

his Majesty's advice from Cape under the command
of Captain Nathaniel Boscawen is in this Province is
thought advisable that he bring the vessel into the
Coles where she may be ready upon all Occasions if
the weather will permit

Came Sr Thomas Lawrence Bar^{ty} & produced
his Majesty's Letters patents to him for the Secrys
Office in this Province upon which occasion these
Following Minutes which had been taken before his
Excellency & the honorable Col^o John Hammond were
read & well approved of

At the Port of Annapolis

Wednesday November 19 1701

Then came Sr Thomas Lawrence & Barrett before
his Excellency the Governor & the honorable Col^o John
Hammond of his Majesty's Council & produced his
Majestys Letters patents of the 11th of July 1701 up^{on}
presenting the said Sr Thomas Lawrence to be his Maj^{estys}
Secry of this Province

Whereupon his Excellency is pleased to observe
that altho the swearing of such Officers has usually
been before the Governor and Council yet that all due
respect & regard might be had to his Majesty's Com^{mand}
mission to the said Sr Thomas Lawrence & that the
said Sr Thomas might not be prejudiced in being
incapable to act in his said Station for want of being
sworn and subscribing the Test & Association ordered
the oaths appointed by act of Parliament instead of the
Oaths of Allegiance & supremacy & the oath of Secretary
to be administered to the said Sr Thomas Lawrence