

arrivall likewise in Virg^a with Severall of his Ma^{ts} Men of Lib. H. D.
Warr and ffour Dutch men; and of the time Since they Came
and of their Success and Condition they were in, but sent no
Acc^t thereof unto his Ex^{ncy} either by Letter or otherwise;
notwithstanding his Ma^{ts} Service depended thereon.

Ordered therefore that the Sherriff of Talbott County
Summons the s^d W^m Sharp upon his Return from Virginia
(notwithstanding he is gone there again) for to be and
appear at the Port of Annapolis before his Ex^{ncy} in Councill
the second Thursday in October next to Answer the Prem-
ises.

Ordered that the Hon^{ble} Coll: John Courts and Maj^r W^m
Dent be Writt to, to know why they sent not his Ex^{ncy} an
Acco^t of the News about the Arrivall of those Men of Warr in
Virg^a hearing they had Notice of it and Reported it about. P. 545
His Ex^{ncy} being pleased to say that if they Could not think fit
to let him know such news as well as others, his Ex^{ncy} does
not think fitt that they should Report such things about, not
knowing what Damage and Prejudice it might be to his Ma^{ts}
Intrest the Noising Such things about.

Ordered that M^r Collyer and M^r Aldern Nav^l Offic^r and
Dep^{ty} Coll^r of the Port of Williamstadt be writt to, to give an
Acco^t why they sent not his Ex^{ncy} word, of the News William
Sharpe brought from Virginia.

By his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r & Councill, Aug^t 27: 1697.

Vpon Representacōn that the Workmen at the State House
do much mispend their time and neglect the public work by
Drunkenness and tipling in the Ordinaries within this Town
and Port of Annapolis.

Ordered therefore that a Generall Notice be Given by the
Sherriff to all the Ordinary keepers therein; Strictly to
fforwarn them from Entertaining any of the s^d Workmen or
Labourours in their Houses above a Quarter of an hour at a
time (except M^r ffreemans house, where they are Accommo-
dated) at their Perrill, and that the Sherriff Serve them Sever-
erally with a Copy of this Ord^r His Ma^{ts} Counsell at Law
being hereby directed and Ordered (upon any Complaint
made) to take forth an Action of 1000^{lb} Sterl. at the Kings
Suit, against any Ordinary keeper that shall be found tarde
therein, or Acting Contrary.

Signed p Ord^r Hen: Denton Cl. Concil.

His Ex^{ncy} is pleased to Say that being at Prince Georges
County Court he heard Various Reports concerning the