

for Surrender of his papers to Mr Lingan Present Adm^r of Abbingtons Estate

Abington late of the s^d County Merch^t decd: hath Lib. H. D. before his Ex^{ncy} in Councill made Complaint that for want of procureing the Books papers and Writings (belonging to the Estate) out of M^r Crauford's hands the former Adm^r the Estate will be much wasted & damnified by means of the Tob^o debts lying still uncollected and like to remain so this year, unless Speedy Relief therein is had; And fforasmuch as the Commissary Gen^{ll} having Certified to this Board that it was Ordered & Decreed by a Co^{rt} of Commission of Review that the s^d M^r James Crauford should render his Acco^t of his Adm^{con} of the s^d Estate to the Commissary Gen^{ll} with all convenient Speed, & th^t pursuant thereto severall Citations have issued out commanding him to doe the Same, but hath not complied therewith for which Contempt an Attachm^t hath issued ag^t his body to bring him to Answer the s^d Contempt, but th^t return is made th^t they cannot have his body before the s^d Judge for that he languishes of a Sore and Grievious distemper of body w^{ch} would hazard his life so to doe; Ordered therefore th^t one of the Coron^{rs} of the said County living nearest to the s^d Crauford do (upon Sight hereof Repair to the House of the s^d Crauford & Command him to send his s^d Acco^t into the Commissaries Office, and if he cannot appear in person to pass the same, that he give power to his procurator to pass the same on his behalfe, and if he refuses so to do, that then you Seize all his papers Bookes & Acco^{ts} belonging to the Estate of the s^d John Abington and make return of them unto the Commissary Gen^{ll} at the port of Annapolis together with this Ord^r with all Speed, who is hereby Required to see Speedy Justice done & put a ffinal End to that Affair.

Capt Hills denyall of the Navall Officers place.

Cap^t Rich^d Hill being called for, made his appearance who was told that Some time ago he had been dismissed by his Ex^{ncy} from the place of Nav^{ll} Officer and Justice of the prov^{ll} Court for some Reasons occasioned by his own talke, by saying that he was discouraged in his Office, but was pleased now to tell him that if he had anything to say in Excuse for himself he would doe well to Speake it and the thing might perhaps be considered, who thereupon does say, that he is very sorry that he should be so unfortunate as to incurr his Ex^{ncies} displeasure by any words Uttered or Spoke by him, but withal says that he thinks himself unqualified for that place of a Navall Officer.

Presented by the hon^{ble} S^r Thomas Laurence Barron^t Secretary to the Board a certain Paper containing matter of complaint ag^t W^m Hemsley of Talbot County which was read as follows, Viz^t