

a fuller Councill and Ordered in the interim to be Recorded. Lib. H. D.  
Produced also at the same time Instructions to his said Ex<sup>ncy</sup>  
(with certain specimens annex) for the due observance of the  
severall Acts of Trade & Navigation, pursuant to the afore-  
mention'd Oath, Signed by their Ex<sup>ncys</sup> the Lords Iustices of  
England, and Countersign'd by the R<sup>tt</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of  
the Treasury by their Ex<sup>ncyes</sup> Comānd, w<sup>ch</sup> were likewise de-  
ferred the Reading till a fuller Councill, whereat the Severall  
Collectors & Navall Officers on this side the Bay are summ-  
oned to be present.

Then read a direction from the R<sup>tt</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Comiss<sup>rs</sup> for p. 616  
executing the Office of Lord High Admirall of England, Ire-  
land &<sup>ca</sup> Dated 29<sup>th</sup> of Aprill last past Empowering his Ex<sup>ncy</sup>  
ffrancis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> to grant Commissions to S<sup>r</sup> Thomas  
Laurence Baron<sup>t</sup> to be Iudge, Henry Denton Register, and  
Thomas Collyer Marshall of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Court of Vice Admir-  
alty for the Province of Maryland.

The Hono<sup>ble</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence Baron<sup>t</sup> signifying his indis-  
position of body & his being otherwise taken up w<sup>th</sup> his Sec-  
retaries imploy does humbly desire to be excused from being  
put in any such Commission and prays his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> would be  
pleased to conferr the same upon such other person as in his  
wisdome he shall think fitt.

Then read a Commission under the Seale of the Admiralty  
of England bearing date the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Iune 1697. Empower-  
ing his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> of Maryland to appoint Iudges, Reg-  
isters, Marshalls and Advocates of the Courts of Admiralty of  
Maryland, Pensilvania & West Jersey w<sup>ch</sup> was read.

Afterwards produced by the aforementioned Esq<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
two Commissions under the Seale of the Admiralty in Eng-  
land bearing date the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Iune 1697. The one con-  
stituting M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Rodeney to be Reg<sup>r</sup> and the other M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup>  
Webb to be Marshall of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Court of Vice Admiralty in  
the Province of Pensilvania and the three lower Counties &  
West Iersey. The s<sup>d</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> Randolph signifying that Coll  
Quarry had a Commission for being Iudge of the said Court,  
and that M<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Chilton had a Comission for being Advocate  
of the s<sup>d</sup> Court, as also of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Court of Vice Admiralty  
in Maryland.

Decem<sup>r</sup> the 10<sup>th</sup> 1697.

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Mr Robt  
Masons Letter  
to Collo Ino  
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Coll Cood

S<sup>r</sup> yours I received and for answer am forced to  
acquaint you that the Governer sent down with an  
Order of Councill and seized all your Books I being then and  
still am not able to use hand nor foot and he being suspitious  
th<sup>t</sup> the first search was not sufficient sent M<sup>r</sup> Plator M<sup>r</sup> Bladen