

Lib. X.

At the Port of Annapolis
Wednesday November 19th 1701

Then came Sir Thomas Lawrence, Baronett, before his Excellency the Governor & the honble Col^o John Hammond of his Majestys Council, & Produced his Majestys Letters Pattents of the 11th of July 1701 appointing the said S^r Thomas Lawrence to be his Maj^{stys} Secry of this Province

Whereupon his Excellency is pleased to observe that altho the swearing of such Officers has usually been before the Governor and Council yet that all due respect & regard might be had to his Majestys Commission to the said S^r Thomas Lawrence & that the said S^r Thomas might not be prejudiced in being incapable to act in his said Station for want of being sworn and subscribing the Test & Association ordered the oaths appointed by act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & supremacy & the oath of Secretary to be administred to the said S^r Thomas Lawrence which he took & likewise Subscribed the Test and Association

The said S^r Thomas Lawrence also gave his Bond in 1000^l sterling to his Majesty for the due Execution of his Office

His Excellency says he does not believe there is any occasion for S^r Thomas to be sworn anew & asks the Board if any of them have any thing further to Offer for his Majestys Service to which they say, not

Then did the Secretary acquaint his Excellency & the Council that he had at present brought no order to be admitted of his Majestys honble Council in Maryland but that he had made it his request to the Right Honble the Lords of the Council of trade that his attendance in the same might be excused for a time which Request they were pleased to grant unto him accordingly

Examined by me
Tho Lawrence Secretary
W Bladen Clk of the Council

At a Council held at the Town and Port of Annapolis the 8th day of May 1702 And in the 14th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord William the third of England &c^a

Present

His Excellency the Governor

the honble { Tho Tench Esq^r L^t Col^o W^m Holland }
 { Col^o John Hamm^d M^r James Sanders }

p. 281 His Excellency being desirous to take all possible care of Trade and the Shipping now in the Province upon this