

And paid for cleaning and fixing the publick Arms
in Charles County 1701

W^m Bladen Esq

At a Council held at Annapolis
June 20th 1702

Present

His Excellency the Governor

the honorable } W^m Smith, Col Addison
} W^m Brooks, Col Hammond } May^r Council
} Col Doyl, Lt Col Holland
} And W^m Sanders of Tur

His Excellency acquaints the Board that whereas he
had obtained his Majesty's leave to return to England for
the Recovery of his health which he designed very speedily
with the present shipping he is therefore desirous of setting
the Government now the Council to meet pursuant to his late
Majesty's Royal Commission & Instructions

And thereupon was produced & read his late May^r
Royal Commission to his Excellency the Governor under the
Great Seal of England dated at Westminster the 19th of October
1698 And as to that particular Clause setting the Governm^t
in case of his Excellency's death or absence upon the eldest
Counsellor as President by his Excellency's instructions
the honorable Thomas Tench Esq^r being the first named is
thought to be the eldest Counsellor and adjudged to preside
in his Excellency's Absence

Read his Majesty's Royal Instruction to his Exc^l
the Governor upon his Death or Absence out of this Prov^{ts}
allotting one Moiety of the Revenue accruing to the said
Gov^r to the Lt Gov^r or Commander in chief