

Ordered that a Letter be wrote to his Excellency the Lib. X.
Governor of Virginia giving notice of the Ships being Staid
that his said Excellency may have the Opportunity of sending
by them his Letters for England

Mr Nicholas Spurns Petition for the remittance of a Fine
under ten pounds Sterling upon a Qui tam Brought by Ma-
thias Mockboy was read & Granted the said Action being
Spiteful & Vexatious

Friday November the 13th 1702

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The Council Sate present as yesterday

Came Mr Joseph Holt minister of William and Mary Parish
in St Marys County in obedience to a summons sent him to
attend this Board but forasmuch as there was no accusation
transmitted against him hither by the Justices of the said
County nor the vestry of the Parish tho directed so to do this
Board could not proceed further against him but acquaint
him that they are informed there was a Bastard Child laid to
him by a Woman that pretended to be his Kins-woman &
further that he associated with another Woman of ill Fame
to the Dishonour of the Church & his Profession besides the
advantage that will be taken by the Enemies thereto with the
dissatisfaction & trouble given his Parishioners by such ill
actions

To which he answered that it was out of Spleen and
Malice that, that impudent woman had charged him with
that Fact & that she had uttered many threatning speeches
against him & falsely accused him which he did not question
but in some time to make appear & promised that for the
future he would be more circumspect & avoid all just Occa-
sions of giving any Offence during his Stay in the Parish
Upon which the Board ordered him to return thither and
Execute his ministerical Function expecting the Parishioners
should cultivate all the good Offices of mutual Friendship
and that he should in three or four months transmit to this
Board a Remonstrance or Testimonial signed by the Vestry
& some others of the Chief of his Parishioners Confirming
what he proposes

Mr William Nichols his petition read praying for a speedy p. 304
Trial of the Ship Sherburn Edw^d Randolph Esq^r her Majestys
Surveyor General being present says he had no ways delayed
the said Trial for that he had twice taken his Passage hither
from Virginia & was once Drove on Ground & another Time
out of the Capes & had been forced to travel two hundred
miles before he got hither but now says he is desirous that