

Lib. H. D. And that he hath no other or further Acco^t to give relating to the said Revenue to the best of his Remembrance & knowledge.

Whitehall
 Read a Lettr from the Lds of the Com- mittee of Trade & Plantacons & Likewise her Sacred Mats ord^r in Councill relating to the Cruising of a Vessell to prevent false Traders &ca

Produced and read a Letter from the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Committee of Trade & fforraign Plantations unto his Ex^{ncy} touching hiring Vessells to keepe cruising in this Province & betwixt this & Pensilvania, in Order to prevent illegall & false Traders; Produced also her sacred Ma^{ts} Ord^r in Councills relating thereto as likewise directions and Instructions about the same, upon which his Ex^{ncy} desired the advice of the Board therein; who were consenting to the said Matter, if a fit person can be found out to Manage the said concerns.

Order for Drawing Comission for Capt Meech to Cruise &ca

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Came Cap^t Thomas Meech, who tendering his service upon that score, & being thought a person well qualified for such an vndertaking; His Ex^{ncy} in Councill was pleased to Order as it is hereby Ordered that Comission be prepared for him accordingly, he giving Bond with two sufficient Sureties for the due Execution of the said Trust & that M^r Attorney & M^r Sollicitor Gen^{ll} draw the said Comission and Bond & be Regulated in doing the same by the aforementioned Ord^r of Councill Lords Lett^r and Instructions aforesaid and that an Instruction be inserted in the said Bond that he in no wise molest or trouble fair Traders but to Assist them And apply himself wholly to the detecting vnfair and illegall Traders, And further Ordered that a Gen^{ll} Warrant be drawn for to Empower him (upon Occasion) to press Seamen provided he pay their Wages; therein Commanding all persons Military & Civill within this Province to be Aiding & Assisting to him in the Just & due Execution of his said Comission: And further Ordered that the Oathes appointed by Act of parliam^t to be taken instead of the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacy & Oath of Trade & Navigation be administred unto him and that he Subscribe to the Test.

The said Meech Signifying his Readiness to Enter upon the s^d Employ in a very short time, brought Robert Mason & Philip Clarke both of Sn^t Maries County his securities who Obliged themselves before his Ex^{ncy} in Councill to Answer all Damages which may any wayes Ensue through Meanes of him the said Meech's fitting out a Vessell to Cruise as af^d, And that they will Enter into Bond for the Same, whensoever they shall be thereunto Required.