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The honble his Majestys Council Sate

Present

His Exc^y the Captain General &c^a

the honble	{	Coll ^o Hen Iowles Chancellor	}	of his Maj ^{ty} s Council
		Thomas Tench Esq ^r		
		Coll ^o John Addison		
		Coll ^o John Courts		

His Excellency acquaints the Gentlemen of the Council that he now called them together in order to deliver up the Charge of the Government to his Excellency Coll^o Nath Blakiston whom his Majesty has been Graciously pleased to appoint Gov^r & Commander in chief of this Province & that he is sorry that the Season of the year will not admit of any Solemnity wherewithal to honour the publishing of the said Commission

Produced & read the honble John Povey Esq^r his Letter of the 27th of October last relating to Navigation Bonds Whereupon ordered as heretofore ordered that his Maj^{ty}s Atty General take care to keep the Iudgments upon such Navigation Bonds in force that his Majesty may receive no prejudice for want thereof

Upon reading the other part of the said Letter wherein it is said that George Muschamp Esq^r has not taken care to send home the publick acco^t of the Country Revenue the said Esq^r Muschamp is sent for & being asked says he has received no particular Orders therefore but has transmitted the said acco^t until March last & will now transmit the rest as fast as he can get them from the Secrys Office

George Plater & George Muschamp Esq^{ts} make oath to their Several Acco^{ts} lists of Shipping &c^a Ordered that what Collectors & Naval Officers has not made oath to their Acco^{ts} & Lists of Shipping that they make oath to the same before the next adjacent Counsellor

Came his Excellency Nath Blakiston Esq^r & produced his Majestys Royal Commission under the Great Seal of England bearing date at Westminster the nineteenth day of October in the tenth year of his Majestys reign Constituting & appointing his said Excellency Coll^o Blakiston to be his Majestys Captain General & Commander in chief in & over this his Province of Maryland

Whereupon Several Commissions & Letters &c^a being produced read the Commission appointing several Persons to Administer the oath appointed by the Act of Parliament of the 7th & 8th years of his present Maj^{ty}s Reign intituled