

Clerk of the Provincial Court, dated 24th of August last past, Lib. H. D. signifying that Coll Will^m Pearce Sherriff of that County has utterly refused to give Bond for his place according to the late Act of Assembly. And it being referred to the Kings Lawyers whether he ought to be continued in his Office, without giving such Bond, Who being of opinion he ought not.

Ordered thereupon that the Co^mmiss^{rs} of Cœcill County aforesaid do upon sight hereof demand of him (at their next County Court to be held in November) Bond and security according to the directions of the s^d Act. And that if in case he refuse to give such security there be a blanck Commission wth the other Instruments sent up, ready for the Hono^{ble} James ffrisbey Esq^r to putt in some other person, to be Sherriff, whom he thinks fitt.

October the 22nd 1697.

The Councill again sate and were present

His Ex^{ncy} ffran^s Nicholson Esq^r Captⁿ Gen^{ll} &^{ca}

S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^{tt} Sec^{ry}

Coll George Robotham

Thomas Tench Esq^r

Coll Charles Hutchins

Thomas Brooke Esq^r

James ffrisbey Esq^r

Produced and read a certain representation from the Iustices & Grand Iury of the Provincial Court as follows, Viz^t

We of the Iury, having advice from all parts of this Province of his Ex^{ncy}'s late Proclamation prohibiting any Provisions being exported to any place from this Province without calling at New England or Newfound Land &^{ca} do humbly represent that altho we believe his Ex^{ncy} sett forth the same upon just Grounds and for his Maj^{tes} service, yet that the same if continued in force will redound to the great prejudice of his Maj^{tes} good Subjects of this Province & to the aparent decay of Trade thereof in these particulars. p. 589

1st It will discourage and prevent those that are inclin'd to prossecute a Trade to Barbados or the Islands because Provisions is the only Co^mmodity they can carry from hence, and unless they can carry them to the place design'd it will be in vain to attempt the Trade.

2 It will discourage those Traders that would come here to purchase Provisions for necessary & usefull manufactures who generally carry them from hence to the Islands for Sale,