

A Court held at the town & Port  
of Annapolis in the said county on Thursday  
July the 30<sup>th</sup> in the first year of his Majesty's  
Reign &c. Annoq. 1709

Present

The honorable Thomas Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> President  
of his Majesty's Council

The honorable }  
The Barthe Esq<sup>r</sup> }  
Col<sup>o</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hammond }  
Col<sup>o</sup> Edward Boyd }  
Lieut Col<sup>o</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Holland }  
& }  
James Sanders Esq<sup>r</sup> }

It is Rememb<sup>d</sup> the President acquaints the Board that  
his Excellency now at Annapolis upon his departure advised  
him to call the Council before the last of this month and  
that his said Excellency had acquainted him that Mr  
John Calvert to whom he had sent the Sheriff's Commission  
for said County had returned it refusing to accept thereof  
wherefore in regard that that County Court was very near  
at hand on the second Tuesday in the next month & no  
Person qualified to act as Sheriff be proposed whether  
it might be proper now having applied for that  
Office to send a Blank Commission to James Friday  
Esq<sup>r</sup> or to such person as he shall think fitting for  
that Office

And Ordered that such Commission be sent to  
the said James Friday Esq<sup>r</sup> to be disposed of accordingly

Also Ordered that Commission of the peace issue  
for said County appointing Mr William Harris Hans  
Harrison Matthew Smith Chapman & Edward Blay of  
the Quorum Ebenezer Blakiston John Swepe John Styr  
son Joseph Hopkins John Wall & Samuel Boyd  
Justices of the peace & Ordered that the honorable Tho<sup>s</sup> Smith