

Act for Ports read

We are of opinion that longer time be given at least Twelve months and that persons be not obliged to buy and sell at Towns & and so where else

We are likewise of opinion that there be but one place in every County which shall be a proper port for all Ships and Vessels to land and unload unless you will be tutelar of necessity for fear of the Warre or otherwise and that the said Ships &c. be obliged to take in all their loading at any one or more of those ports provided there be sufficient dwelling and Store Houses to contain all such Goods at every Port so appointed by the Com. Prefard

That there be nothing put in the Law for Ports but the thing it self and as for Ascertainning the Towns and Tittles to the same to be Referred to the former Law

That forfeitures &c. one third must go to his Majesty for Support of Government one third to the King and one third to the Informer & that for loading as well as unloading &c.

That Debts Contracted from the Dates of the Towns take Place and not otherwise

That where there is a Church to be built or a Prison that the same be built in such ports and that at every one of the said ports there be a Kings Collator or his lawful deputy and a Naval Officer or his lawful Deputy

Com. M<sup>r</sup> John Hewlitt and made Oath before his Excellency in Council that he had delivered up all Council Papers that were ever lodged with him according to the best of his Remembrance and Knowledge as also all other publick papers save some papers belonging to the Provincial Office relating to the Notary publick and that he is now Entering some Certificates the which when finished he will deliver up

Read the following Representation of several Gentlemen of the Council as also of the Honble Sir Thomas Lawrence by themselves readly subscribed to the which were Ordered to be Entered in this Journal viz<sup>t</sup>

To his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Captain General and Governour in Chief of their Majestys Province of Maryland

The Humble Representation of their Majestys Honble Council of this Province

Humbly sheweth

That Whereas upon the death of the late Governour