Lib. X. Lord Will^m the third by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c^a Anoq Dni 1698

Present

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr Captain General &ca

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Collo Henry Iowles Chancel
Collo Iohn Addison
Collo Iohn Courts
Thomas Brook Esqr
Iames Frisby Esqr

Resolved and advised that whereas God be thanked we have certain Advice of his most sacred Majestys being in good health & that the Kingdom of England is in a flourishing estate & that it hath pleased Almighty God the late Violent Mortality is ceased here & many seditious & evil Reports tending to the disquiet of this province lately set on foot & spread abroad are Supressed & Vanished & that the waters commonly called cool springs in St Marys County are lately found to have done great Good & have Effected Considerable cures on divers persons so that the good people of this Province may reasonably hope for peace plenty & good days that tuesday next be set apart for a day of publick thanksgiving therefore at the Port of Annapolis and att all other places & Countys in this Province on tuesday the 22^d of Nov^r Ensuing

Upon reading the Petition of Thomas Lovett Mas^r of the Briganteen Susannah of Spanish Town pray^g that he may be permitted to have his Briganteene now under Seizure appraised & that he will give Security to stand Trial at the

next Provincial Court

This Petition is not thought fit to be Granted in respect that many frauds have been Committed here in Deceit of his

Majesty upon such Apraisments

Whereas no Sufficient person qualified to be Iudge of his Majestys Court of Admiralty on the eastern shore of this Province is represented to his Excellency to be so Commissionated

Ordered that the honble Thomas Tench Esq^r his Commission be enlarged to be judge of the Admiralty as well on the Eastern as Western Shoar of this Province

And that M^r W Bladens commission be also enlarged to be register of the said Court as well on the Western as Eastern Shore

His Excellency is pleased to order that a Commission be prepared constituting M^r W^m Dent his Maj^{stys} Advocate of the said Court