

Lib. H. D. standing any former Order from this Board to the contrary; upon condition he is cautious that he offend not in like nature again. But as to any process issued for his misfeazance; it is left to the Lawyers to proceed according to Law.

Read a petition of Jeoffery power Merchant about some Seamen th^t paid Leavie last year (being Sixteen in number) but th^t they are taken again in the Constables list this year, P 555 notwithstanding they are now bound for Europe & in a trading capacity; therefore humbly prayes a remission thereof &^{ca} Ordered that the said Petition be referred to the Com^{it}tee for laying the leavy; This Board being of Opinion that the said men ought not to pay Leavie again this year.

Produced & read a Letter writt from the Reverend M^r James Brechin, Minister to M^r ffran^s Jenckins of Som^rsett County dated the 6th & another of the 8th of Octob^r instant, giving an account of a pretended Marriage betwixt M^r George Layfield of Som^rsett County & his near Kinswoman; as also a memorandum of one John: Starret concerning the same. Ordered that the same paper be referred to the Kings Lawyers to examin & enquire into the said matter, & that they consult M^r Jenckins therein & make such proceedings thereabout as are legall & proper.

Octob^r 14th 1697.

Produced & read the Lawyers report in the case of M^r Layfield, as follows Viz^t

Octob^r 14th 1697.

May it please yo^r Ex^{ncy}

We have considered the case concerning M^r Layfield & do report to your Ex^{ncy} that it is not any marriage; and the Vestry of that Parish ought to give M^r Layfield notice according to the Act of Assembly that he doe not accompany with that woman; and in case th^t he do not take notice thereof, but do still continue & proceed in that evill way of living then he must be prossecuted as th^t Act directs.

Geo: Plater, W^m Dent
R. Goulesborough.

We are of opinion that the Ministers approving off & the others p^rsent & consenting to the said pretended Marriage ought to be sum^oned before your Ex^{ncy} to answer such their contempt.

George Plater
W^m Dent