

By his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r &^{ca} Novem^r 28th 1697.

Lib. H. D.

Ordered that the Sheriff of Ann Arrundell County do (upon sight hereof) Summons L^t Coll^o Henry Ridgley M^r Geo: Jackson, Kellinsworth Ward and Henry ffish, all of the said County to be and appear before his Ex^{ncy} in Councill, at the Port of Annapolis, on Thursday the first of December next without faile; and that the s^d Sheriff have then & there this Summons.

Signed p Ord^r H Denton Cl Concil.

Viz^t That he had summoned the severall parties as thereby he was Commanded.

L^t Coll^o Ridgely according to summons appearing receives directions about the raising the forty five men, Ordered to be raised in this County, and about fixing the Publick Arms &^{ca} (His Hono^r Coll^o Greenberry Coll^o of the said County laying very sick) the w^{ch} he sayes he will take care to comply with.

Henry ffish a black Smith, appearing according to summons is Ordered to fitt and prepare what Iron worke is wanting to be done about the Statehouse, according as M^r Beard should direct; as also speedily to fix what Publick arms should be brought to him by the Officers of this County; for w^{ch} he is told there lyes Public Tobacco ready in the Sheriffs hands for to satisfy him.

John Newton the Publick Drummer of this Port being for his negligence displaced and William Bateman sent for; came accordingly and is offered the said Drummers place, being made sensible of the business he must expect to doe and of the income and Salary for the same; provided he would come and settle in Town; having time given him to consult & consider thereof and afterwards Return his answer.

Upon Recommendations of the Hono^{ble} Coll^o Iohn Courts (represented by the Hon^{ble} Thomas Tench Esq^r) how that one Lemon of Charles County would be a fitt person to execute the Cryers place in the Provincial Court of this Province, now vacant through death of the former Cryer, and that he will come & settle in town to attend thereon. Ordered that the same be referred till Coll^o Courts appears in Councill, and that all Petitions preferred for the said place be likewise suspended the Reading untill then.

December the 3^d 1697.

The Council again sate and were present
His Ex^{ncy} Francis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^{ll} &^{ca}
S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^{tt} Sec^{ry}

The Hono^{ble} Coll^o Henry Iowles
Thomas Tench Esq^r