

Wednesday after noon Council meets.

Present, His Excellency the Governour -
 The Hon^{ble} Thomas Tench Esq^r Thomas Brooke
 Esq^r Robert Smith Esq^r Col^l John Hammond -
 Lt. Col^l William Holland James Sanders Esq^r
 and William Cursey Esq^r.

His Excellency acquaints the Board
 that upon receiving the late Report from
 Virginia he had ordered the Naval Officers
 to give Notice to the Several Masters of Ships
 to attend this Board and His Excellency
 being acquainted that most of the Masters
 are now in Towne Ordered that Notice be
 given them that his Excellency expects their
 attendance at the Council Chamber.

Then came the Masters of Divers Ships now
 in this Province to the Number of about thirty
 to whom his Excellency was pleased to communi-
 cate the cause of their calling them together
 as followeth.

That he hoped they did not thinke
 he had sent for them on a frivolous occasion
 but for her Majestys & the Countrys Service
 their owne Safety and that in case of any
 Danger or Invasion they should never want
 either his Advice or utmost assistance and
 ask their Opinion where they thinke are the
 most proper Places for Securing their Ships -