

your Record faire I doubt not but you will doe me the Justice to Lett the Country knowe it and my self Alsoe by a Line or two directed to. Gentlemen your humble Servant.

Thomas Laurence.

March the 23d 1696/7.

May it Please you Honor.

In Obedience to a Letter of your Honors of the 13th December past Directed to us the Subscribers Justices for Prince Georges Requesting us to Cause the Records of this County to bee Inspected whether they be perfect or not.

Wee doe humbly Represent to your honor that Mr. William Cooper our Late Clerke being greivously Afflicted by a Long and tedious Sickness was Rendered uncapable of perfecting the Records in his Lifetime and alsoe that Since his Decease Joshua Cecell our present Clerke hath alsoe been Afflicted with Sickness where by he hath not had time fully to perfect the Said Records but upon the Receipt of your honors [147] Letter wee have made an order that by June Court the Said Cecell doe fully Compleate and perfect the Said Records which wee humbly Conceive and hope will be don[e] this with due Respects to your Honors is what Offers Att present from your Honors most humble and Obedient Servant.

Thomas Hollyday, William Barton, John Wighte, Robert Bradly, Robert Tylor.

The before mentioned two Letters by the Court was ordered to be Recorded.

To his Excellency Francis Nichollson Esq. his Majesties Captain Generall and Governour in Cheife in and over the province of Maryland and teritories thereunto belonging and Vice Admirall of the Same etc.

The humble Address of the Commisioners of Prince Georges County and other persons Conserved in trade etc. May it please you Excellency:

Sir: Since your Soe Fervent Zeale to his Majesties Servis and Intrest of his Kingdom of England in the Carrying one and promoteing the trade of this province Doe depend thereon hath been Soe highly manifested by your most indefatijable Care and Study for the Advancement of the trade thereof more Evidently Appeared to us by a Late transcript of Some of the Minitts of your Excellency and his Majesties honorable Councill transmitted to this County Court Wee Conceive that without the highest of Ingratitude Wee Cannot omitt but to Render your Excellency our most hearty and Obligatory thanks for Such your Care Laborate dilligence and greate Affection testified therein and humbly presume to Acquaint You how highly thereby wee are Oblidged to your Excellency therefore Assureing your Excellency that for Such Appareant benefitt thereby Accrueing to us Wee Shall be allwayes Ready to testifie how much wee are by Soe high an Obligation Your Excellency most Dutifull Affectionate and Obedient humble Servants.

Comisioners. Thomas Hollyday, William Barton, John Wighte, Robert Bradly, Robert Tylor. Traders. William Stone, William Bladen, John Meriton, Josias Towgood, Joshua Cecell.

The before written Address by order of Court was ordered to be Recorded.

Command is given to the Sheriffe of Prince Georges County that he Cause to Come here the grand Inquest by him Summoned and that he Returne a pannell