

Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy as also the Oath of Commissioner for keeping the Broad Seal &c^a & subscribed to the Test before his Excell in p^rsence of the hono^{ble} Coll Charles Hutchins & James ffrisby Esq^r the other Gentlemen of the Councill being gone out of Town, and the Court of Chancery being of necessity to sit to Morrow, by reason of several persons attending thereon; therefore the s^d Commissioners were now sworn as above, and a Commission for the same signed by his Ex^{ncy} & passed the Broad Seal was delivered to them at the Board accordingly.

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ffeb^{ry} the 29th 1695/6.

The Councill again Sate & were p^rsent as before.

Summons for Priest Hall Ordered. Ordered that the Sherriff of S^t Maries County Summons M^r Hall, the priest living at S^t Inegoes in the s^d County that (all excuses set a part) he be & appear before his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r & Councill, at the port of Annapolis the last day of April next to Answer &c^a and make known by what Authority or power he joyned together in the holy state of Matrimony M^r William Bladen & M^{rs} Ann Van-sweringhen of S^t Maries County aforesaid.

Mr Robt Smith Representation touching Talbot County Justices The hono^{ble} Robert Smith Esq^r Chief Justice of the Provinciaall Court came before his Excellency in Councill & Certified that S^t Thomas Laurence Baronet Secretary left in his custody (before he went out of the Country) a Commission constituting M^r Thomas Laurence his Son, Clerk of Talbot County Court, and that he tendered the same to the Justices in Court sitting, who made answer they had appointed one before & therefore would take no notice of any other Commission; And further acquaints his Excellency that the said Justices had in Court also lately denied the admission of a Writ of Error & super-sedeas there brought before them;

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Justices of Talbot County Ordered to be prosecuted & a new Commission to issue &c^a Ordered therevpon as it is hereby Ordered that M^r Attorney & Sollicito^r Gen^l make due prosecution against the said Justices for such their contempt shew'd to the Kings Authority & for presuming to make a Clerk without any power for so doing; And further that the said Esq^r Smith present a List of some other persons capable of being Commissioners for the said County in the room & stead of the others who sate in Court upon those matters.