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Decem^r 2nd 1697.

The Councill mett & sate and were

Present

His Ex^{ncy} ffran^s Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^{ll} &^{ca}
 S^r Thomas Laurence Sec^{ry} }
 Coll Hen^r Iowles: Tho^s Tench Esq^r }

The weather proving so extreme severe and Sharp that it was not possible for any more of his Maj^{tes} Hono^{ble} Councill to meet this day according to summons; the Creeks and Rivers being all so frozen in that no Boats could pass; and his Hon^r Col^o Greenberry who lives neer to this place lying in a weak & dangerous condition. His Ex^{ncy} is pleased to direct and Order that what persons had business or were summoned to appear at this Board and were now attending should be called in.

M^r George Jackson one of the Inhabitants of this place being summoned came accordingly.

His Ex^{ncy} is pleased to tell him that if he had any occasion of sending Letters or other business to his Ex^{ncy} S^r Edmund Andros his Maj^{tes} Govern^r of Virginia, he should have a horse at any time so farr as the Limmitts of this Province did extend. M^r Beard the High Sheriff having directions given him to provide for him accordingly, whensoever he should require the same.

The Hono^{ble} Thomas Tench Esq^r representing to the Board (by information of Major James Smallwood of Charles County) how that the King of the Mattawoman Indians is of late much slighted & rejected by the Indians and that it is believed if he were Encouraged and taken notice off by the English he might be serviceable and discover the perpetrators of the late horrid murther committed at the Garrison Ordered thereupon that M^r Richard Cloud one of the Gentlemen appointed for deciding differences betwixt the English and Indians in S^t Maries County do upon sight hereof go to the s^d Indian King and acquaint him th^t if he is minded to remove himselfe from among them, he will be taken care off by Major Smallwood and entertain'd either at his own house or what
 p. 606 other house he likes best. And the said Major Smallwood is hereby Ordered to provide for him and take care accordingly; ffor w^{ch} he will be satisfied the next Assembly out of the publick Stock.

The Sherriff of Ann Arrundell County makes return to the following Summons to him directed.