

complied with, tho they are sorry he has brought such an inconvenience vpon himself, and therefore Ordered that the said LLewellin (with what possible expedition he can) come vp & finish at the Port of Annapolis the Proceedings afores<sup>d</sup> pursuant to former Ord<sup>r</sup> Lib. H. D.

The hono<sup>ble</sup> Coll John Courts Letter of Excuse for not coming to Councill, read & admitted off. Whitehall

Produced & by Ord<sup>r</sup> read certain proceedings (in relation to the Broad Seal of the province) had & taken before his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> the sixth day of December last, which follow in these words, Viz<sup>t</sup>

December the 6<sup>th</sup> 1695.

Proceedings touching Coll Jowles &ca Came before his Excellency M<sup>r</sup> John ffreeman Register in Chancery and his Excell. producing vnto him a couple of instrum<sup>ts</sup> a subpoena & an injunction in Chancery, the which he had produced & delivered vnto his Excell some ffour or ffive Nights ago vnder the Broad Seall of the Province, and being then by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> examin'd whether the s<sup>d</sup> two Instruments were perfect & intire without any blankes left in the same before they passed the Broad Seal, did then Answer & confess they were not perfect, and being asked the same question now, his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> shewing him the two Seals which he tore from the s<sup>d</sup> instruments, the said ffreeman made the same Answer, and his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> therevpon burnt the s<sup>d</sup> Seals.

The hono<sup>ble</sup> Coll Henry Jowles (Keeper of the Broad Seal) delivering vnto Maj<sup>r</sup> Edward Dorsey, one of the Commission<sup>rs</sup> in Chancery, the Broad Seal of the province, by him to be kept pursuant to the Ord<sup>r</sup> of Councill; Ordered that the s<sup>d</sup> Maj<sup>r</sup> Dorsey keepe the s<sup>d</sup> Seal secure, and that he apply it no instrumen<sup>t</sup> but what is Authentick & according to the Rules & practice of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> high Court of Chancery & that the Register of the s<sup>d</sup> Court take notice accordingly.

Ordered that the hono<sup>ble</sup> Coll Henry Jowles make answer in writing what he has to say in defence of himself for taking away the Broad Seal of the Province out of Town with him contrary to an Ord<sup>r</sup> of Councill and for carrying away the Originall Laws made last Sessions of Assembly, contrary to his Excell Orders; and that he produce such his defence to the Councill next Meeting, and how he came to leave a spare Broad Seal with Stephen Blatchford to put to a Copy of the aforementioned Laws, the which s<sup>d</sup> Seal his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> now burnt. p. 263

Coll Hen: Jowles L<sup>re</sup> read & Ord<sup>r</sup> thereon. Produced & Read a Letter from the hono<sup>ble</sup> Coll Henry Jowles vnto his Excell sent & directed, setting forth the cause of his absence, Viz<sup>t</sup> his present Whitehall