

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1694

Council again sat & were present as yesterday -  
Except Edw Greenberg. with the addition of  
M<sup>r</sup>. Addison & M<sup>r</sup>. Brookes -

Proclamation prepared  
for adjournment of  
Court -

Ordered that Proclamation be prepared for adjourning the  
Provincials Court until 2 Tuesday in August, by Reason the  
fleet is now come in and have but a short time to stay - which  
Accordingly was prepared, Read & signed by his Ex<sup>ty</sup> & passed  
the Great Seal of the Province -

Ord<sup>r</sup> for Copy of  
Commission of their  
M<sup>ty</sup> Customs -  
in London for & small  
part of this Province relating  
to giving Navigation Bonds

Produced by his Ex<sup>ty</sup> at the Board Letter from the R<sup>ty</sup> from the  
Commissioners of their M<sup>ty</sup> Customs, Dated 17<sup>th</sup> November 1694 -  
relating to the Collectors of Virginia & Maryland compelling M<sup>rs</sup>.  
of Ships that had given Navigation Bonds in England, to give  
Bonds a new here, which being read his Ex<sup>ty</sup> in Council was  
pleased to Order as it is hereby Ordered that Copies of the said  
Letter be drawn forth & sent to the severall Collectors within  
this Province, and that they severally give Answer thereto.  
The Letter follows in these Words Viz<sup>t</sup>.

the R<sup>ty</sup> Com<sup>r</sup> of Commission of  
their M<sup>ty</sup> Customs relating  
to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> relating to  
Navigation Bonds

It having been represented to us by way of complaint from severall  
Merchants of this City Trading to Maryland & Virg<sup>a</sup>. that notwithstanding  
the Masters of their Ships doe before their Departure out of England give  
Bonds at the Respective Port to returne with their Loading in pursuance  
of the Law to some Port of England Wales or Berwick & produce  
Certificate thereof to the Collectors in Maryland & Virg<sup>a</sup>: yett the said  
Coll<sup>rs</sup> do Compell them there to give Bonds againe with the same  
Condition thereby creating an unnecessary trouble & Charge, Wee  
desire you to Examine into this Matter in Maryland & give  
Order that in all Cases where the Master or Comander of a Ship  
doth produce a Certificate duly vouched under the hands of four  
or more of us or the Com<sup>r</sup> of the Customs of England for the time  
being of the having given Bond as aforesaid in the port from whence he boarded  
Master or Comander may be suffered to take in his Loading w<sup>o</sup>ut being  
compelled to give any other the like Bond in Maryland. We are

Custom House London 17<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1694

Your very humble Servant

Rob<sup>t</sup> Cleyton  
Ward  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Southwell  
C. Godolphin