

Annapolis Monday December 22. 1707

Memorandum

The weather being very hard and severe - all of the members of her Majesty's Council dead others aged infirm and much indisposed - It was with great difficulty his Excellency was able to procure a meeting of -

The Honble Mr President Tench Maj: Genl: Lloyd and Ed Holland.

To whom his Excellency was pleased to propose whether it were necessary to continue the present Guard on the Armes and Ammunition or only some part of them -

Resolved that there is no present Inducement to the Board to advise his Excellency wholly to take of the said Guard but that they may be lessened to the Commander and his men.

There being two Ships from England lately arrived and the Masters being very pressing for leave to sayle when laden the Board

do not think fitt to Advise his Excellency to suffer them so to do for that it will not be consonant to her Majesty's Royall Instructions

His Excellency acquaints the Board that upon the Death of Mr George Slater Naval Officer of puttyent he had thought fitt to appoint Mr John Rowby to supply that Vacancy

upon very good Recommendation And if the Board thought fitt he should be continued Mr Richard Bennet and Mr Samuel Cier offered to be his Security -

However desired if they know any person more fitt to take care of that office they would propose him, or if there were an