

Lib. X. an act for preventing frauds & regulating Abuses in the Plantation trade to his Excellency Coll^o Nicholson which he delivers to his Excellency Coll^o Blakiston & withal tells him that he thought it for his Majestys Service that the several Officers of the Customs in this Province should take the same oath which he had caused to be administred to them & delivers the Commission to Coll^o Blakiston

Then read his Majestys Commission under the Seal of the Admiralty empowering his Excellency the Governor of this Province to constitute & Commissionate a Iudge Advocate & Register in the Provinces of Maryland Pennsylvania & West Iersey which the Clark of the Council is ordered to keep his Excellency say that he has appointed Iudge the honble
 p. 197 Tho Tench Esq^r One of his Majestys Council Iudge in this Province who he has always found faithful & Loyal to his Maj^{sty} & had more then ordinary Trouble in attending upon Councils at this place

And he has appointed the honble Robert Quary to be Iudge of the Court of Admiralty in Pennsylvania & West Jersey

His Excellency delivers the great Seal of the Prov^s to his Excellency Coll^o Blakiston & acquaints him that he did appoint Col^o Iowles to keep it whereto his Excellency Col^o Blakiston says a very good hand

Then his Excellency proceeds to give a Character of the Gentlemen of his Majestys honble Council whom he says he has always found very Loyal & Faithful to his Majesty & ready in their duty

Acquaints his Excellency that upon his Accession to this Gov^t he had found the Country in some distraction & in debt which difficulties by the assistance of the Gentlemen of the council he had waded through as also Some other Difficulties as suspending Attorneys and denying the oath of Secresy to the clerk of the house of Delegates

Recommends to his Excellency Coll^o Blakiston all those Persons whom he leaves in Commission & Particularly Major William Dent & William Bladen whom he had always found very Loyal to his Majesty and ready in their duty

Acquaints his Excellency of the late Comotions & Disturbances in this Province set on Foot by Clark Sly Cood &
 p. 198 Mason then a Letter being read from his Excellency Coll^o Blakiston dated at London to Coll^o Nicholson

His Excellency Col Nicholson is pleased to say that he shall in Honour to his Majesty afford the Correspondence desired & in respect of Coll^o Blakistons person the friendship therein so kindly wished which his Excellency Coll^o Blakiston says he will always endeavour to maintain as well for his Majestys Service as for Colonel Nicholsons merit