

Our Consideration, and that we are unanimously of Opinion his Lordship is not intituled to the Ordinary Licences by virtue of his Prevalence; the Report and Proceeding thereon, which attend this, will shew to your Excellency the Grounds of our Opinion.

I must now further acquaint you, & your Excellency our apprehension that if his Lordship should still insist upon his claim to the Ordinary Licences, upon which the above Instruction is founded, it will very much tend to the obstruction of Publick Business and be productive of very general dissatisfaction.

We have already inform'd, and stand in the Support of his Lordships just Rights without being deterred by popular clamour from holding the conduct which becomes Our Station, so we flatter ourselves your Excellency will be persuaded, nothing but a conviction that his Lordships claim cannot be supported upon the principles of our Constitution hath induced us to make a Representation unfavourable to his Pretension.

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Benjamin Tasker President

Ordered that the above Report and Addrs be Recorded in the Council Proceedings and not in the Upper House Journal.
Read the following Letter from Mr. Rich. Tilghman jun^r Clerk of Queen. Anns County.

Sir

Queen. Anns County 6. April 1666.

I was favoured with yours of the 13. of February last and agreeable to the desire of his Excellency and their Honours signified therin, I immediately on the setting of Our Court made them acquainted with your Letter who directed me to inform you that they have reason to believe that the Sheriff of this County has not given Bond for the faithful Performance of his Duty this year, as no such Bond has ever been laid before them for their Appointm^tntion.

I am Sir

your most humble Servant

Richd. Tilghman Jun^r

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board write the following Letter to W^m. Jas. Edmondson Sheriff of Queen. Anns County.

Annapolis 27. May 1666.

Sir
I am directed by the Governor and Council to acquaint you of their desire that you will immediately enter into Bond for the faithful performance of your Duty as Sheriff of Queen. Anns County this year, according to the Directions of the Act of Assembly, and that you will transmit it to the Secretaries Office as soon as it has been approved of by your Court.

I am Sir

your most humble Servant

Upton Scott Esq^r Com^r

To Jas. Edmondson Esq^r Sheriff
of Queen. Anns County

The Bonds given by the Sheriffs of Dorchester, Kent and Ann Arundel Counties being laid before this Board and there being no Certificates upon them of their being approved of by the Respective County Courts. Ordered that the Clerk of this Board write the following Letter to John Dickinson, Joseph Nicholson, and Joseph Galloway the respective Sheriffs of those counties.

Annapolis 27. May 1666.

Sir
Upon your Sheriffs Bond being laid before the Governor and Council for their approbation it does not appear to them that it was taken by the Commissioners of the County Court agreeable to the Directions of the Act of Assembly, they have therefore directed me to acquaint you that they expect you will immediately either get a proper Certificate of its being taken by the Commissioners of the County Court or enter into a new one & present it to them to be returned into the Secretaries Office as soon as conveniently may be.