

Lib. H. D. his Ex^{ncy} in Councill, the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy and subscribed to the Test; And the said Esq^r Tench took also the usual Oath of Iudge, and the said Henry Denton the usual Oath of Marshall of the said Court.

Produced and read a Commission under the hand & Seale of the Hono^{ble} Edw^d Randolph Esq^r Surveyer Gen^{ll} of his Majesties Customes on the Continent of America and Islands adjacent bearing date the 24th day of December 1697. Constituting Edward Price Gen^l Survey^{or} and Searcher of all Shippes and Vessells &^{cc} trading into Pocomoke River and all the Bayes Creeks and Harbours thereto belonging, scituate on the Eastern Shore, both in Maryland and Virginia side; which was well approved off; and the said M^r Price (being present) had Administred unto him the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy; as also the Oath of trade and Navigation and Subscribed to the Test.

ffeb^{ry} the 25th 1697/8

The Council again State and were present

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

S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^{tt} Sec^{ry}

Edward Randolph Esq^r

Vpon a Petition of M^r Sam^{ll} Davies of Som^rsett County this day produced and read, thereby humbly submitting himselfe in the matter concerning M^r Layfields pretended Marriage; craving pardon &^{ca} It is considered by this Board that the said M^r Davies be discharged from his further attendance, and from all manner of prossecution in th^t behalfe, whereof as well the Sherriff of Somersett County as all other persons concern'd are to take due notice and it is Ordered accordingly.

Vpon a Letter produced & read sent unto the Reverend M^r Peregrine Coney from M^r James Brechin of Somersett County desiring him to signify to his Ex^{ncy} how th^t his present indisposition hindred his attendance, in pursuance of his Ex^{ncy}s Summons for his appearance to answer some complaint as being present & assenting to M^r Layfields pretended Marriage, therein alledging that he did not promote, but oppose the same; yet denyes not, but that (after the Ceremony was over) he said it was authentick, expressing his Sorrow and humble Submission &^{ca}

p. 637 It is considered by this Board, that for the said M^r Brechins humble Submission in that behalfe, he be discharged from all manner of attendance or further prossecution touching that