

The said report is approved off & Ordered thereon th^t as well Copy of the said Order of Refference from this Board as of the said Report be sent to the Vestry of that Parish where the said M^r Layfield lives and that they in all things pursue the directions there laid down. Lib. H. D.

Ordered that (according to the opinion of the Kings Lawyers this day read at the Board) the Sherriff of Som^rsett County do upon sight hereof take care to sum^ons the Reverend M^r James Brechin, M^r Sam^l Davies and M^r W^m Denice Master of the Mary (persons said to be present & assenting to a certain pretended Marriage betwixt M^r George Layfield and M^{rs} Priscilla White of the said County) to be and appear before his Ex^{ncy} in Councill the last Tuesday in ffeb^{ry} next to answer the proemises, whereof they are in no wise to faile at their perill.

Produced & read a Letter by his Ex^{ncy} rec^d from M^r Edw^d Green his Maj^{ty}s Surveyor of Lands in Som^rsett County; Signifying that his occasions call him much abroad, and that he is providing to remove himselfe to the Port of Annapolis to follow the brewing Trade So that he cannot attend the duty of his said office, therefore desires to be dismist therefrom and some other Person appointed. Ordered that the same be referred to M^r ffrancis Jenckins and M^r John West of the said County to recommend some other fitt and capable person to be constituted in his stead.

October the 25th 1697.

The Council again sate and were present.

His Ex^{ncy} ffran^s Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l &^{ca}

S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^t Sec^{ry} }
Coll^o Henry Jowles }
Coll^o Geo: Robotham }
Coll^o Charles Hutchins }

The Hon^{ble} Coll^o George Robotham Judge of his Maj^{tes} Court of Vice Admiralty on the Eastern Shoare had this day administred to him in Council, the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Alegiance & Supremacy; as also the Oath usually taken by the Judge of the said Court and Subscribed to the Test.

The said Coll^o Robotham is hereby impowered & Authorized to Administer the aforementioned Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament &^{ca} as also the usuall Oath of Register & that of Marshall to his Reg^r & Marshall of the said Court, who are likewise to have tender'd to them the Test to be Subscribed p. 595