

Lib. x. thought to be the eldest Counsellor and adjudged to preside in his Excellencys Absence.

Read his Majestys Royal Instruction to his Exc<sup>y</sup> the Governor upon his Death or Absence out of this Prov<sup>s</sup> allotting one Moiety of the Revenue accruing to the said Gov<sup>r</sup> to the L<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> or Commander in chief.

p. 286 Whereupon the Board humbly conceive that the eldest Counsellor is the person intended by those words Commd<sup>r</sup> in chief and advise that, after his Excellencys departure to wit, the last of June next, her Majestys Receivers should take the Bonds for support of Government, One half to the Governor his present Excellency Nathaniel Blakiston Esq<sup>r</sup> & the other half to the President, Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> his Honour giving his Bond to be answerable for the same in case her Majesty Shall Direct any part thereof to be otherwise applied which he says he is willing to do

Proposed and resolved that his late Majestys Royal Commission to his Excellency the Governor under the Great Seal of England settling the Gov<sup>t</sup> the Commission to his Excellency as Vice Admiral the Commission for trying of Pirates his Majestys Royal instructions to his Excellency by their Excellencys the Lords Justices the Lords Justices instructions about Trade the right hon<sup>ble</sup> the Commsrs of the Customs instructions the several Letters under the Royal Signet, and from the Secy of State the Right hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of trade and Foreign Plantations the hon<sup>ble</sup> the Commsrs of her Majestys Customs and Letters to his Excellency from the Lords of the Admiralty be sealed up and left in the Council Office to be delivered up to the hon<sup>ble</sup> President upon his Ex<sup>rs</sup> Departure the last of July next.

His Excellency Observes to the Board that when any Application is to be made to her Majesty by the Secy of State they must direct to the right Honourable the Earl of Manchester who has the care of the Southern Provinces

p. 287 His Excellency advises and Directs the President & Council that they be very Cautious in pursuing the Instructions of his late Majesty until further Orders from her present Majesty and that they always give Speedy Compliance and answers to the several letters and Directions they shall from time to time receive from the right hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Council, of trade & Foreign Plantations, & that they do not call the Assembly together unless upon an Emergent Occasion & thanks God that he leaves the Country the Church being so well Established and the people happy in the peace and Friendship they mutually enjoy one to the other to the Great Quiet & Prosperity of this her Majestys Government. W<sup>m</sup> Bladen Cl Concil