

Original 8th of 7^{br} 1697 touching Coyns &^{ca} and a Certificate from the
Journal. Ordinance Office dated the 13th of January 1695 about 100
Barrells of powder & 200 Snap hance Musquetts sent to his
Ex^{cy} Gov^r Copley &^{ca}

All which Sev^rall papers are ordered to be Laid before the
house together with the deposition of Thomas Browne about
Amos Nichols. The petition from the Rangers of potomoke
& Baltemore County M^r Lubmans Letter to his Ex^{cy} about
Romish priests. Laurence Garry and Daniel Cannins peti-
tion for the Gate keepers place, James Bakers petition about
the rquisits of his place and M^{rs} Ratchell Hewetts, Petition
for payment of the arrears the 40^{lb} p poll to her deceased
husband

Marh the 12th 1697/8

p. 10 The Councill again sate and were p^rsent as yesterday Except
Thomas Laurence.

Came from the House of Delegates Colonel Thompson
M^r fferry and p^rsent M^r William Taylard one of the Delegates
Chosen for S^t Marys City in Order to be sworne who accord-
ingly had the Oaths appointed by Act of parliament to be
taken instead of the oaths of Allegiance and supremacy ad-
ministred unto him by the hon^{ble} Colonel Robotham, Thomas
Tench, & Thomas Brooks Esq^{rs} which he tooke and after-
wards subscribed to the Test.

His Ex^{cy} was pleased to go up to the Stad^t house attended
with his Maj^{ty}s hon^{ble} Councill in Order to have the Comission
for swearing his Ex^{cy} publickly read together with their Ex^{cys}
the Lords Justices Instructions relating to Trade &^{ca} Where
M^r Speaker and the sev^rall members of the house, His Ex^{cy} the
Councill & members of the house being sev^rally seated, he is
pleased to acquaint them with the occasion of his Coming, tell-
ing them that thô he had taken the same Oath before, att
Battle Towne yet It being a thing of such consequence he
thought fitt that the said Comission should be read here pub-
lickly and to take the Oath again, which was accordingly done

Afterwards was read their Ex^{cy} the Lords, Justices, Instruc-
tions relating to the Trade & Sev^rall other papers Ordered to
be Laid before the house, & were delivered to the Clarke of
the house.

Then his Ex^{cy} told them that he had one thing more to
communicate unto them, which thô he was sorry to trouble
them with, yett by reason the matter in parte seemed to reflect
upon the whole Government, He therefore thought It neces-
sary for their Cognizance, and thereupon produced a Copy of
a Letter Writt by one Cap^t Gerrard Slye to one of the Lords