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March 1st 1694

Councill again Sate & Were present as Yesterday Except Coll Greenberry. With the Addition of M^r Addison & M^r Brookes

Proclamacon prepared for adjournmt of the Provll Court &ca Ordered that Proclamation be prepared for Adjourning the Provinciaill Court vntill 2^d Tuseday in August, by Reason the f fleet is now come in and have but a short time to stay which accordingly was prepared, Read & Signed by his Ex^{ncy} & passed the Broad Seale of the Province

Ord^r for Coppies of the Lettr from Commission^r of the mats Custom house in London for the Sev^rall Collectors of this Province relating to mats giving Navigation Bonds

Produced by his Ex^{ncy} at the Board Letter from the R^t hon^{ble} the Co^mmissioners of their Ma^{ts} Customes, Dated 17th November 1694 relating to the Collectors of Virginia & Maryland compelling Ma^{ts} of Ships that had given Navigation Bonds in England, to give Bonds a new here, which being read his Ex^{ncy} in Councill was pleased to Order as it is hereby Ordered that Copyes of the said Letter be drawn forth & sent to the Sev^rall Collectors wth in this Province, And that they severally give Answer thereto.

The Letter follows in these Words Viz^t

The Rt hon^{ble} the Commission^{rs} of their Ma^{ts} Customes Lettr to his Ex^{ncy} relating to Navigation Bonds

S^r

It having been represented to us by way of complaint from Sev^rall M^rchts of this City Trading to Maryland & Virg^a that Notwithstanding the Masters of their Ships doe before their Departure out of England give Bond at the Respective Port to returne with their Loading in pursuance of the Law to Some Port of England Wales or Berwick & produce Certificate thereof to the Collectors in Maryland & Virg^a yett the said Coll^{rs} do compell them there to give Bond againe with the same Condition thereby Creating an Unnecessary trouble & Charge, Wee desire you to Examine into this Matter in Maryland & to give Order that in all Cases where the Master or Co^mander of a Ship doth produce a Certificate duly vouched Under the hands of four or More of us or the Com^{rs} of the Customes of England for the time being of his having given Bond as afd in the port from whence he Cleared such Master or Co^mander may be Suffered to take in his Loading wthout