

At a Councill (by Speciall Summons and appointm^t) met Lib. H. D.
and held at the Port of Annapolis the s^d day of July 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^{ll} &^{ca}

Sr Thomas
Laurence
Baron^t Secyr
Coll: Henry
Jowles Coll:
Nicho Green-
berry

Thomas Tench Esq Coll: John Addison Thomas
Brooke Esq Produced and Read a Letter by his
Ex^{ncy} rēcd: from the R^t hon^{rble} W^m Stoughton Esq
Lieuten^t Govern^r & Comand^r in Chief of his Ma^{ts}
Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England

Dated from Boston May the 29th last past; Setting forth the
great impoverishm^t of his Ma^{ts} Subjects there, through means
of the Warr and the failing of the two last years Crops, whereby
they are not in a Capacity to Comply with his Ma^{ts} Royall
Comānds (by Letter to him Signified) in Assisting with men
Ships and Provisions in Ord^r to the Recovery of the Island of
Newfound land &^{ca} therefore desired Some Encouragem^t
might be given here by his Ex^{ncy} for Sending Provisions need-
full for the Supply of his Ma^{ts} Land and Sea fforces sent
thither &^{ca} An Attested Copy of his Ma^{ts} s^d Letter being also
produced and Read whereupon the following Ord^r issued and
an Answer was given to the s^d Govern^{rs} Letter as follows Viz

By his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r & Councill.

July the 2^d 1697.

Produced and Read a Letter at the Board here this day Sent
from the R^t hon^{rble} W^m Stoughton Esq Lieuten^t Govern^r &
Comānd^r in Chief of his Ma^{ts} Province of the Massachusetts
Bay in New England, Dated Boston May the 29th last past
(together with an Attested Copy of a Letter by him lately
recd: from his Sacred Ma^{ty} Dated at Kensington the 18th day
of March 1696/7. Requiring assistance of men ships and
Provisions from that Governm^t in Ord^r to the Recovery of the
Island of Newfoundland and the Recestablishm^t of his Ma^{ts}
Subjects in that Trade and ffishery in which they have been
lately disturbed by the ffrench &^{ca}) Signifying the very great
impoverishm^t of his Ma^{ts} Subjects in those parts through means
of the Warr and the ffailing of the two last years Crops; where-
by they are incapacitated to Comply with his ma^{ts} Royall Com-
ands the Expectacōns therein by which he does desire of his
Ex^{ncy} and this Governm^t some Encouragem^t may be Given for
sending such Provisions Vituals and Refreshm^{ts} unto New-
foundland as may be Needfull for his Ma^{ts} Ships and Land