

Phillip Gittings made oath to an Account against Mr. Thomas Taney.

Thomas Webster petitions this Court to be Leavy free and for a maintainance but the Court Refers the Same untill the Court for the Laying of the next Leavie but by Reason the Said Webster is a poore man the Court orders Charles Tracy: to Credit him to the Vallew of thirty pounds of tobaccoe to maintaine him this night and that the Said Tracey Shall be paid in the next Leavye.

Ordered that the Sheriffe Sumons David Small to be here to morrow morning to Answer unto Such things and Questions as Shall be Demanded of him.

Gilbert Marsh Desiers his marke may be Recorded (Viz.) a Cropp on the Right and a Slitt on the Left Eare.

Ditto desiers his Sonns marke may be Recorded (Viz.) a Slitt on the Right and a Cropp on the Left Eare.

Then was the Lawes and these following Orders Council Read.

[193] Maryland Ss.

By the house of Delegates June the 11th 1697.

Voted and Resolved that the Kings Armes and Country Armes distributed According to order of his Excellency the Governor and Council be kept well fixed and in good Repair at the County Charges as alsoe the Carrying and Removeing of them to those places where they are lodged.

That the Officer with whome the Armes powder or Ammunition is or Shall be Lodged by order of his Excellency doe give two Receipts for the Same one to his Excellency the Governor another to be kept among the Council Records which Armes Ammunition etc. not to be disposed off Except powder per order as Shall be hereafter ordered by the Officers where Lodged unles by order of his Excellency or of the field Officers in Case of Invation or Insurrection (which God prevent) upon forfeiture of treble the worth of the Said Armes and Ammunition to be disposed off for purchaseing more.

That upon dismisall Death or Removall of any Officer with whome Armes and Ammunition are Lodged the next Field Officer with one Capt. do imediately goe and take an Account of the Said Armes and Ammunition and Secure them until they Recive Some further order thereabout from his Excellency or the Commander in Chief to whome they are with Convenient Speed to Send.

That if it Appeare that the Armes and Ammunition have been imbezeled by any Office[r]s with whome they Shall be or heretofore have been Lodged or by the heires Executors or Administrator of any Such Officer that the vallew thereof Shall be first Sattisfied out of the Said Deceased Officers Estate.

That Considering the powder of this province is generally decayed and of Little Vallue it may be Lawfull for each Respective Officer with whome it is Lodged to Sell or dispose of one halfe of the Same provided within Six months they provide the Same quantity of good new powder in its place or Answer for the Same twelve pence Sterling a pound to his Excellency and that if any Such Officer haveing disposed of halfe the old powder as aforesaid Shall have put the Same quantity of new powder in its place he may then dispose of the other halfe of the old powder on like termes and Conditions.

And that in case the Said powder cannot be changed or disposed of as aforesaid