

Lib. X, giance & the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the Oath of Supremacy & Subscribed the Test the said M^r Batson also gave Bond for the due Execution of his Office According to the late Act of Parliament made in the Seventh & Eighth years of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the third & likewise took the Oath for the Encouragement & increasing of Trade appointed by the said Act of Parliament.

The petition of M^r Clement Hill of S^t Marys County & his wife Referred to his Majestys Council at Law to make report thereon

The Clark of the Provincial Court being sent for Came & these following Certificates for discharge of Navigation Bonds being read & approved of were delivered to him to be filed up in his Office viz^t

For the Rainbow of Lancaster Ionathan Ben M^r Dated the 5th of Iune 1696

For the Ship W^m & Elizth Henry Bird M^r dated the 26th of Nov^r 1697 & the Lords Commissioners Letter thereon.

A Certificate for the London Arms Iohn Wade Mas^r dated the 18th of December 1697 for Bond said to be Given the 20th of July 1690

This Board considering the Backwardness of the Year that no late Commands are Come from his most Sacred Majesty or the right honble the Lords of the Council of Trade & Plantations nor any absolute Necessity of the Assembly now meeting do Consult and Advise his Excellency the Governor to issue his Proclamation to prorogue the same until the Twentieth day of October next

And accordingly such Proclamation being prepared was read & Approved of & Ordered to pass the Broad Seal of this Province

Ordered that a Proclamation for securing runaway Sea men be prepared & those Masters who have Signed the Address to his Excellency to be therein Nominated that Copies of the said Proclamation be sent to the severall Naval Officers and read on Board the several Ships & the Masters to take Copies thereof

Produced and read an Acco^t wherein Major Tho Smithson the Speaker of the house of Delegates stands Indebted to the Lord Baltimore in 14120 l Tobacco & £17. 3. 1½ in money which is reasonably suppose to be a great tye or Obligation upon the said Maj^r Smithson to his Lordship

His Excellency is pleased to Say to the Board that whereas he has thrice with the advice of his Majestys honble Council here wrote to his Excellency S^r Edmond Andros his Majestys Lieu, & Governor General of the Colony of Virginia who