

August Court 1715.

The following Letter was by the Sheriff of this County delivered to the Court viz By his Excellency of Gov. & Council in Assembly May 3. 1715

His Excellency being pleased to communicate to the Board one of her late Majestys Royal Instructions to him, and which he is enjoyned by his most Sacred Maj. to observe. Relating to Schoole Masters [to wit] - prohibiting any Person to teach Schoole unless Qualified by taking the Oaths of Allegiance to his Majesty & And obtaining his Excellencys Licence for keeping Such Schooles. It was therupon Advised and Resolved y^e Directions be sent to the Sev. County Courts in this Province And the Justices of the Said County Courts are hereby Ordered to inquire and Returne to his Excellency the Govorn. w. all Concoment Speed an account of all Schooles & Schoole Masters in their Respective Counties together wth their Judgment or Opinion of the Capacity of Such Masters and also to give Notice in full County Court that all Persons keeping or intending to keep any Schoole in this Province be and are obliged to take the Oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Oath appointed by the Act of Parliament made in the Sixth year of the Reigne of her late Ma. for Security of her Majestys Person and Government. & of y^e Suspension to y^e Crown in the Protestant Line and Subscribe y^e Said Oaths & Declaration commonly called the Test on Empty - and wherew. Upon producing a Certificate from the Justices of their good Capacity they may apply to his Excellency and obtain his Licence for teaching their respective Schooles Signed y^e order W. Staden & Council

Which being read and heard It is ordered by this Court here that notice be given by setting up notes at the Church doore in each parish in Said County that those persons that do or hath a mind to teach Schoole to appeare at November Court next in ord^r to have Certificates as above directed