

they might be Admitted to Sayle with her Majestys Shipp Lib. C. B.  
Strumbulo, Notwithstanding the former Resolution taken by  
this Government, and the rather, for that they are Informed  
that the Severall Shippes now ready to Sayle in Virginia will be  
Suffered to go with that convoy.

It is Advised and Resolved that if the said Masters will  
send an Intelligible person to Virginia to bring an Authentick  
Copy of the Resolutions there taken by the Governour and  
Councill, as to the Sayling of the Shipping there, And that  
they are permitted to Sayle with the Strumbulo they being  
farr more in number than those in this Province, This Board  
will Concurr therewith & do Order the Shippes in this Prov-  
ince to be Imediatly Cleared to Sayle with the Said Convoy.

And Ordered that in the mean time the Severall Masters of  
Shippes now in this Province make their Reports forthwith of  
their Ladings to the Severall Navall Officers and Collectors  
who are hereby Required Speedily to prepare and gett ready p. 10  
their Severall Clearances; but not to deliver them to them  
untill they have an Account that the present Shipping in Vir-  
ginia will be Suffered to Sayle with her Majestys Ship Strum-  
bulo.

Att a Councill held at the Towne and Port of Annapolis p. 11  
August 23<sup>d</sup> 1704.

Present His Excellency John Seymour Esq<sup>r</sup> her  
Majestys Governour in Chiefe

The hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Tench Esq Coll John Addison Robert  
Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> Coll John Hamond Coll Edward Lloyd L<sup>t</sup> Coll  
William Holland James Sanders Esq<sup>r</sup> and William Coursey  
Esq<sup>r</sup> of her Majestys hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill.

Present also L<sup>t</sup> Coll William Dent her Majestys Att<sup>ny</sup>  
Generall.

Came Coll John Addison of her Majestys hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill  
Who tooke the Oaths of Allegiance and the Oath of Abjura-  
tion Likewise Came M<sup>r</sup> Henry Hall and M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Holt  
Clergymen who tooke the said Oaths having heretofore scrup-  
pled to take them. His Excellency Tells the Councill that he  
Hopes they are not uneaseye, that he has called them together  
at this time to advise with them before the Sitting downe of  
the Approaching Assembly And Acquainted the Board with a  
Lre to him from an Eminent Merchant intimating Some En-  
deavours sett on foot to bring this Province w<sup>th</sup> others on the  
Contin<sup>t</sup>: under the Governm<sup>t</sup> of New Yorke And desired  
they would consider thereof and give their Sentiments thereon.