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Ord^r to Coll
Brown &ca
abt the
illegall trade
at the inlet
of So:
County.

Ordered thereupon that the hon^{ble} Coll: David Brown go thither and take with him Maj^r Rob^t King Nav^l Officer and Geo: Layfield Esq his Ma^{ts} Col-lecto^r of Pocomoke District who are hereby Re-quired to make inquiry ab^t that matter, and to Call and Cause to be brought before them all persons they find Requisite, and the same to Examine, and generally to Act and doe therein as they shall see Occasion, And if they think fit that it be for his Ma^{ts} Service, that Vessells be permitted to come in there, that then they appoint some capable person for to Officiate in that place, hereby Empowering the s^d Coll Brown to Administer the Oath of Trade and Navigation (herewith sent) unto such person so appointed; but if thought Useless to keep such Officer there that then Some person be appointed for to Seize all persons Vessells & Sloops coming thither; and that they make Return of their proceedings therein unto his Ex^{ncy} at the port of Annapolis with all Convenient Speed.

Read the following Petition, Viz^t.

To his Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq Cap^t Gen^l and Com^{and}r in Chief in and over his Ma^{ts} Province and Territo^{ry} of Mary-land.

The Petition of Thomas Collyer one of yo^r Ex^{ncy}'s Navall Officers.

Humbly Sheweth

Tho: Coll-
yers Petition
for In-
largem^t of
his Nav^l
Officers
Comission
and Ord^r
therein.

That whereas yo^r Ex^{ncy} hath been pleased to appoint yo^r Pet^r to be Nav^l Officer of Choptanke District upon the Eastern Shore and yo^r Pet^r does humbly conceive that it was yo^r Ex^{ncys} noble Intention that yo^r Pet^r should exercise the s^d Office in as large and ample manner as the same would admit; and not that yo^r Pet^r in the exercising of the s^d Office should be limmited and restrayned to great Choptanke Rivers onely, excluding thereby, little Choptanke Miles, Wye & Chester Rivers, touching the Granting of permits for Sloops and other Vessells, and other matters Incident and appertaining to the same Office, which yo^r Pet^r is totally deprived of and his s^d Office is thereby Rendered of less Value; & the perquisites of Great Choptanke Rivers in Respect of the s^d Office, are very Small and are not a competent Support and livelyhood for your s^d officer.

Yo^r Pet^r humbly Prays yo^r Ex^{ncy} to take this his Cause into your Consideration and that you would be pleased to Declare yo^r Ex^{ncy}'s pleasure therein By such Rules & Methods for the direction of yo^r s^d Officer as to Yo^r Ex^{ncy} shall seem meet; And Yo^r Pet^r as in Duty bound shall ever Pray.