

You are pursuant to his Ma<sup>t</sup> Royal Instructions to me bearing date  
at Whitehall the eighth day of March 1694 - Vizt And whereas  
by an Act past in the Assembly in Maryland the 30<sup>th</sup> day of  
April 1673 an Impost of Two shillings per hogshead is laid upon  
all Tob<sup>t</sup> exported out of our said Province, one moiety of which  
Impost is by the said Act appropriated for the use & support  
of the Government. Our Will & Pleasure is that towards the  
Maintenance of the Government of our said Province you take to  
your owne use three fourth parts of the said Moiety of the Impost  
of Two shillings per hogshead appropriated as aforesaid by  
the said Act, And you are to take special care that according  
to the intention of the said Act, the remaining shillings part of the  
Moiety of the said Impost be duly applied towards the maintaining  
a constant Magazine with Arms & Ammunition for the Defence  
of our said Province) And by an Order of Council this day, to pay  
unto me the sume of Six hundred & eighty two p<sup>t</sup> f<sup>t</sup> for shillings  
two pence farthing sterl<sup>t</sup> for which this shall be your sufficient Warrant Given  
under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May in the 7<sup>th</sup> year of his Ma<sup>t</sup>  
Reign & Annoq<sup>t</sup> Domini 1695.

To George Peter Esq<sup>r</sup> late  
Navall Officer of Petuxent  
& Potomock Districts There

The same upon Mr Philip Clarke, Navall Officer of Potomock  
District for the sume of Eighty four pounds eighteen shillings & three  
sterl<sup>t</sup>

The same upon Maj<sup>r</sup> Robert King, Navall Officer of Potomock  
District for the sume of Thirty seven pounds, four shillings & Edward pence  
half pence ff<sup>t</sup>

May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1695. ~~Ames~~

Council again sat & were present  
His Ex<sup>r</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Capt<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>r</sup>  
Col<sup>r</sup> Henry Towley Col<sup>r</sup> Charles Hutchins  
Col<sup>r</sup> Nich<sup>r</sup> Greenberry Col<sup>r</sup> David Brown  
Thomas Gouch Esq<sup>r</sup>

Came Col<sup>r</sup> John God & made oath before his Ex<sup>r</sup> in Council to  
soverall Acco<sup>t</sup>s to which he had signed, relating to the 1<sup>st</sup> of July by him  
Collected within the District of Potomock, that the same were just & true  
Acco<sup>t</sup>s and that he knew not off or had any other Acco<sup>t</sup> to render; the  
Acco<sup>t</sup> depending betwixt him and the Governour being thairby  
delivered and sworne to. —