

knows off at present. But that if (upon further search) any more should come to his hands, he would deliver the same up Likewise. Lib. H. D.

October the 20<sup>th</sup> 1697.

Came M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Bladen Dep<sup>ty</sup> Collect<sup>r</sup> of the Port of Annapolis and M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Aldern Dep<sup>ty</sup> Collect<sup>r</sup> of the Port of Williamstadt and had the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacie severally administered to them in Council; as also the Oath of trade & Navigation & subscribed to the Test, in presence of Peter Jenings Esq<sup>r</sup> his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Collect<sup>r</sup> of Patuxent district, from whom they rec<sup>d</sup> their Deputations.

The s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Aldern makes Oath to an Acco<sup>t</sup> of the penny p pound collected within the s<sup>d</sup> Port, during his officiating under George Plater Esq<sup>r</sup> former Collector of that district.

George Plator Esq<sup>r</sup> his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Attorney Gen<sup>ll</sup> and Receiver p. 581 for Patuxent district being sent for & asked about Iudgments obtain'd for his Maj<sup>ty</sup> upon forfeited Navigation Bonds—whether (if the same were put in execution) it would be a means to advance any considerable sum of money to his Majesty—who sayes, that he does believe, that, if the strictest methods imaginable should be used, it would not advance his Maj<sup>ty</sup> 500 pounds Sterll ready money.

October the 21<sup>th</sup> 1697.

George Muschamp Esq<sup>r</sup> his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Receiver of Potomock & Pocomoke districts, being sent for, is asked whether or no he thinks that if in case Executions had issued upon those Iudgments obtain'd for his Majesty upon the severall forfeited Navigation Bonds within this Province, it would have raised his Majesty 500<sup>l</sup> Sterll ready money, who does say he believes not, for that he sees the Countrey is necessitous rather then otherwise.

Ordered that the same questions be putt to the Iustices of the Provinciaall Court for their Opinion to be given therein the w<sup>ch</sup> being accordingly drawn forth in writing and laid before them. Came back indorsed as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> In obedience to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncys</sup> Ord<sup>r</sup> within We the Iustices of his Majesties Provinciaall Court are of the same Opinion of the Gentlemen within mention'd.

Rob <sup>t</sup> Smith	}	Thomas Staley	}
Iohn Hammond		ffran <sup>s</sup> Ienckins	
Richard Hill		John Pollard	
Phill: Hoskins		John Thompson	
Will <sup>m</sup> Hatton			