

By his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r May the 16th 1697.

Lib. H. D.

further Ord^r
to Capt Hans
abt the
afors^d
Indians

Ordered th^t if in Case Cap^t John Hance Can-
not timely procure the Indians (to w^{ch} he is directed
to goe) to Come down with him so th^t they may
be here at the Port of Annapolis by the the 5th or
sixth of June next at ffarthest that then he give them Notice
not to come at p^sent, but tell them that against the next
Sessions, they shall have Earlier Intelligence whereby they
may better fit themselves for their Journey, Yet notwithstanding
ing that he be sure to Come himself according to time
appointed. p. 482

It being Represented that there are Some Ships still left
behind in the Country His Ex^{ncy} is pleas^d to ask M^r Plater
what number there might be of them and in what Readiness
they were and what Occasion'd their not getting Ready to
goe with the fleet & whether they had met with any obstruct-
tions in the Country.

Justices of the
Provl Court
& Grand Juries
Opinion abt
the Ships left
behind the
fleet

The rest of the Gentl. p^sent were also asked to
give their Opinion and advice what is best to be
done whether to keep them to goe in Company
together, or leave them to their own liberty
Whereupon the s^d matter being duly Consulted
and Debated, and being found th^t there are not above 5; or 6:
Ships remaining in the Countrey that Came in with the fleet
beleiving they are now nigh loaden, It is therefore the
Unanimous Opinion of the Gentl. Present that it will be most
to his Ma^{ts} Service, and benefit of the merchants and Own^{rs}
&^{ca} That the s^d Ships be left to their own liberty to Sayle
more especially Considering they are but few & Ships of no
great Countenance and as to the Questions put about the
Reasons of their Stay, they all make answer that they can
blame none but themselves and doe believe that their Stay
has proceeded from Nothing but want of getting their Tob^o
on Board.

Ships left be-
hind Order'd
to be clear'd
as got ready

Ordered therefore that the s^d Ships so left be-
hind be permitted to Sayle as they get Ready and
that the Coll^{rs} and Nav^l Officers take Notice
thereof and Conform themselves accordingly.

Ordered that all the foregoing Proceedings be laid before
the Grand Inquest of this Province for their Opinion thereon
to be given, and that they make Report accordingly with all
Convenient Speed, the which came Returned Indorsed as
followes Viz^t