

for prosecuting the said Bond, and now seeing the breach of Lib. H. D.
the same by the Letter afores^d does more effectually appear;
Ordered therevpon that a strict & speedy prosecution be (by
M^r Attorney & Solicito^r Gen^l) made of the aforegoing Bond,
and that the s^d Bond & Letter be delivered to them accord-
ingly.

Ord^r touch- Vpon advice by severall Letters from Somerset
Cap^t County rec^d which by his Ex^{ncy} were here produced
Meech's & read concerning Cap^t Thomas Meech Commander
Sloop & Goods & ca of the Sloop Speedwell, being a person employed in
his Ma^{ts} Service to keepe cruising & c^a how that the said
Meech had been missing from his said Sloop for these severall Whitehall
Weekes past, therefore supposed to be drowned, which gave p. 272
occasion to severall persons to go on Board, where they found
one Man dead and another man almost dead, with severall
Goods in her, whereof a List was here also produced; Where-
vpon Levin Denwood of the afores^d County came & appeared
at the Board, who being asked thereabout does say that he is
one of the persons who helpt to secure her, and that she now
lyes in a Creeke just before his dore, and that he takes care
to keepe a person constantly on Board every Night to looke
after what is in her.

His Excell demands to know of the Board what is to be Whitehall
done therein, saying that the said Meech was indebted to his
Majesty in a considerable Sum^e in Virginia by a Judgm^t
recovered against him there, to the Value of three or ffour
hundred pounds strl as also owed for some powder lent him
in this province; Ordered therevpon that the said Letters &
papers be Referred to M^r Attorney & Sollicito^r Gen^l for them
to advize & make Report what proper methods are best to be
taken, who (pursuant thereto) do advize th^t (for security of his
Ma^{ts} Debt due from the said Meech) the s^d Sloop & Goods
may be Valued & Sold & the Account thereof returned into
the Commissary Gen^{ls} Office, there to be Registred vntill
Administration shall be Granted to some person or persons in
trust for the vse of his Majesty; Ordered therevpon as it is
hereby Ordered, that the hono^{ble} Coll David Brown George
Layfield Esq^r & Maj^r Robert King do (vpon sight hereof) go
& inspect, View & Value the aforementioned Sloop and Goods
(except two Brass & two iron guns, a Blunderbuss & an
Ancient, laid Claim to by Thomas Tench Esq^r as Goods lent
to the s^d Meech) and after Appraisem^t thereof made that they
make Sale of the same to the best advantage for his Ma^{ts} vse,
And that they return a Copy of their proceedings into the
Commissary Gen^{ls} Office with all speed; it being considered
that a present Sale of the said Sloop & Goods vpon the place