

Ordered. the Spring Commifary deliver to Stephen Steward five  
Bancs of Beef and two Bancs of Pork to be returned —

That James Wilhous Ege deliver to the said Stephen Steward  
eight Bancs of Bread to be returned. —

Whereas it appears to us by the Oath of James West of  
Queen Anne County that James Hutchings of Queen Anne County did on  
or about the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant go onboard one of the vessels of War  
belonging to the Enemy and that the said James Hutchings did receive from  
the Commanding Officer of the said vessel two Negroes of his the said James  
who had left the Service of the said James and fled to the Enemy

And Whereas the said James Hutchings did go onboard the said  
vessel without Permission from the Governor and Council in Writing. Lieutenant  
Thomas Henry Howard is therefore ordered to arrest the said James Hutchings  
and have him before this Board immediately that he may be dealt with  
according and also to summon John Rawlings of Queen Anne County to  
make his personal appearance before this Board immediately to testify  
against the said James Hutchings. —

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 1701.

James Hutchings was brought before the Board in consequence  
of the Warrant which issued against him last Saturday, and the Charge contained  
in the said Warrant being read to the said James Hutchings and the Witnesses  
produced against him examined in his presence and the said James read in  
his Defense. It appeared to this Board as well by the Confession of the said  
James Hutchings as the Testimony of the said Witnesses that the said James  
Hutchings did on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant go onboard of one of the Ships of  
War belonging to the Enemy without Leave of this Board. Thereupon ordered  
that the said James Hutchings recognize with one sufficient in the sum of  
three thousand pounds each for the said James Hutchings appearance before  
the General Court to be held for the Eastern shore on the second Tuesday in  
September next and not to depart the same without Leave of the Court. —

James Hutchings and Gilbert Middleton mutually acknowledge  
themselves to owe and stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland in the full  
and just sum of three thousand pounds each body and filen to be levied of their  
Body Goods, Chattels, Lands and Tenements in case James Hutchings does  
not make his personal appearance at the next General Court to be held on  
the Eastern shore to answer to such Matters and Things as shall then  
and there be alleged against him. —

John Rawlings of Queen Anne County acknowledges himself  
to owe and stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland in the full and just  
sum of five hundred pounds specie to be levied of his Body Goods, Chattels  
Lands and Tenements in case he does not make his personal appearance  
at the next General Court to be held on the Eastern shore to testify against  
James Hutchings charged with going onboard a vessel belonging to the Enemy  
without Permission in Writing from the Governor and Council. —

( Tuesday )