

Copies of the Registers of all Ships unto them produced & Lib. X.  
transmit the same among other papers & Bonds which by  
Law they are Directed to transmit unto the port of Annapolis  
in Order to be kept among the other Shipping papers Lodged  
in the Clerk of the Councils Office in the New State House  
Ordered that the Kings Lawyers do Consult if Esq<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
has not by his Commissions and Instructions to the Surveyors p. 24  
of this province Given them Sufficient power to put their  
Commissions in Execution what power may be proper to be  
Given them by this Government

Upon Motion of the honble Tho<sup>s</sup> Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> that he is  
Served with a Scire facias at the Suit of his Majesty & desires  
he may be Excused from attending until the 14<sup>th</sup> Instant the  
same is granted & allowed of

Advised by this Board that when the arms Come in & are  
Ordered to be disposed of his Excellency would be pleased to  
form the Military Commissions & Instruct<sup>s</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> William Bladen Surveyor and Deputy Collector of the  
Port of Annapolis within the District of Puttuxent & Henry  
Denton Naval Officer of the said Port took the late Oath of  
Trade & Navigation administered by his Excellency at this  
Board

At a Council held at the Port of  
Annapolis the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1698  
Present

His Excellency the Governor

the honble { S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawrence Bar<sup>t</sup> Secretary }  
{ Coll<sup>o</sup> Henry Iowles Chancellor }  
{ Coll<sup>o</sup> Geo Robotham }  
{ Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> }  
{ Collonel Cha Huchins }

His Excellency is pleased to Acquaint the Board that the  
Reason of his sending for them at this time was upon the  
Acco<sup>t</sup> of an Information given him that the Speaker of the  
house of Delegates had Received from the Clerk a Copy of  
the Journal of the house without the Knowledge Leave & p. 25  
Consent of himself or his Majestys honble Council which he  
looks upon to be a Peice of high Presumption therefore thinks  
it Necessary that the Speaker be sent for & demand to give  
his Reason for so doing Whereupon the Clerk of this Board  
was ordered to go & Comm<sup>d</sup> him in his Majestys name to  
attend his Excellency in Council presently

The said M<sup>r</sup> Speaker came and appeared before this Board  
& his Excellency is pleased to ask him whether he has got a