

This Board do refer to the several proceedings in a family any ways tending that way
It is Proposed that for the encouragement of the people of this Province Law be made that all Persons actually Inhabiting and residing within this Province may have liberty to import Rum and other Liquors from Pennsylvania paying only 4^o/_o Gallon the gallon

Produced and read a Liberty his Excellency received from the right Honourable the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs dated the 26 of March 1697 Concerning a Certain Ship called the Samuel and Mary of Biddford Daniel Keyes Master having Given a Navigation Bond in Maryland but upon Shift of weather had been forced into Ireland where she was by Permission discharged 105 hhd and of success in Bulk Containing 76530 of Tobacco the duty thereof at 1^o/_o pound amounted to £151. 0^o. 4 had been remitted to his Majesty's Receiver in England upon which Consideration and distress of the said Ship the Honble the Commissioners aforesaid thought fit to direct the Vacating of the Bond Given in Maryland

Ordered that before the Vacating the aforesaid Bond Inspection be made what Tobacco the said Ship then exported which if Agreeing that then the said Letter be endorsed accordingly by the Clerk of this Board

The Honourable Sir Thomas Laurence came and was adulated
The Petition of John Perry came endorsed from the House as follows viz
The House consent that the said House be removed at the Commissioners Charge and Placed in such Place as the Commissioners of the Port of Annapolis shall direct

W Blatten (the Dem. D^r)
Brought from the House of Delegates the following Bills viz
A Bill Improving the Commissioners of Cecil County Court to hold a Court this present year in April Road the first time and passed

A Supplementary Bill to the Act for Ordinary Repears and Regulating the Number thereof read the first time and passed his Honour Sir Thomas Laurence's Report Secretary being consenting thereto / to whom the License Tobacco is due. viz it is adjudged to be beneficial to the Country

The Petition of the Widow Herman read and referred to by his Excellency and his Majesty's Honourable Council

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly March the 28 1698
Several Resolves of the House of the 26th Instant here received and this day read were Remarked as follows viz

1st As to that Resolv of the House Concerning the Allowance proposed to the Honourable his Majesty's Secretary and Chancellor of this Province this Board do say that upon discharging what is due to them until this present time upon the former Ordinance of Assembly which can in no wise be denied them it is Agreed that for the future they be only Allowed 150^o/_o day during their Attendance upon Councils in Assembly unless they shall be called to Councils out of Town

2nd The Vote of the House in relation to the Proposall made from this Board about the Militia wants Explanation not knowing whether you intended the Reference to the next General Assembly or next Sessions of Assembly

The Resolves as to Sloops and Shallops is Agreed to but wants Explanation to Particularize the late Act of Parliament

His Excellency is pleased herewith to send a copy of the whole Revenue made up attested and sworn to by George Plater and George Muchamp Esq^r duplicates whereof have been Transmitted to the Lords Commissioners for Trade &c and Lords of the Treasury

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