

Original Journal. M^r Hill Bad them be sure to make hast to gett the things on board for he should Long to hear they were gone.

Tho^s Brereton

April 8th 1707
Sworne to before his Ex^{cny} the } W Bladen Cl Concil.
Governour & Council

Munday April 7th 1707

John Spry brought before the Board Declared that about the first of March last he was at M^r Sam^l Smithson Potomeck Point where he came in Company with one M^r Garrett who Discoursed him about Comeing to South River to fetch said Garretts Wife the Declarant told him he would if he could gett a Sloop

Clarke had in his Company Thomas Wintersell and a Schoolmaster & two Negroes. After that the Declarant went over the bay Brereton was at Sam^l Smiths when the Discourse was and understands that he went downe to Elizabeth Towne in Virginia with Clarke

p. 60 Some time after the Declarants Return over the Bay the s^d Garrett (who the Declarant now verily believes to be Richard Clarke of this Province) came to Potomeck Point with a Sloop Brereton with him and two other men who came Passengers and went over to Somerset County and then the said Garrett agreed with the Declarant to goe Skipper of the Shallop to South River to fetch his wife gave him three Letters one Directed to M^r Joseph Hill one other to Elizabeth Garrett and the other to Wintersells wife the Declarant came into South River the 29th of March sent Thomas Brereton with a Letter to M^r Hill to whom Garrett Directed him for Advice and to take his Directions in all things

On Sunday morning said Hill and Brereton Came on Board the Shallop where the Declarant either gave the other two Letters to the said M^r Hill or Else Brereton Carryed them to him and Hill and Brereton on horse back went to M^r Clarks or as Brereton told him went to Cap^t Welchs sent for M^{rs} Clarke and she came to them Brereton saw her & discoursed her and said she was a Brisk talking woman

On Sunday night Thomas Brereton came on Board and told him he must goe to M^r Hills whether he went on Monday Morning March 31st would have had Brereton gone to Enter the Sloop but Brereton told M^r Hill said he must come himself to the Collector the Declarant went with M^r Hill to M^r Evan Jones's who gave him the Permitt Produced lent the Declarant money to pay for it 2^s 6^d then M^r Hill Bad him goe