

Lib. H. D. performe and Execute all and Singular the Lawfull powers and Authoritys and other things whatsoever incident to the Office of Navall Officer and to take and receive to your own proper use and benefitt all such Lawfull ffees, perquisites and Advantages as to the Said Office do in any wise Apperteine To have and to hold the Same Dureing pleasure Given att the Town & Porte of Annapolis under my hand and Seale this Twenty Second Day of March in the 11<sup>th</sup> year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the third of England &c Anoq Dni 1698/9

N: Blakiston

Lib. X.

At a Council held at Annapolis  
May the 10<sup>th</sup> 1699

Present

His Exc<sup>y</sup> the Governor

the honble { Coll<sup>o</sup> Hen Iowles  
Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Robert Smith Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Major Iohn Hammond }

p. 215 The honble Robert Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> being made acquainted that he was appointed one of his Majestys honble Council of this Province took the oaths appointed by Act of Parliament & the oath of Councillor & Subscribed the Test & Association His Excellency tells the Board that upon his perusal of the Journals of the late Councils & Assemblys he has Observed the great charge that has been occasioned by the Piscattoway & Accocick Indians lately in Articles of Peace with this Province & now fled into Virginia acquaints them that when his Excellency Coll<sup>o</sup> Nicholson his Majestys Lieu<sup>t</sup> & Gov<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> of Virginia of the Colony was here in Maryland he did then in favour of this Province propose that one of the Gentlemen of this Board & Major William Dent should be sent to him in Virginia upon the meeting of the Assembly there in order to adjust that affair but forasmuch as the said Major Dent was his Majestys Atty General & concerned in many actions as well for his Majesty as others in the Provincial Court here which would happen at the same time his Excellency thought to have adjourned the Provincial Court but afterwards meeting several of the Council whose houses he had been at in his late progress they were of the Contrary opinion for that they did not think the ordinarys in this Town would be capable to supply & entertain both the Assembly & Provincial Court at one & the same time & that his Excellency considering