

Lib. H. D. cill of this province next Adjacent to the place where the s^d Jeremi: shall be taken, who is hereby Required to Examine the premisses and take good Security of the s^d Jeremi: to procure the s^d Boy from Carolina into this province with all expedition and to be delivered to the s^d Tho: Ennalls in Ord^r to his passage home again and if the s^d Jeremiah shall refuse to give
 p. 37^o such security that he be Recommitted to the Custody of such Officer again there to Remain till he procure the s^d boy to be brought here as afores^d or give such Security as afores^d for all w^{ch} this Shall be your Warrant Given under my hand and Seal this 9th day of July in the Year of our Lord 1696.

ffr: Nicholson

July the 7th, 1696.

Presented by Cap^t Oldton the following Return in writing which was Read Viz^t

To his Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq his ma^{ts} Cap^t Gen^{ll} of Maryland &c^a

According to an Ord^r of yo^r Ex^{ncy} to Thomas Roberts to be Leivten^t under the Conduct of John Oldton by your Ex^{ncy} appointed Cap^t of the Rangers of Baltemore County: the motives and Reasons which Yo^r Ex^{ncy} Requires to the s^d Ord^r are as thus.

Whitehall That the s^d Thomas Roberts is altogether incapable of the managemen^t of the s^d Office, and that the persons that are under my Conduct say, that they will not be Comanded by the s^d Thomas Roberts, he being by them taken to be a morross sort of a Person and altogether unwilling to be by him Comanded. These Reasons and Objections I hope may weigh with your Ex^{ncy} and therefore I humbly Pray the Liberty of the Choice of Tobias Stanborough to be my Leivt^{nt} which doubt not but your Ex^{ncy} will admit off, when seen, being the needfull that Offers from.

Yo^r Ex^{ncies} most Obedient Servant

John Oldton

Whitehall Ordered th^t Copy of the above Return be sent to the s^d Thomas Roberts for him to make answer thereto with all Convenient Speed.

Ordered that the hon^{rb}le Coll: John Addison furnish Coll: Ninian Beal with as much Amunition as he finds he shall have Occasion for.

Whitehall It being Ordered in Assembly that the Choptico and pomunky Indians &c^a Should (dureing this time of warr) be under the Empero^r of Piscattoway;

Ordered that a Commission pursuant thereto be prepared to pass the Broad Seal.