

Lib. H. D. convenient, and bestow'd upon them Ten dollars to drink the  
 Whitehall Kings Health with at Christmas and does think it for his  
 Ma<sup>ts</sup> and the Countreys Service that the two men and officer  
 aded in July last be Continued at the Garrison untill further  
 Ord<sup>r</sup> and it is hereby Ordered accordingly.

December the 14<sup>th</sup> 1696.

The Councill again Sate and were present.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> ffrancis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup> &<sup>ca</sup>

	S <sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence Baron <sup>t</sup> Secretary	}
	Thomas Tench Esq <sup>r</sup>	
The hon <sup>rble</sup>	Coll: John Addison	
	Coll: John Courts	
	Thomas Brooke Esq <sup>r</sup>	

His Ex<sup>ncys</sup> Representa-  
 tion abt the  
 Province of  
 Pennsylvania  
 Whitehall &<sup>ca</sup>

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleased to Represent to the Board  
 that his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Province of Pensilvania adjoyning to  
 this his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Province of Maryland does generally  
 harbour and Entertain Privateers and Receive and  
 Encourage all manner of Runaway Seamen, Serv-  
 ants and negroes, to the very great Grievance of the Province  
 and the Merchants and others Trading here, therefore is  
 pleased to propose whether it may not be for his ma<sup>ts</sup> Service  
 to Represent the whole State of the matter to his Ma<sup>ty</sup>. for  
 Redress producing Severall Deposicōns taken in Relacōn  
 thereto for prooffe thereof, to w<sup>ch</sup> his Ma<sup>ts</sup> hon<sup>rble</sup> Councill do  
 Assent and Agree and Ordered thereon that the Jus-  
 tices of the prov<sup>ll</sup> Court be likewise Consulted therein;  
 as likewise that Coppys of the s<sup>d</sup> Opinion and Report  
 p. 437 be sent to the Severall County Courts to be Read  
 in Jan<sup>ry</sup> Court next for the Justices and Grand Juries to Give  
 their Opinion thereon likewise the which are afterwards to be  
 Return'd unto his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> at the Port of Annapolis with all  
 Convenient Speed.

The Same Came Reported as followes, Viz<sup>t</sup>.

Whitehall The Justices of the Prov<sup>ll</sup> Court doe Approve hereof.  
 Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>.

Hen: Wriothlesley Clk.

Produced and Read a Report made by M<sup>r</sup> Attorney &  
 Sollicito<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup> in relation to the late Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup> about  
 Trade &<sup>ca</sup> as followes, Viz<sup>t</sup>.