

that ffact Ordered therefore that Cap^t Hance make diligent Lib. H. D. inquiry into the matter and find out (if possible) the truth and certainty thereof; and that he make Report accordingly when he Comes down to the Assembly.

Signed ƚ Ord^r Hen: Denton Cl Concil.

At a Councill met & held &^{ca} the 17th day of May Anno: Domini 1697.

Present

His Ex^{ncy} ffancis Nicholson Esq Cap^t Gen^{ll} &^{ca}

S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^t Secy^r }
Coll: Henry Jowles }
Coll: Charles Hutchins }

Nicho Bayard
of Cæcill
Co: Pet &
Ord^r Nich^o Bayards Peticōn, praying to be Excused from bearing any Military Comānd, Setting forth his being Appointed by the ffild Officers of Cæcill County to be a Captain of one of the ffoot Comp^{as} there. The same was by Order Referred to Coll W^m Peirce and Maj^r John Thompson for their Consideracōn to do therein as they shall see Cause.

Cæcill Bright
of Kent Co:
pet & Ord^r A Peticōn of Cæcill Bright of Kent County praying Some Relief about her Thirds, being Read, was by Ord^r Referred to the Kings Lawyers for their Advice to be given to the Peticōn^r.

S^r Tho:
Laurence's
Motion & Ord^r
for putting
Sffes, Bonds
in Suit. Vpon motion of the hon^{ble} S^r Thomas Laurence p. 486 Baron^t Secy^r how that he shall have occasion to put Severall Sherriffs Bonds in Suit for non performance of the Duty of their Office in Collecting his ffees according to Law. Ordered that the Same be Assigned over accordingly to be put in Suit, such as the s^d S^r Thomas shall think fit.

Eliz: Inmans
Pet & Ord^r of
Reference A Peticōn of Eliz: Inman Adm^{rx} of M^r Cox late Minister of W^m and Mary Parish in St^t Maries County about the Arrears of the 40 p poll due to the s^d Estate; being Read was Referred.

Jno Wathens
pet & Ord^r of
Reference A Peticōn of John Wathen of Calvert County ab^t a Debt due to M^r Plater from Lewis Guest and Attacht in his hands, being Read, was by Ord^r Referred.

Ab: Lemasters
Pet & Ord^r
of Reference A Peticōn of Abraham Lemaster of Charles County about a Bull was by Ord^r Referred.