

by Act of Parliam^t appointed instead &c & Subscribed the Lib. C. B.
Test. The said W Bladen was also Sworne Clarke of the
Councill. After which his Ex^{ncy} was pleas'd to aske the
Councill if they had any thing further, at p^rsent, to offer for
her Ma^{ty}s Service. Who say not.

Maryland ss.

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Att a Councill held May 22^d 1704

Present His Excellency the Governour
The Hon^{ble} Thomas Tench Esq^r Robert Smith Esq^r
Coll John Hamond L^t Coll William Holland James
Sanders Esq^r William Coursey Esq^r

Came John Danzey Esq^r Collector of Potomeck and made
to his Lists of Shipping and Account of the one penny p
pound Ending the Tenth day of Aprill 1704.

George Muschamp Esq her Majestys Collecter of Puttux-
ent came and made Oath to his List of Shipping clearing
outwards from the 17th of June 1702 to the 16th of March
1703. Also to his account of the Threepence p hogshead
for Arms from the first day of Jan^{ry} 1698/9 to the fourth day
of August 1703.

And to his Account of the one Shilling p hogshead from
the third day of Ian^{ry} 1702 to the fourth day of August 1703.
Also of the three pence p Tonn for the Same time and like-
wise the Account Current of both the said Accounts.

S^r Thomas Laurence Barr^t her Majestys Secretary of this
Province having Aplyed himself to his Excellency acquainting
him that he had found his Office was of late much lessened
and Impaired as likewise his health and therefore was de-
sirous to have his Excellencys Leave to go for England It
was Debated whether it were fitting his Excellency should
give him such Leave or not, and thereupon it was ordered p. 6
the said S^r Thomas Laurences Commission should be laid
before the Board Whereupon S^r Thomas Laurence being sent
for Came and Produced his Patent Wherein Liberty is given
S^r Thomas to Exercise his Office by his Sufficient Deputy
during his Residence. S^r Thomas acquaints his Excellency
and the Board that his former Patent ran in the Same words
and that he had whilest he held this Office thereby with the
leave of this Government gone twice for England.

Whereupon his Excellency and the honourable Councill
being Satisfied that upon S^r Thomas's leaving a Sufficient
Deputy well Qualified to Execute his Office during his Ab-
sence her Majestys Service will not be prejudiced, they will
not Advise nor gainsay his now going for England, He being
Answerable therefore.