

March the 28th 1698
The Council. iiii
Present

His Excellency Sir Nicholson Ing' First Gent

The honble	Mr Thomas Lawrence Bart: Esq'	}	Mr Thomas Lawrence Bart: Esq'
	Coll: Henry Fowler Chancellor		
	Coll: George Hobotham		
	Thomas French Esq'		
	Coll: Charles Huchins		
	James Shirley Esq'		

David Kennedy Esq' Collector of Pocomoke Dist
did come & made Cash to four Lists of Shipping
March the 30th 1698

The Council againe sat & were present as Yesterday

It being presented to his Excellency & this Board by
David Kennedy Esq' his Majestys Collector of the Dis-
trict of Pocomoke that his Majestys Service is much
disgraced for want of a warrant of Assistance to En-
power him to profess men & Houses for that whilst he is
a going to a Justice of the Peace perhaps Seven or Twelve
Miles from the place where he has Occasion for assistance
the Thieves may take Liberty to run what Goods they
please in the interim therefore proposes that it may be
settled what each man & House so professed shall be allow-
ed of Pun

That he finds great Difficulty in searching of Ships
& inspecting of Goods Imported on Board the said Ships
so short a Month. Insipable to do his Duty through
yin his duty by reason of the narrowness & Darknes