

Lib. H. D.

March 4th 1695/6.

List of persons presented by Esqr Smith for Justices &ca

Came the hono^{ble} Rob^r Smith Esq^r pursuant to the Ord^r of this Board and presented the following List of Names, by him recommended to be appointed Commissioners for Talbot County, Viz^t Cap^t James Murphey, M^r William ffinney, M^r Edward LLoyd, M^r Robert Goldesborough, M^r Thomas Bowdle, M^r William Hemsley, M^r Richard Tilghman, M^r Robert Macklin M^r Hugh Sherwood, M^r Thomas Robins jun^r M^r John Coppage & M^r Mathew Smith; Ordered th^t the same be Commissionated accordingly, and that in Order thereto a Commission of the peace & for Tryall of Causes issue forth of the Secretaries Office, constituting & appointing the ffive first persons aforementioned to be of the Quorum.

Mr Sollicitor Genls Motion touching John Valliant & Ord^r made for Com^{mit}mt &ca

Came Cap^t William Dent his Ma^{ty}s Sollicitor Gen^l and made motion on behalfe of his Ma^{ty} that John Valliant, who was now brought here in custody of the Sherriff did detain in his hands the Records of Talbot County Court, being a person not qualified to Act as Clerk, neither by Commission from the hono^{ble} S^r Thomas Laurence Baronet Secretary, nor other legall Authority; as also keeps the Book of ffees and puts them into private hands to receive, therefore prayed that for the same & other illegal matters he had to bring against him the said Valliant might be committed into the custody of the Sherriff of Talbot County, there to remain vntil he shall thence be delivered by due course of Law; And further Ordered that the said Sherriff take into his possession the severall Record Books, Book of ffees, and all manner of papers & writings belonging to the said County Court, and that he make a List of the same & search the said Valliants house or other suspected places, where he supposes any such Books or Writings may lye lodged, and deliver the said severall Books & papers vnto the Clerk by Ord^r now to be Commissionated: And Whereas information hath been made by Robert Mason Esq^r (Attorney of S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^t Secretary) that M^r John Salter of Talbot County afores^d has taken upon him to Collect severall of the aforementioned ffees & has actually received severall Sum^{es} of Tob^o thereby Accruing, and that severall other persons have by the s^d Valliant, been employed in the like nature, to the great damage of the said S^r Thomas; therefore prayed Redress therein; Ordered likewise therevpon that the said Sherriff give publick notice & forwarn all persons within his County from either paying any of the said ffees to Valliant or receiving thereof for the s^d Valliants Use; but that

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