

By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> &c<sup>ca</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> the 20<sup>th</sup> 1696.

Lib. H. D.

Ordr<sup>r</sup> abt  
penall Navi-  
gacōn Bonds

Whereas diverse Provinciall Writts have been lately issued at the Suit of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> (upon penall Navigacōn Bonds ag<sup>t</sup> Sundry persons inhabiting and residing within this province) directable to the Sherriffs of the Severall Counties where resident; And fforasmuch as the greatest part of them were by the Severall Sherriffs returned non est inventus at the last Prov<sup>l</sup> Court here held, notwithstanding most of the persons, ag<sup>t</sup> whom such Writts were issued are known to goe too & again publickly in the Country about their Necessary Occasions as likewise in their Counties where their habitacōns are, which great neglect & Remissness of the Sherriffs in so weighty affairs (concerning his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Service) is likely to bring matter of exceeding Scandall to the Governm<sup>t</sup> besides loss & Detrim<sup>t</sup> to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Ordered therefore that no Sherriff (for the future) within this province, receiving any precept or Writt wherein his Ma<sup>ty</sup> is actually concern'd do p<sup>r</sup>sume to make such a Return as a Nonest where the partys to be taken doe actually Reside within his Bayliwick, but that (rather than to fail of his Duty) he Cause the posse of his County to be raised or set a Guard of men to watch the Houses of Such persons so to be taken, under penalty of being displaced & having his Sherriffs bond put in Suit in Ord<sup>r</sup> to the paying all such damage as his Ma<sup>ty</sup> shall sustain for want of the party or parties being taken And whereas Severall Writts are now by Ord<sup>r</sup> renewed & issued ag<sup>t</sup> diverse persons upon the aforementioned penall Bonds the Severall Sherriffs concern'd are to take due care to the prosecution of the same and to give publick Notice in their Counties th<sup>t</sup> such persons as Evade being taken by the s<sup>d</sup> Writts, So that his Ma<sup>ty</sup> cannot obtain Judgm<sup>t</sup> ag<sup>t</sup> them this next prov<sup>l</sup> Court must not expect to receive any favour hereafter; his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> being Resolved to interceed with his Ma<sup>ty</sup> for none Save such ag<sup>t</sup> whom such Judgm<sup>ts</sup> shall actually pass. p. 417

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>

Hen: Denton Cl Concl.

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Ordr<sup>r</sup> abt the  
Privateers  
taking of cat-  
tle from Mr  
Moll jun<sup>r</sup>

Vpon Complaint made by Mr John Moll jun<sup>r</sup> how th<sup>t</sup> he had lost Some Cattle by the Men belonging to the privateere that lately was in Delaware; Ordered therefore that the Sherriff of Cæcill County make inquiry of the hon<sup>rb</sup>le James ffrisby Esq<sup>r</sup> Coll: Casparus Herman, the County Justices and among the Rest of the inhabitants there, whether any other persons have