

Given them sufficient power to put their Commissions
in Execution what power may be proper to be given them
by this Government

Upon Motion of the humble Tho: Tench Esq that
he is served with a Writ facias at the Suit of his Majesty
& desires he may be Excused from attending until the 15
Instant the same is granted & allowed of

Advised by this Board that when the Arms come in
& are ordered to be disposed of his Excellency would be
pleased to join the Military Commissions & Instruct

M^r William Bladen Surveyor and Deputy Collec-
tor of the Port of Annapolis within the District of Pen-
sylvani & Henry Denton Naval Officer of the new Port
took the late Oath of Trade & Navigation administered
by his Excellency at this Board

A Council held at the Port of Annapolis the 5 day of April 1698

Present

- His Excellency the Governor
- S^r Thomas Lawrence Bar^t Secretary
- Coll^o Henry Towles Chancellor
- Coll^o Geo Robotham
- Thomas Tench Esq^r
- Colonel Cha. Murchins

the humble

His Excellency is pleased to Acquaint the Board that
the reason of his sending for them at this time was upon
the Occ^o of an Information giving him that the Speaker
of the house of Delegates had received from the Clerk a
Copy of the Journal of the house without the knowledge