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Arthur A Peticon of Arthur Wheatley for the Sherriffs Lib. H. D. Wheatleys Pet place of Dorchester County, was by Order referr'd for the Sffes place of Dor. to the honrile Coll: Charles Hutchins and the Jus-County. tices of that County Court to know what they have to Say in Recomendations of the Peticon as to his abilities and qualifications for the sd place.

Sydrack Whitworths pet & Complt agt Mr Wm Harris. Referred to the Kings Lawyers for prosecutions

Upon Reading the Peticon of one Sydrack Whitworth of Cæcill County complaining against Mr Wm Harris of the sd County that he obstructs the taking up of Vagrants and Runaways in opposition to his Exncys Proclamation for for the Same, in particular threatning the sd Whitworth for doing his Duty therein. Ordered tht the sd Peticon be Referred to the Kings Lawys for them to Issue such process as is proper against the sd Harris thereon, And that they have the honrble James ffrisby Esq Mr Robert Crooke Mr Henry Eldersly and Mr Alexandr Cambell Sumoned as Evidence to prove the Complaint in the sd Petition set fforth.

Elisha James Pet & Ordrof Reference to Mr Aldern for Answer.

Elisha James Petition against W^m Aldern Dep^{ty} Collector of the Port of Wm Stadt for Seizing his Shallop, was by Order Refered to the sd Aldern for him to make Answer thereto.

At a Councill met and held &ca the 27th day of May Anno: Domini 1697.

Present

His Exncy ffrancis Nicholson Esq Capt Gen &ca

Sr Thomas Laurence Baron Secry Coll: Henry Jowles Coll: Nicho Greenberry Thomas Tench Esq. Coll: Charles Hutchins.

Mr Alderns Mr Wm Alderns Answer to Elisha James Petition Answer to being produced and Read who therein denying to Elisha James have any hand in such Seizure it was Ordered that the sd Peticon should be Return'd to the sd James and to know of him why he sent such a Peticon.

Mr Wm Taylards Pet Ordr agt Sr Tho: Laurence

A Peticon of Wm Taylard desiring leave to issue p. 488 forth a Precept against the honrble Sr Thomas Laurence Baront Secry upon a Certain Contract & was Granted accordingly.