

matter, whereof as well as the Sherriff of Somerset County Lib. H. D.  
aforesaid as all other persons concern'd are to take due notice  
and is Ordered accordingly.

Produced and read a Letter by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> from M<sup>r</sup>  
ffrancis Iencking of Som<sup>r</sup>sett County bearing date the 16<sup>th</sup> of  
ffeb<sup>ry</sup> instant, giving account that M<sup>r</sup> Layfield still persists on  
the Marrying of his Neece and is resolved to endure the Shock  
of all that can fall &<sup>ca</sup> giving also a Relation of the accident  
that lately happen'd to his Majestyes Friggot, the Swift in his  
Majestyes Colony of Virginia.

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At a Council met and held at the Porte of Annapolis the  
Ninth day of March 1697 & in the Tenth Year of the Reign  
of our Sovereign Lord King William the third &<sup>ca</sup>

Present

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Captain General &<sup>ca</sup>

the hon<sup>ble</sup> { S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawrence Bar<sup>t</sup> Secry  
Coll<sup>o</sup> Henry Iowles Chancellor  
Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Collonel Iohn Addison  
Thomas Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> }

His Excellency is pleased to produce to the Board in  
Writing what he intends to lay before the house of Delegates  
at the opening of the Assembly which was read and well  
approved of as also his Majestyes speech to both houses of  
Parliament the Latter part whereof he thinks very Conven-  
ient to lay before the house likewise.

Lawrence Tailors petition of Baltimore County for remit-  
tance of of a a Fine read & Granted.

Produced the Sheriffs of Baltimore Countys return the  
warrant issued against Hans Tilman & Browne with deposi-  
tions & Recognizance taken for Brownes appearance at the  
provincial Court to answer &<sup>ca</sup> Ordered that the said papers  
be delivered to his Majestyes Lawyers for prosecution &<sup>ca</sup>  
Ordered that Inquiry be made of what presents Coll<sup>o</sup> Heman  
took of the Indians & advised that a Law be made to punish  
such persons as take any presents of the Indians in behalf of  
the Government or treat with them without being legally  
Authorized thereunto.

Produced a Letter by his Excellency received from the  
honble Coll<sup>o</sup> Iohn Courts of the 20<sup>th</sup> of February last past  
Signifying his Inability to travel through Sickness which p. 2  
Occasions his not giving his attendance at this time.