

the Ships under their Command they do make their application to the Gov^o and Commanders in Chief of the said plantations respectively to whom as Vice admirals his Majesty is pleased to commit the sole proper power of impressing Seamen in any of his plantations in America or in sight of any of them.

You are therefore hereby Required upon such application made to you by any of the Commanders of his Majesty's said Ships of War within the afo^o Province of Maryland under your Government to take care that the said Ships of War be furnished with the number of Seamen that maybe Necessary for his Majesty's Service on board them from time to time.

8. And for the greater Security of that Province you are to appoint fitt officers and Commanders in the severall parts of the County bordering upon the said Indians who upon any Invasions may raise Men and Arms to oppose them untill they shall receive your Directions therein.

9. You shall Cause a Survey to be taken of all the considerable Landings places and Harbours in the said Province and with the advice of his Majesty's Councill there erect many of them such Fortifications as shall be necessary for the Security and advantage of that Province which shall be done at the publick Charge of the County not doubting of the Cheerfull Concurrence of the Inhabitants therein for the Comon Security and benefit they will receive thereby.

10. You shall likewise soon after your Entrance upon the Governmt^t of his Majesty's said Province send an Acc^t to his Majesty and to the Com^o for Trade and plantations of the present Number of planters and Inhabitants Men Women and Children as well Mast^o as Serv^{ts} free and unfree and of the Slaves in every respective County and District of the said Province as also a yearly account of the increase and decrease of them and how many of them are fitt or oblig'd to bear Armes in the respective Counties or Districts aforesaid.

11. You shall likewise take care that a General Survey be made of all the said Province and of each County in it, and that an exact Map or Mapp be thereupon drawn and transmitted to his Majesty and to the afo^o Com^o for Trade and plantations.

12. You are also with the assistance of the Council and Agents to find out the best means to facilitate and encourage the Conversion of Negroes and Indians to the Christian Religion.

13. You are to recommend to the Council and Agents the raising of the Stocks and building publick worke houses in convenient places for the Employing of poore and Indigent people.

The House adjourned till to Morrow Morning six of the Clock.

Dns. Veris June the 30th 1699.

The House mett againe and were called over, and the Delegates Yesterday present appeared, and Mr. James Saunders, Maj^r Tho^s Innes Mr. Tho^s Hicks