

Lib. H. D. Whereupon his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleased to tell them that (as according to the s<sup>d</sup> report) he does take and hold it to be the Kings Prerogative to approve what persons shall practice the Law. And that as the Law is an Hono<sup>ble</sup> profession, he would accordingly endeavour to make it so in this Province, and not suffer every Ignorant Person (upon a motion) to be presently a Practitioner, who are perhaps not capable to draw a Declaration; therefore does recommend that they would take care to admitt of none to plead in th<sup>t</sup> Court but what were by some Examination, found capable and approved off; and that he would see to give some such Orders to the severall County Courts to the same effect.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is also pleased to Recommend th<sup>t</sup> a Gown be provided for the Chief Iustice to wear and that the severall Lawyers belonging to the said Court do provide themselves Gowns to plead in.

He is lastly pleased to observe to them, that he finds the severall Sherriffs of the Province do frequently come to the Provincial Courts, whereby they neglect the Duty of their Office and charge wherewith, they are intrusted: does therefore require them to consult & consider whether they can legally depart their County, during their Shrivaltury or invest any other person w<sup>th</sup> power sufficient to Act in their absence; and th<sup>t</sup> they returne their opinion, thereon to this Board accordingly with all convenient speed.

The said Gentlemen withdraw & repair to the Court house. Peter Jenings Esq<sup>r</sup> his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Collect<sup>r</sup> of Patuxent district & George Muschamp Esq<sup>r</sup> his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Collect<sup>r</sup> of Potomock district being sent for, came.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleased to acquaint them how that he had considered of severall instructions, whereby the Collect<sup>rs</sup> & Navall Officers of this his May<sup>tes</sup> Province might guide and regulate themselves, as to entering and clearing of Shippes &<sup>ca</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> were accordingly dictated & writt forth in their presence, and are as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

p. 579 Instructions for the Collectors and Navall Officers.

Viz<sup>t</sup> That if a Shipp or Vessell comes in here and brings in any of the Ennumerated Commodities, then they are to go to the Collector first according to the Act of the 25<sup>th</sup> of King Charles the Second.

Certificate to be lodged with the Collect<sup>r</sup> Viz<sup>t</sup> fform of a Certificate that gives Bond in the Plantations and payes the duties by the Act of the 25<sup>th</sup> year of King Charles the second.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleased to observe to the s<sup>d</sup> Collect<sup>rs</sup> the Act of Parliament for collecting the duty of the penny p pound saying that it ought to be collected according to the directions of the said Act.