

By the House of Delegates June the 1<sup>st</sup> 1697.

Lib. H. D.

This house humbly desires yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> will give Ord<sup>r</sup> that the County Court Commissions be Enlarged the limitting of them to tenn thousand pounds of Tob<sup>o</sup> or ffifty pounds Sterl. being a Great Grievance to this Province therefore we desire they may be as formerly.

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup> W Bladen Cl of De

By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Councill &<sup>ca</sup>

Ordered that the above matter be Referred to the King's Lawy<sup>rs</sup> for them to make Report whether the Law does not Limitt allready the s<sup>d</sup> Commissions and whether the Same may be proper to be done.

The Same Came Reported as followes,

Viz<sup>t</sup> It Seemeth to me that such a Commission as within p. 509 desir'd may be Granted it not being against any Act of Assembly.

R: Gouldesborough

Ordered that the Same be Referred to M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Dent his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Sollicito<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup> and that it be Quærid what the former Custom was and whether it is the Houses Opinion that all the County Commissions shall be Renewed.

p Ord<sup>r</sup> Hen: Denton Cl Concl.

The Houses Opinion is seen by the Address for if one Commission is Enlarged it will be Regular to Enlarge all the former Custom was Variable Some times Enlarged and some times Contracted were the County Commissions which is humbly Submitted.

W<sup>m</sup> Dent

New Commissions Order'd to issue to the severall Counties without limitting th<sup>m</sup> to any Sum<sup>e</sup>

Ordered thereon that New Commissions issue out of the Secy<sup>rs</sup> Office to the Severall Counties of the Province without Limitting them to any Sum<sup>e</sup> as also a new Comission for holding the Prov<sup>ll</sup> Court &<sup>ca</sup> And that the following p<sup>r</sup>sons be Comissionated accordingly.

Justices for the Prov<sup>ll</sup> & severall County Courts Appointed

Justices for the Prov<sup>ll</sup> and Severall County Courts of the Province, Now to be Constituted are as fol. Viz<sup>t</sup>