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Ordering before Admittance that he should take the Oath directed by the Act of frauds before his Excellency and to Give Bond with two sufficient Sureties in 500^{lb} penalty; Vpon performance whereof, His Ex^{ncy} does acquaint him he shall be Admitted

At a Councill held at the City of St Maries &c^a the 12th day of Novemb^r Anno 1694.

Present

His Excellency ffrancis Nicholson Esqr

The Hono^{ble} { Sr Thomas Laurence Baronet Sec^rry
Thomas Tench Esqr
Edward Randolph Esqr

Mr Tench constituted Judge of the Admiralty — Edward Randolph Esqr their Maj^{ts} Surveyo^r Gen^{ll} Representing to the Board that this day being the day appointed for the Tryall of the ship Recovery &c^a but that having Rec^d a Letter from Coll Jowles Judge of the Court of Admiralty, of yesterdays Date, which signifyes that he is so sick, that he cannot possibly come down; And forasmuch as the said Mr Randolph sets forth that all his Evidence is in Town and the said ship Requires a speedy Tryall, therefore prays some other person may be Commissionated &c^a Ordered that the Hono^{ble} Thomas Tench Esqr be Commissioned Accordingly, And the same sent vp to Coll Jowles to pass the Broad Seal, if in Case he himself cannot come down.

Clerks writing out the late Laws to be Allowed a quantum meruit — It being Represented that the Body of the Laws last made are delayed to be sent to the severall Counties for want of Clerks, Two Coppyes as yet being but writ out; Ordered therefore that all Clerks that can be found in Town or others that can Write be imployed imediately to write the same out and that they be paid a quantum meruit for the same by Coll Jowles Keeper of the Great Seal, otherwise it is believed they will not be finished this quarter of a year.

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The Councill again Sate and were
Present as before.

Mr Wm Dent made Assistant to the Attorney Gen^{ll} — Mr Attorney Generall Representing to the Board that there is so much Kings Business that he cannot possibly discharge his Duty without some further Assistance Ordered therevpon that Mr William Dent be assistant to him therein in all Matters wherein he is not