

A Letter from M^r William Nevil Riding Surveyor at the head of the Bay unto his Excellency sent & directed about his Seizure of a Sloop & some Goods is by order referred to his Majestys Lawyers & to Geo Plater Esq^r as the Kings receiver to make reports &c^a Lib. X.

March the 22^d 1697/8

The Council again Sate & were present as Yesterday

Upon the representation & motion of the honble Tho^s Tench Esq^r how that M^r Plater was much out of Order & was afraid if he should continue Longer in Town he should be forced to Lye by it

Leave is given M^r Plater to go home

A petition of M^r William Mabb Commander of the Ship Recovery of London being presented to this Board & read Signifying thereby his having made entry of his Vessel with the Officers of Puttuxent District & there Lodged his Certificate and Coquets And Given Bond for the Countrey Duties & performed what the Law requires And that whereas his Business Leading him to Choptank River he hath there been denied to Unload and Trade Notwithstanding such his Entry unless he would make a new Entry in that port for all which he prayed redress

Thereupon the said Matter was fully heard & Considered & this Board having perused the Certificate and permit granted by the said Officers for unloading the said Vessel &c^a do think the same altogether insufficient to warrant his Unloading or trading for Tobacco on Board not having Expressed whether the said Mabb had produced Legal Certificates of his Giving Bond for the Dutys of this Country &c^a on which acco^t he now lies Lyable to Seizure which is thought fit to be Remarqued for a Caution to the said Officers for the Forfeiture And forasmuch as the said Officers for the Forfeiture & forasmuch as the said port of W^m Stad^t is taken by this Board to be a District & proper place of Entery & all Ships & Vessels coming their are Directed to make the Entry Accordingly p. 13

Ordered therefore that the Officers & Puttuxent District aforesaid do upon Sight hereof Surrender up to Will^m Mabb the pet^r as well the Certificates Cocquets & other papers Lodged with them at his Entry as also what Bonds he there passed for any duties or otherwise to be Cancelled & that he thereby may be enabled to make his Entry according to Law in the proper place assigned

A petition of the honble Coll^o Henry Iowles Referred to the Kings Receiver