

bearing Equall date with these p^rsents Now if the s^d W^m Dent Lib. H. D. Shall well and truly perform the s^d Office according to the P. 57 Severall Acts of Parliam^t in that Case made and provided and shall observe the directions contained in the Acts of Assembly of this Province relating to the Duty of Navall Officers and from time to time Save Defend and keep harmless the s^d ffancis Nicholson Esq from all Damage Loss and Charges that he the s^d ffancis Nicholson shall Sustain at any time by reason of the s^d Dents non performance of his s^d Office (so long as he shall Enjoy the Same) as in the s^d Severall Laws is Enacted & ordained, Then the above Obligacōn to be void and of none Effect Otherwise to remain in full force and Virtue.

Sealed & deliver'd in the W^m Dent (Seal)
p^rsence of Us. Edw^d Boothby (Seal)
Thomas Laurence
George Plater

Octo. the 2^d 1696.

Maj^r John Thompson.

Mr Smithson Pay unto Coll: Casparus Herman the Sum of One Note to Mr Thompson hundred pounds take his receipt in part of two hundred & ffifteen Pounds six Shill^s & Eight pence to pay One hund^d p^ds Ordered him in my hands by the Assembly make to Coll Her- good paym^t & take in this Noate and you shall have man Credit for the same upon yo^r Acco^t

To Maj^r Jno Tho^s Smithson Treasurer on the Eastern Thompson Nav^l Officer at Sassafrax Shore.

October the 12th 1696.

The Councill again Sate and were p^rsent as before.

Ord^r abt Ordered that what persons as shall be Summoned p^rsons not out of any of the Counties on the Eastern Shore to Coming in bad weather Serve as Grand Jury men next December Court to be held at the port of Annapolis &c^{ca} that if by chance they meet with such bad weather after their Setting out as that they Cannot reach to be here by the ffirst day of the s^d Court, Whitehall that then they Return back again & doe not Come, for that their places (upon such Accidents will be Supplied out of the other Counties, whereof the Sherriffs are to Give Notice to the s^d Persons accordingly.

Came Maj^r Robert King Nav^l Officer of Pocomoke District, Whitehall who made Oath to his collection of the 1^s p hhd. amounting to the Sume of 37^{ll} 14^s 04^d Sterl.