Lib. J. R. At a Council held at the City of Annapolis, on Wednesday & U. S. the 28. Day of April in the 6th year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Dom: 1756:

Present

His Excellency having laid before this Board an Account of £21:6:6: paid by him for the Carriage of Arms and Ammunition to Frederick Town,

Ordered that the honorable Col: Edward Lloyd as Treasurer of the Eastern Shore draw an Order on M^r Hunt Merchant in London payable to his Excellency the Gov^r or his Order for 21:6:6: sterling, being so much paid by him for the Carriage of Arms, and Ammunition at several times to Frederick Town, out of the Duty of 3^d p: Hhd for Arms lodged in his Hands by the said Col. Lloyd.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Wednesday the 5th Day of May in the sixth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Dom: 1756.

Present

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His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Instructions, from the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary which are ordered to be entred.

As I have heard it has been said in England by a Master of a Vessel who imported some Convicts into this Province that he paid here a Sum of Money p poll on such Convicts, which affords Room to apprehend that the said Master imported and sold such Persons to the Inhabitants of this Province as Servants for a Term of Years (such Things having been frequently done) and that by so doing he might have subjected himself to the Payment of certain Duties, imposed by an Act of Assembly passed in July 1754 intituled An Act for his Majesty's Service but that all Occasion of such Complaints might be removed and prevented, as much as possible, I have tho^t fit and do hereby require you to conduct