

Lib. H. D. M^r Sherriff being call'd to make Return of the s^d Summons issued produces to the Board a Letter of Excuse from the hon^{ble} Coll: Henry Jowles keeper (in answer to the Summons this day sent) setting forth the Reasons of his not Coming to Councill, which was Read.

His Ex^{ncy} is pleas'd to Say that if he Cannot attend his Ma^{ty} Business here in Town, he does not think fit that the Broad Seal of the Province shall be kept in a little private Countrey House, where it may be lyable to danger and hazard every
 p. 519 moment in being misapplyed besides other inconveniencies; the s^d Coll: Jowles having oft times had Notice given him to Reside in Town for the Convenience of dispatch of Business, but has hitherto deferr'd it. Ordered therefore that the hon^{ble} S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^t Secy^r goe to Morrow Morning and Demand the Broad Seal of the s^d Colonell Jowles who is hereby directed and Ordered to deliver the Same accordingly, and that it be brought by the s^d S^r Thomas and deliver'd up unto his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r at the Port of Annapolis forthwith.

His Ex^{ncy} is pleas'd to say that he will give the keeping of the Broad Seal of the Province to any of the Gentlemen of the Councill from Coll: Jowles that will Come and live in Town not thinking it proper nor Safe to be kept else where, besides other inconveniencies attending.

Afterwards Read a Letter sent from M^r Charles Greenberry Son of the hon^{ble} Coll: Nich^o Greenberry, which gives an Acco^t that his ffather is not at home and that he is so very lame where he is that he Cannot possibly travell. His Ex^{ncy} is pleas'd to Say that there being a Gentleman come with a Deputacōn from the R^t hon^{ble} the Comm^{rs} of his Ma^{ty} Customs for being Coll^r of the District of Pocomake caused him to issue Sumons's for calling a Councill (the rest of the Gent. living so Remote that they could not quickly be sent to and got together) and Considering that it will be Necessary for his Ma^{ty} Service to give dispatch to that matter, by now admitting the s^d person into his Office—Ordered therefore that he be admitted and dispatcht away to looke after his Charge accordingly.

Then produced by his Ex^{ncy} to the Board a Letter by him rēcd from the R^t hon^{ble} the Comm^{rs} of his Ma^{ty} Customs Dated 15th of ffeb^{ry} last past; thereby Signifying their having issu'd their Deputacōn to M^r David Kennedy to be Coll^r of the Rates and Duties imposed by the Act made in the 25th year of the Reign of the King Charles the Second at Pocomake in the Province of Maryland &^{ca} The s^d M^r Kennedy is Call'd in, who Comes accordingly.

He is asked to shew his Deputacōn, which he produced and the Same was by Ord^r Read—Ordered that the Same be Recorded together with the foremention'd Letter.