

lib. H. D. Which we shall lay before his Ma^{ty} together with what you desire about a small Vessell to Cruize upon that Coast.

25: In the last place, as for yo^r desire that a Court of Exchequer may be Erected in that Province, we Suppose yo^r intention therein will be answered by the Settlement of a Court of Admiralty there; about which we have Reason to believe some Order is or will be Speedily taken; so we bid you heartily ffarewell.

Yo^r Loving ffriends

Whitehall Septemb^r } Jn^o Pollexfen } W^m Trumball } J Somers C S.
 the 25th } John Lock } Char: Montague } Tankerville
 1696 } Abr: Hill } Ph: Meadows }

Munday Septem. the 28th 1696.

The Councill again Sate and were p^rsent

His Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^{ll} &c^{ca}

S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^t Secy^r

Whitehall

Coll: Nicholas Greenberry

The hon^{rble} Coll: Charles Hutchins

Coll: David Brown

James ffrisby Esq^r

Ord^r for
 Mast^{rs} of
 ships to
 p. 400 make Oath
 ab^t their
 Tobacco
 Exported
 &c^{ca}

Ordered that the following Oath be administred by the Collector & Nav^{ll} Officer of each respective District unto all the Masters of Ships (exporting Tob^o) at their clearing and that in case of the Masters Refusing to Swear that then the Boatswaine or other Officer imployd in the stowing & keeping acco^t of the s^d Tobacco make Oath thereto.

The Oath followes, Viz^t

Whitehall

Oath to be
 taken by the
 Severall
 Mast^{rs} of
 Ships &c^{ca}

You do swear that the Acco^t of the Tob^o by you now given, Shiped on board the this p^rsent voyage is a true & Iust Acco^t both of the Tobacco in hogsheads and Bulk, and that no person or persons whatsoever besides had to doe or were actually concern'd in the Shiping on board any other Tobacco than the Acco^t now given, and that you do not intend to take any more Tobacco on board this p^rsent Voyage nor suffer the same to be done, without giving an acco^t thereof to the Kings Officer &c^{ca} before you depart the province.

So help you God.