England, Govern' Hamilton will give a very good Accot of Lib. H. D. him I rest.

S' Yo' Ex^{ncy's} Reall & ffaithfull
Philadelphia humble Serv'
June 25th 1696. W^m Markham

Ordrs issued since the last Councill, Vizt

By his Ex^{ncy} the Governor &c^{ca} July the 17th 1696.

Ordr for the Vpon Complaint by severall persons made of the to take a new very Great abuse done to the Countrey through the List of Constables remissness and Negligence in taking the List of Taxables; Ordered that the Sherriffs give Notice to the Justices of the Severall Counties in August Court next that they issue their strict Ordr and Charge forthwith to the Constable of each hundred within their respective Counties, thereby Commanding them to goe to every individuall house of the sd hundreds in which they Officiate and there Demand, and take an Accot from the Master Mistress or Dame of every p. 383 such house in writing, under such Mast^r and Mistress or Dames own hand what number of Tithables they have, which sd Lists so taken they are to close seal up (after Copy thereof made for the County Courts) & transmit the same unto his Exncy at the port of Annapolis by the 16th day of September next (if the Assembly then Sits) otherwise by the ffirst day of the next prov¹¹ Court under pain of being prosecuted, to the Utmost Severity of the Law for Contempt.

By his Exncy the Govern &cca July the 17th 1696.

Ordered that the Sherriffs doe this ffall take due Care for to Collect (pursuant to Act of Assembly)

Severall Sums of Tobo from the Publick Officers & to be Accounted from the Time of the Originall Act commenceing (the sd Act being now amended) and tht they fail not herein under penalty of having their Sherriffs Bonds put in Suit for Neglect thereof.

By his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r &c^{ca} July the 20th 1696.

Ordered that Capt Richard Hill do (upon Sight hereof) Surcease from Acting in the Station and place of Navall Officer within the Port of Annapolis; as likewise from Acting under the quallifycation of a Justice of Peace in the provinciall Court of this province and the be left out of the New Commission to be issued.

Served with a Coppy of this Order the 27th of July 1696, by

Hen: Denton