

Lib. H. D. gave directions for issuing the following Orders to the Severall Counties of the Province, and th^t the s^d L^{rs} might be laid before the House of Delegates for their Answer to the Severall Quæries to be Given.

Ordr to the Colonels tht the Militia Officers send perfect Lists of their Troops & Company's &c.

Ordered that the Colonell of each respective County within this Province give Notice to the Severall Militia Officers under their Comānd that they forthwith send perfect lists of their respective Troops and Companys with the name of every Officer and Private Centinell &^{ca} And how the Same are Accoutred &^{ca} both as to the Horse, foot and Dragoon, and that Care be taken to have the Same Regulated & Modell'd according to the Directions laid Down in a Certain Ord^r of Councill and Instructions formerly Sent to the ffield Officers of the Severall County's bearing date the 9th day of Octo. Anno 1694.

Ordr to the Constables to take a List of the Number of each ffamily &^{ca} & of their Religion &^{ca}
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Ordered that the Constables of the Severall Hundreds of the Province do at the time of their going about (by Law) to take the list of Taxables take also a ffair Acco^t in a Seperate Sheet of Paper of the Number of People in each respective ffamily Contain'd as well of the Women and Children as men, and that they distinguish in their Acco^t taken the Negroes and Servants from the ffree both as to the number and Sex—and that they likewise take an Exact List of all the Roman Catholicks; Quakers and other persons dissenting from the Church of England as also the Number of the latter Contain'd in each hundred together with an Acco^t of what new Inhabitants are Come into Each Parish and who are gone out and whither they are gone; all which they are hereby directed to get Carefully done and Return lists of the Same accordingly unto his Ex^{ncy} at the Port of Annapolis with all possible Speed wherein they are in no wise to ffaille at their Utmost perrill, hereby Comāding the Sherriffs to give Copy of this Ord^r to each respective Constable within his Bayliwick forthwith.

Ordr to the Sffes to Ret a List of all Ships & Vessels built & Sea faring Men belonging to each County

Ordered that the Sherriffs of the Province do upon Sight hereof make Strict inquiry what Ships or other Vessells Trading to Sea, have been built in their Respective Counties Since his Ma^{ty} Happy Governmen^t Erected and Established here, and what are now a building as also what sloops and shallops to the s^d Counties belong and that they take an Exact list thereof together with an Acco^t of the