

charge & Comānd the severall Sheriffs of the Province to Lib. H. D.
make Proclamation hereof in all Churches, Chappels & at all
Musters, trainings & other publick places of meeting within
their respective Counties, whereunto all persons concern'd are
to yield due and ready obedience, as they and every of them
will answer the contrary at their perill; Given at the Town &
Port of Annapolis under the Broad Seale of the Province this
3^d day of December in the ninth year of the Reign of our
Soveraign Lord King William the third &^{ca} Annoq Dom̄
1697. ffr: Nicholson

God save the King.

Ordered that notice be forthwith given by the Sherriffs to
the field Officers of each respective County that they omitt not
with all expedition possible to raise the severall men directed
and Ordered to be raised in October last, and in getting the
Publick Arms well fitted and fixt. No further business offer-
ing the Councill broke up for this time.

At a Councill held at the Port of Annapolis the 3^d day of
Decem^r 1696. in the ninth year of his Majesties Reign.

Present

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

S^r Thom^s Laurence Baron^{tt} Sec^{ry} }
Coh^o Henry Iowles }
Thom^s Tench Esq^r }

Produced and read the following Petition Viz^t

To his Ex^{ncy} ffran^s Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^{ll} &^{ca} The humble
Petition of Rob^t Carvile Sam^{ll} Watkins & Ph^{llp} Clarke, Practi-
tioner's in the high Court of Chancery in the behalfe of them-
selves & Clyents most humbly Shew unto yo^r Ex^{ncy} That the
Hono^{ble} Coh^o Iowles Keeper of the Great Seale of this Prov-
ince hath informed your Petitioners that he intends to appoint
a Court the last of December w^{ch} is in the very dead of Winter,
and that whereas there is no causes in th^t Court ready for try-
all or by the rules of the s^d Court can be made ready for try-
all, save one, in w^{ch} your Petitioner Rob^t Carvile is the reall
Complainant. Your pet^r humbly supplicates yo^r Ex^{ncy} that
the Court of Chancery may not sitt till after the Provinciaall
Court, and as in duty bound shall pray.

Ro: Carvile
S: Wattkins
Philip: Clarke.