

to fail at their pills Given at the City of Annapolis under C. P.
the broad Seale of the Province this 11th day of January in
the Second year of his Lordships Dominion &c. Annoq Dni
1716

God Save the King.

His Excellency Informs this board that Severall Masters
of Ships Complain that the fees charged them by the Deputy
Collector of the Port of Annapolis for Clearing their Vessells
were unreasonable

Thereupon Ordered that some of the Masters who are
now in town be sent for to inform this board what fees they
have usually paid on the Clearing their Ships

Which being accordingly done appears Cap^t George West-
girth who being asked what he generally paid on Clearing
his Ship to the Collector for the Port of Annapolis, Answers,
that for Examining fifteen Cocquets & other fees the last
year he paid three pounds Curr^t mony

Also Cap^t Hugh Arbuthnott appears & is asked what he
usually paid on Clearing his Vessell, Answers, he always
paid Twenty pence p Cocquett to the Collector

Also Cap^t Daniel Mand Appears & is asked what he usual-
ly paid, Answers he always paid Twenty pence p Cocquett
to the Collector, but the last year he being demanded by M^r
Evan Jones deputy Collector to pay his Account of fees of
five pounds Curr^t mony, which he denyed, finding fault
wth the Extravigant Charges therein, the said Jones ac-
cepted of three pounds ten shillings Curr^t mony in full for
that Voyage.

M^r Evan Jones Deputy Collector for the Port of Annapolis
being Called before this board to Answer the premises is
asked by his Excell^{cy} by what law or rule he Charges and
Exacts his Severall fees Especially that of Twenty pence p
Cocquett, Answers he Charges them by Custome being what
have been usually Charged by former Collect^{rs}

Resolved by this board that the fee of Twenty pence p
Cocquett is unreasonable

And for that the said Evan Jones (on Examination) has not
a Table of his fees hanging up in his Office as the law Directs,
His Excellency is pleased to say he will write to the Comis-
sioners of his Majestys Customes at home Concerning it.

Resolved and Ordered a Proclamation Issue to Prorogue
the Generall Assembly of this Province untill the first day of
May next at which time they are required to Convene them-
selves at the City of Annapolis, as follows,