

Lib. X. Upon advice that there has been plentiful Crops of Corn made this last Year in New England & that the honble Coll^o John Gibson hath Effectually reduced & resettled New Foundland and forasmuch as a general peace is now God be thanked Established in Europe—

Ordered that all former Orders of this Board any way Encouraging persons to Carry Provisions to those places be wholly disannulled & set aside whereof the several Collectors & Naval Officers are to take due Notice & Conform themselves accordingly

March the 24th 1697/8

A petition of peter Iennings Esq^r Collector of Puttuxent District—was presented to this Board & read—the said Petition being taken into Consideration it is the Opinion of this Board that the Instruction Cannot possibly be Complied with as the Constitution of this province now Stands until
p. 14 Certain ports be assigned in the province Where all Ships and Vessels Coming in shall be Obliged to Come & Ride & that the Officers be Obliged Actually to come and reside in these ports & see the Unlivery of all goods the said M^r Iennings being left to discharge his Duty in the Interim after the best manner he can It being Supposed that the giving a Certificate for all Goods Carried away in Sloops for other parts & Expressing the particulars & that the legal Coquets have been produced for the same may be the best means

The said Peter Jennings Esq^r presented an Acco^t of the 1^d p^hhd the which he made Oath to & gave his Exc^{lcy} a Note on M^r Plater for the said Money

Upon further Consideration had of the said M^r Iennings Petition it is humbly represented by this Board with Submission to their Excellencys the Lords Iustices Instructions that the Article directing that no Goods shall be Landed but by warrant of an Officer &^{ca} is so difficult to be performed as the present Constitution of this Country now stands that it will Cost his Majesty Several hundred pounds Sterling in keeping Officers to look after & Manage the said Concerns therefore it is proposed that so many particular ports be appointed in the Governm^t whither all Ships & Vessels shall be Obliged to Come and Unlevir their Goods & that the Officers or their Lawful Deputys be Obliged also to live in those parts for dispatch & discharge of their dutys

A petition of Captain William Cooper Commander of the Ship Ieffreys of London praying a register of his Ship was read & Granted according to petition—

Upon representation of the honble James Frisby Esq^r how