

Lib. H. D. hope in God his Majesty this year will by his inimitable Valour & Conduct, bring the ffrench so low, that they will not be able to send any more Assistance to Canida, which to hear off will be very acceptable to Yo^r Ex^{ncies} most humble Servant
 Govern^r New York. ffr: Nicholson

Comissioners of the port of Williamstadt Ret. approved off &ca
 Vide Minutes touching Coll Robothams Lre & Ord^r inde ffol 265

Read a Return of the Proceedings of the Port & Town of Williamstadt touching the laying out of the Town & Common in that place and severall Orders by the s^d Commission^{rs} made, the which were well liked and approved off and returned to them indorsed accordingly.

Mr Withers Return touching the 6000^l of tobacco Ordered towards the Church at Williamstadt & Ord^r inde

p. 285 Vpon the Return made by M^r Samuel Withers late Sherriff of Talbot County of a certain Ordinance of Assembly directing him to reseive & keepe in his hands what Tobacco of the 40^u tobacco p poll that was not Collected & paid to the Vestrymen of the said County, Anno 1693 should be Reserved & kept towards the building of a Church at Williamstadt, the said Withers made Return thereon that he shewed the said Ordinance to the Vestrymen of S^t Michaells Parish, notwithstanding which they Ordered M^r Goldesborough Attorney at Law to bring their Action against him, who did accordingly and got Judgment. Vpon a Return also of the said Withers made vpon an Ord^r of the 21th of November last from his Ex^{ncy} sent, thereby commanding him to still keepe in his hands six thousand pounds of Tobacco by him Leavyed within the parish of S^t Michaells, notwithstanding an Ord^r of the House of Burgesses to the contrary the said Order never having passed his Ex^{ncy} nor Councils Assent whereby to suspend or take off the former Ordinance; to which the said Withers did Return that the said Tobacco he had still in his hands and shew'd the said Order as well to the Commissioners of Talbot County in Court sitting as to the Vestrymen of S^t Michaells parish, who tooke no Notice thereof, but insisted vpon executing him for the same; therefore prayed that a stop might be put thereto and some further Ord^r given what to do with the Tobacco; Ordered therevpon as it is hereby Ordered that the said matter be Referred to M^r Attorney & Sollicito^r Gen^l for them to direct & advize which way the s^d Execution may be stopt, and that they take care forthwith to prosecute as well the