

Victualls and Refreshm^{ts} (wh^{ch} are more plentiful within yo^r Lib. H. D. Governm^t and from whence a great part of our Supplies are fetcht unto Newfoundland, as may be Needfull for his Ma^{ts} Ships and Land fforces imployed on the Expedition thither, the Success of w^{ch} is of great Import to the whole Nation, and these Colonies particularly concern'd therein, and I am Ex-treamly Sollicitous that it be not disappointed through the failing of Supplies, Vessells for the transporting of which will be Easily procured here; if you stand in Need thereof. I am

Hon^{ble} S^r
Yo^r affectionate ffreind & Serv^t
W^m Stoughton

I have also here inclosed a Coppy of a letter from Christopher Codrington Esq Cap^t Gen^l of his Ma^{ts} Leward Carribee Islands to the Govern^r of Bermuda, giving an Acco^t of the Motions of the English & ffrench Squadrons of Men of Warr in the West Indies, with a list of the Ships &^{ca} in the English Squadron, not knowing but some particulars therein may be New unto yo^r Ex^{ncy}
Gov^r of Maryland.

At a Councill held at the Port of Annapolis the 24th day of June in the Ninth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the Third &^{ca} Annoq Domini 1697.

Present

His Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq Cap^t Gen^l &^{ca}
S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^t Secry^r }
Thomas Tench Esq }

Read a Summons issued this day for Calling a Councill as follows, Viz^t

Port of Annapolis June the 24th 1697.

Hon^{ble} S^r

Some business presenting, importing his Ma^{ts} Service, which requires the meeting of his Ma^{ts} hon^{ble} Councill to Consult the Same; this Comes by Ord^r to Signifye that your Attendance is Required accordingly here this day to give dispatch to the s^d Business or that you send an Answer in writing of the Reason which may obstruct or hinder your not Coming.

Signed p Ord^r Hen: Denton Cl Concill.

One of the above was sent to the hon^{ble} Coll: Henry Jowles Keeper, Coll: Nich^o Greenberry, and Thomas Tench Esq.