the place is
 nigh the heart & Center of the said County, and for that
 reason most convenient; however the abovesaid persons not
 regarding the common good and interest of their Ma^{ts} good
 people the Inhabitants thereof, have by their power, to serve
 their own private Ends proceeded so farr as to begin to Erect
 and build a Court house within six miles of Virginia, lyeing
 at the very out side of the County, which extends nigh fforty
 miles in length, and so by consequence much out of the way
 of Business.

Ordered therevpon by advice in Council as it is hereby
 Ordered the person or persons manageing the said Worke
 wholly desist from carrying on the aforementioned Building
 for any such vse. And further Ordered that the Sherriffe of
 the County vpon the summoning the inhabitants together for
 the Election of Burgesses do at the same time take their
 severall Votes vnder their owne hands in Writing to the End
 it may be seen & known from them distinctly & severally
 where they do think is the most convenient place in that
 County to hold Courts, a due Return whereof he is to make
 to this Board with all convenient speed.

Whitehall

July 31th 1694.

Edward Ran- Edward Randolph Esqr appointed one of their
 dolph Esqr Ma^{ts} Council for this Province appeared at the
 Sworn Board, who had administered vnto him the Oathis
 p. 55 Councillor appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the
 Oathis of Allegiance and Supremacy as also the Oath of
 Councillor and likewise subscribed to the Test.

Whitehall The following Order (by directions of his Ex^{ncy} was drawne
 & issued to the severall Counties of the Province in manner
 following viz^t