

the rate of Fifty Pounds p Ann out of the 50000^l Tobacco Lib. X. which his Excellency & this Board are impowered to raise for the Defraying the small Charge of the Prov^s

His Excellency acquainting the Board that Maj^r William Dent his Majestys Atty General of this Province who has used great Ingenuity Dilligence & Integrity in serving his Majesty and Discharging his Duty in that Station finding his health much impaired and living Very Remote from the Seat of Government had signified to him his inclination of leaving his practice & desire of being discharged from that Service & therefore desired this Board to represent whom they thought fittest to be appointed to Serve his Majesty in that Employment, who are pleased to say they do think William Bladen very fit for that Service

His Excellency asks the Board if they have any thing further to propose for his Majestys Service who say not at present.

Ordered that Geo Muschamp Esq^r his Majestys Receiver of Potomack & Pocomoke pay unto Major Will^m Dent nine pounds & four pence out of his Majestys duty of 3^d p hhd for Arms being what said Major Dent disbursed And paid for p. 285 cleansing and fixing the publick Arms in Charles County 1701
W^m Bladen, Cl Cons

At a Council held at Annapolis
June 26th 1702

Present

His Excellency the Governor

the honble	{	M ^r Tench,	Co ^o Addison	}	of her Maj ^{stys} Council
		M ^r Brook,	Co ^o Hammond		
		Co ^o Lloyd	L ^t Co ^o Holland		
		And M ^r Sanders			

His Excellency acquaints the Board that whereas he had obtained his Majestys leave to return to England for the Recovery of his health which he designed very speedily with the present shipping he is therefore desirous of settling the Government now the Council is met pursuant to his late Majestys Royal Commission & Instructions

And thereupon was produced & read his late Maj^{stys} Royal Commission to his Excellency the Governor under the Great Seal of England dated at Westminster the 19th of October 1698 And as to that particular Clause settling the Governm^t in case of his Excellencys death or absence upon the eldest Councillor as President, by his Excellencys iustructions the honble Thomas Tench, Esq^r being the first named is