

The Honble Robert Smith Esq being made acquainted that he was appointed one of his Majesty's Honble Council of this Province took the oaths appointed by Act of Parliament & the oath of Jurment & subscribed the Test & Association

His Excellency tells the Board that upon his perusal of the Journals of the late Councils & Assembly he has observed the great charge that has been occasioned by the Piquettary & Abenacke Indians lately in Articles of Trade with this Province & now flat into Virginia acquaints them that when his Excellency Col^d Nicholson his Majesty's Secy & Gov^r Gen^l of Virginia of the Colony was here in Maryland he did then in favour of this Province propose that one of the Gentlemen of this Board & Major William Dent should be sent to him in Virginia upon the meeting of the Assembly there in order to adjust that affair but forasmuch as the said Major Dent was his Majesty's Utty General & arrived in Maryland as well for his Majesty as others in the Provincial Court here which should happen at the same time his Excellency thought to have adjourned the Provincial Court but afterwards meeting several of the Council whose houses he had been at in his late progress they were of the contrary opinion for that they did not think the ordinarys in this Town would be capable to supply & entertain both the Assembly & Provincial Court at one of the same time & that his Excellency considering that he was but newly arrived he did not know what construction the people might put upon such adjournment & that for those reasons he had wrote to the Governor of Virginia that Major Dent could not then wait upon his Excellency