

also another from M<sup>r</sup> Ieoffrey Power Merchant of the 12<sup>th</sup> of LIB. H. D. Ian<sup>ry</sup> after, concerning a Sloop of M<sup>r</sup> Powers called the Assistance, lately seiz'd by the said Esq<sup>r</sup> Kennedy.

Ordered that the said Letters and matter therein contain'd be referred to the Hono<sup>ble</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup> Surveyor Gen<sup>ral</sup> of his Majestyes Customes and to his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Lawyers to doe therein according to Law and make such proceedings as are necessary in that behalfe.

They report thereon as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

24<sup>th</sup> of ffeb<sup>ry</sup> 1697/8

We have considered the case of the Sloop Assistance; and we are of the opinion that the said David Kennedy be allowed reasonable costs and charges for the expences he has been at, and that the Sloop be discharged from the seizure.

Ed: Randolph S. G.

R: Gouldesborough

The said Report was approved off, and Ordered that the same be sent to the said Esq<sup>r</sup> Kennedy for his compliance accordingly

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Davies of Som<sup>r</sup>sett County, one of the persons summoned about M<sup>r</sup> Layfields pretended Marriage, came and appeared; who was acquainted by his Ex<sup>coy</sup> with the reason of his being summon'd, and is required to give an account how he came to be guilty of such an Action. To which he says that he often gave advice to the said M<sup>r</sup> Layfield not to proceed in that Marriage; telling him the unlawfulness thereof; but does Confess he was p<sup>r</sup>sent when in a frolick such passages happen'd, as his Excellency has been pleased to p. 636 relate to him, but that he thought no harme in what he then did; therefore humbly begs pardon and Submitts himselfe;— Ordered that the said M<sup>r</sup> Davies put in writing what he has now given account off; and attest the same, which done, this Board are willing to dismiss him from any further attendance or Ordering any manner of process against him in that behalfe.

ffeb<sup>ry</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1697/8.

Vice Admiralty Commissions being pursuant to Order prepared; constituting the Hono<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> Iudge Henry Denton Reg<sup>r</sup> and Thomas Hutchins Marshall of his Majesties Court of Vice Admiralty on the Western Shore of this Province. They had severally administred unto them by