

lib. X. olson his Majestys Governor of Virginia he met with M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Chew, Richard Johns Samuel Galloway & Nehemiah Burkitt who gave him a certain order under Seal of his Majesty in Council which is as Followeth

At the Court at Kensington  
the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1699

Present

The Kings most Excellent Majesty in Council

p. 228 Whereas by Powers granted under the great Seal of England to Coll<sup>o</sup> Francis Nicholson Cap<sup>t</sup> General & Governor in chief of his Majestys Prov<sup>s</sup> of Maryland in America dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Feb<sup>r</sup> in the fifth year of his Majestys Reign as also to Col<sup>o</sup> Nath Blakiston Captain General & Gov<sup>r</sup> in chief of the said Province dated the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October in the tenth Year of his Majestys Reign the Governor Council & Assembly of that Province have been impowered to constitute & Ordain Laws which are to be in force until his Maj<sup>stys</sup> Pleasure be signified to the contrary & forasmuch as in pursuance of the said Powers two Laws have past in the General Assembly of the said Province in the year 1696 & 1699 the first intituled an act for the establishment of the Protestant Religion within this Province wherein is a clause declaring all the Laws of England to be in force in Maryland which Clause is of another Nature then what is set forth by the Title of the said Law the other Law being an act ascertaining the Laws of this Province which Laws having been perused by the Lords Commsrs of trade & Plantations & thereupon presented at this Board for his Majestys Determination concerning the said Laws

His Majesty in Council is pleased to signify his Disapprobation & disallowance of the said Laws & according to his Majestys pleasure the said Laws are hereby repealed & declared void & of none effect

Jn<sup>o</sup> Povey

Which being read & considered & divers Arguments & debates had thereupon his Excellency is pleased to ask the Gentlemen of the Council whether they do not think it p. 229 Adviseable that he should immediately Issue a Proclamation signifying the Repeal of the said Laws to which they severally agree Answer & Advise his Excellency to defer the issuing of such Proclamation for the following reasons viz<sup>t</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> In regard there is not a full Council at this time there being only three present at the Board & the others Living so