

Lib. H. D. Came John Hockin master of the Annapolis Briganteen, p. 607 Riding in this Port; who signifying that the s^d Vessell being lately built wthin the said Port, and understanding that by a late Act of Parliament intituled an Act for preventing frauds and regulating abuses in the Plantation Trade; it is thereby directed th^t the Masters of all Shippes and Vessells Plantation built shall make Oath thereof before the Govern^r of such Plantation &^{ca} and have Certificate of the same &^{ca} therefore humbly prayed that such Certificate might be granted him; he making Oath as the law in that case directs. Whereupon this Board being sensible th^t the said Briganteen was built here, and the said Hockin being Sworn thereto before his Ex^{ncy} in Councill this day; It is Ordered that a Certificate be granted him pursuant to the directions of the said Act of Parliament. Upon the Reading a return of the Justices of Talbott County in answer to an Order of this Board, concerning the Records of that County Court; wherein they certify the reasons why the Records w^{ch} ought to have been up by M^r Jn^o Valliant & M^r Richard Macklin, was absolutely the neglect of such Mercenary Clerks. Ordered that the Iustices Certifying the same; Viz^t Cap^t James Murphey, M^r Will^m Hemsley M^r Richard Tilghman, and M^r Rob^t Macklin make answer to this Board what they mean by those words (Mercenary Clerks) and why they did not take the same care as was taken by the said County Iustices at a Court held for the s^d County the 25th of September past; as by their return also here read and approved off does appear.

Produced at the Board the following return of George Muschamp Esq^r Viz^t

Pursuant to an Ord^r of his Ex^{ncy} and Councill bearing date the 21th of October 1697. I immediately upon the Receipt thereof repaired to the House of M^r Robert Mason and there took a full view of all his Bookes and papers and could find none relating to M^r John Cood excepting his acco^t w^{ch} I have copyed out of the said Masons Booke of acco^{ts} and eight small Bookes being lists of Debts due to the said Cood out of the following hundreds Viz^t S^t Maries Hundred, S^t Georges Hundred, Poplar Hill hundred. S^t George's hundred S^t Clement hundred, Newtown hundred Choptico hundred.

G. Muschamp.

On the back of the aforementioned Acco^t Copyed out and likewise produced at the Board was thus written Viz^t

Memorandum that M^r Mason, told me that Rob^t Carse attached of Coll^o Jn^o Coods debts 17000^{lb}: of Tobacco w^{ch} he standeth indebted unto him; and that severall others