

Country charge matters your Excellency will be pleased to see that there
are several Justices of the Provincial Court now in Town to give your special
Commission of Oyer and Terminer to try the said James Welch and we do further
signify unto your Excellency that there are now two Prisoners under Sentence
of death in the Custody of the Sheriff of Saint Marys County which by reason
of great Charges to the Country wherefore we humbly pray your Excellency will
be Pleas'd to proceed therein as in your Wisdom you shall think fit To the end
the Province may be discharged of so great and unnecessary Charge

Signed by Order W Bladen Esq. of the Assembly

To which said Message the following Answer was by Order drawn and sent
to the House by the honorable Col^l John Addison together with the foregoing Petition
Referred viz

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly May 13 1694

Pursuant to the House desire that Board have Order of special Commission
to issue for Tryal of James Welch in your Majesty's name and have accordingly
Appointed Friday next to be the day of Trial and as to the two Condemned Pri-
soners remaining in the Custody of the Sheriff of Saint Marys County you
make mention of the said Sheriff hath already Obliged himself to take no fees
but for further Satisfaction of the House that Board does Acquaint you that this
day an Express has been sent to require the said Sheriffs Attendance here from
whom the House may receive certain Account

Signed by Order Henry Denton Esq. of the Council

Upon representation of the House of Burgesses Ordered that special Commission
issue out of their Majesty's high Court of Chancery for the Trial of one James Welch
now in Custody for Murthring his Master Constituting and Appointing the honorable
Robert Smith Esq. and the rest of the Provincial Justices now in Town Justices for
the said End and Purpose who are to meet and sit at Amherst in Am-
herst County Friday next for the said End and Purpose being 17 day of May Ins-
tant in Order to the Trial of the said Prisoner then to be brought before them

To Sir Thomas Lawrence Baronet
Secretary or to his Chief Clerk in the Office

These

Read the two following Bills viz

An Act for securing of Administrators and Executors from double Paying of
Debts and limiting the time for Payment of Obligations within this Province
read full time and Passed