

Ordered that Copys of the above Examination be sent to the several Countys of this Province to be published whereby it may appear how the Country is abused Particularly in that of Ordering Allowances for Committee Rooms at publick houses when such Rooms are on purpose Contrived in the new Stad^t house for those Uses which his Excellency shewed to the Speaker at the first opening of the Assembly Observation being likewise made how that M^r Clark receives the Profit of his mans allowance for Officiating in those two Committees as Clerk notwithstanding other Pretences

Lib. X.

M^r William Bladen being Called Came and as to M^r Philip Clark he gave the following acc^t to which he made Oath before his Excellency & this Board viz^t that On Saturday Night being the 2^d of April Instant as this Deponent was walking in the State house M^r Philip Clark entred into discourse with him and said he wondred that his Excellency did not keep Old Randolph with him for that the said Randolph was a good Scholar & further told him that if his Excellency had advised with him he might have had any thing done in the Assembly he proposed to prescribe & that that Sessions might have been ended long before. M^r Bladen Saith that the Purpose of what he now Saith he told to Major Iohn Hammond M^r W^m Hensly and several other Members of the house of Delegates.

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Major James Maxwells Deposition about Amos Nichols read & Sworn to by the said Major Maxwell in Council Ordered that the said Deposition together with Thomas Brown's formerly taken Relat^s thereto be Referred to his Majestys Lawyers to Consult & advise what is proper to be done & whether it may not be Convenient that the Governor of Pensylvania be sent to about it

Ordered that the Iournals of the Committee of Laws & Committees of Aggrievances be produced at the meeting of the Council next week

Henry Smith of Baltimore County his Petition for Remittance of a Fine Referred to his Majestys Lawyers & Geo Plater Esq^r the Kings Receiver Gen^l to do therein as they see proper

At a Council held at the Port of
Annapolis April the 14th 1698

Present

His Excellency the Governor &c^a

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the honble { Sr Tho Lawrence Bar^t Secy }
 { Coll^o Henry Iowles &c^a }
 { Thomas Tench Esq^r }

Thomas Master of the Ship Adventure of Lancaster