

gency of holding any correspondence wth M^r Cood, Ordered Lib. H. D. that an answer thereto be written to know how he then came by those eight Bookes of fees belonging to the s^d Cood, & how he durst presume to Collect any of those debts for himselfe when he knew such a debt was claim'd from him as due to his Maj^{ty} and that he come up to the Port of Annapolis so soon as he is in a capacity or able to travell together with M^r Plater, and th^t he bring up his Bookes of Accounts with him.

A Letter of M^r Platers, in relation to the foregoing affair being also produced & read, was ordered to be answer'd and those eight forementioned Books of ffees and acco^t to be return'd to him for his better directions and guidance in securing those debts. His Ex^{ncy} representing to the Board how that he had received information from Cott^o Addison & others that Cap^t Mason of Stafford County in his Maj^{tes} Colony in Virginia had sold to M^r Will^m Chew of Calvert County within this Province, a considerable quantity of Skinns; for w^{ch} it is said he was to returne to the s^d Cap^t Mason, powder & Shott, or as much as he could possibly procure for him. Ordered that the said William Chew putt in Writing what dealings he had wth Cap^t Mason in that nature, what quantity of Skinns he purchased or rec^d and what returne he was to make for them, and th^t he p^rsent the same to this Board accordingly in Order to make Oath thereto.

Pursuant to w^{ch} said Order the s^d Chew presents the following answer to the Board Viz^t

In obedience to the within Order. These are humbly to Certify th^t I the within named William Chew did actually receive a hundred Deer Skinns of Cap^t Mason within named the produce whereoff was to purchase Powder and high Swann Shott, according as I could agree.

William Chew.

Decem^r the 3^d 1697.

The above returne was sworn to before his Ex^{ncy} in Councill by the above named William Chew.

H: Denton Cl Concil

Vpon further representation also of his Ex^{ncy} the following p. 610 Proclamation for prohibiting the Exportation of Powder & Ball was by Order prepared and signed by his Ex^{ncy} and passed the Broad Seale of the Province Viz^t