

Lib. H. D. By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Councill Decem<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1697.

Ordered that the Sherriff of S<sup>t</sup> Maries County do upon sight hereof Summons M<sup>r</sup> Richard Cloud, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Cooksey, M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Husbands, M<sup>r</sup> Phillip Clarke, George Muschamp Esq<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Watkins, M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Taylard, M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Vanswaringhen, In<sup>o</sup> Shanks and Notley Maddox, that all excuses set apart they & every of them be & personally appear before his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> in Councill at Battell Town in Calvert County the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Ianuary next ensuing the date hereof; whereof they are in no wise to faile at their perill; and for the ready & best conveyance of the said Persons over Patuxent River to Battell Towne afores<sup>d</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> Sherriff is hereby likewise Ordered to provide two good Substantial Boats and hands to lye ready at M<sup>r</sup> Charles Ashcombes Plantation upon Patuxent River for the end & purpose aforesaid and to give the said persons summoned severally notice thereof; And lastly M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Mason high Sherriff of S<sup>t</sup> Maryes County is likewise to make his own personal appearance, at the time & place aforesaid; if please God he should become capable to travell by that time; and that he bring his Books of accounts w<sup>th</sup> him pursuant to former Order:

Sigded p Ord<sup>r</sup> Hen: Denton Cl Concil.

A like Summons issued to the Sh<sup>r</sup>ff of Charles County to summons Maj<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Dent, and to the Sh<sup>r</sup>ff of Calvert County to summons M<sup>r</sup> James Cranford as also for their own Personal appearance the time and place aforesaid.

At a Councill held at the Port of Annapolis the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 1697 in the ninth year of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Reign.

Present

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> ffancis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup> &<sup>ca</sup>

S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence Baron<sup>t</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup> }  
 Coll<sup>o</sup> Henry Iowles }  
 Edw<sup>d</sup> Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup> }

Produced by the Hono<sup>ble</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup> Surveyor Gener<sup>ll</sup> of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Customes on the Continent of America &<sup>ca</sup> A Commission for administring an Oath to his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Province of Maryland bearing date the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill last past under the Broad Seale of the Kingdom of England, w<sup>th</sup> an Oath thereto underwritten, to be administred; w<sup>ch</sup> was read, and the execution thereof deferred till