

Lib. H. D.

At the Port of Annapolis July the 23^d 1697.

Came Matthew Clemison of the Province of Pensilvania before his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r and S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^t Secy^r and preferr'd a Certain Petition wherein he sets forth that having a Sloop and Goods Seiz'd for Trading Contrary to Severall Laws and Orders of this Governm^t notwithstanding two Gen^{ll} Permitts of Trade Granted him by Maj^r Thompson Nav^{ll} Officer of Cœcill County under his hand and Seal, being here produced and Read, who finding that through the mistake negligence or fforgetfulness of the s^d Officer he is run into a Primunire humbly prays an Appraisim^t may be made of the s^d Sloop (being a hired sloop) and that upon giving Bond for the appraised Value, and to stand Tryall &^{ca} the Same may be restored to him, in Ord^r that he may deliver it up to the Own^r

Ordered thereupon that the Peticōn^r giving Bond with good Security to Answer to his Ma^{ty} &^{ca} the Appraised Vallue as well of the s^d Sloop as Goods in her Seized and if the same upon Tryall shall be legally Condemn'd that then the Same be deliver'd him accordingly, Provided he pass another Bond for answering the Penalty of the Law for his Wool and old Iron taken on Board; (if upon Tryall) Judgm^t shall be given against him thereon, hereby appointing & Empowering M^r Rich^d Beard, M^r Orlando Greenslade and Thomas ffreeborn to Appraise the same, they having ffirst taken an Oath for that purpose before Cap^t Rich^d Hill one of his Ma^{ty} Justices for the Prov^{ll} Court. And that they Return an Acco^t of their proceedings therein unto his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r under their hands and seals distinctly with all possible speed.

Ordered that Maj^r John Thompson Nav^{ll} Officer of Cœcill County be (upon sight hereof) dismiss from further Acting in that Station, Complaints being made of Severall Irregularities by him committed in the way of his Office by Granting forth illegall permitts, to the great damage and Injury of Severall persons therein Concern'd; and that the hon^{rble} James ffrisby Esq recommend some other fit person to be Constituted Navall Officer of that District in his Stead.

Ordered that George Plater Esq his Ma^{ty} Attorney Gen^{ll} of this Province issue process against the s^d Maj^r Thompson so that he may be and appear before his Ma^{ty} Justices of the next prov^{ll} Court to Answer the Severall Irregularities by him Committed in the Execution of his Navall Officers place.

Ordered that Maj^r Thompson be not inserted in the prov^{ll} Commission lately Order'd to be Issu'd but that a blanck be left and that the hon^{rble} James ffrisby Esq be sent to, to Recōmend some fit and Capable person to be inserted in his Stead.