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PREFACE

The text of the present volume, the fourth volume of the "Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia," through October 28, 1734, has been obtained from a manuscript volume in the Virginia State Library. From that point on it has been obtained from the Public Record Office, London, as has all the matter in the appendix, the comparatively few proclamations promulgated by the governors of Virginia in the period of the journals contained in this volume.

This manuscript volume is undoubtedly the contemporary official volume kept by the clerk of the Council, as was the volume (now made by binding into two volumes) which was the source of the text of Vol. III of the present series of Journals the official journal book of the Council. Most of that book is in the handwriting of William Robertson, the clerk of the Council, who at the close of the recorded proceedings for Sept. 7, 1705, wrote the following: "Vere Recordat per [mark for "per" being used] Wil Robertson Cl Con." The "Recordat" is an abbreviation for "Recordatur." The formula used by Robertson in certifying copies of proceedings sent to England was simply "Examined Wil Robertson, Cls Con.," "Examined" being frequently abbreviated to "Exam" or "Ex" and the mark for "per" or the word "by" being occasionally used.

After this certification (the second made, the first being at the close of the mutilated proceedings for August 16, 1705, with which the book begins) the signature of William Robertson is no further found in the book; nor is it found in the succeeding volume. But most of the first volume is in his handwriting, though none of the second is, he having evidently called on his assistants—now one and now another—to perform the drudgery of "writing up" the journal record. He himself kept notes of the transactions of the Council and then wrote out full journal entries for his clerks to copy. If he verified the copy, as is most likely, no record was made of the fact, and, singular to say, the custom of reading the proceedings of former meetings at immediately succeeding ones had not come into vogue, though they were read from time to time. The journals are not signed by the Governor nor by any member of the Council. Nor, except for the proceedings for the first sessions, are marginal catch phrases used in the Virginia books, whereas they are always used in the English copies and the handwriting shows that they were usually made by Robertson himself. This fact shows that he took considerable care with the records sent to England—greater care, apparently, than he took with those kept in the Colony.

The Council made a distinction between the journal and the minutes. At the bottom of p. 65 of Vol. III the last entry in the proceedings for Nov. 29, 1705, is as follows: "The Journal of the Council from y^e last time of its being read to this day was read over in Council." The proceedings for the next day, the last day of the session, begin as follows: "The Proceedings and Orders of Council made yes-

terday were now read over and approved." The next meeting of the Council took place on the 20th of December. The last entry in the Journal is: "The minutes [minutes, because the clerk had had no time in which to put the minutes into final form of journal entries] of this Meeting were read over and approved. And nothing further being offered for consideration His Excellency adjourned the Council." And similarly the last entry for the next meeting of the Council [January 23, 1705/6, with none to follow till Feb. 8] was: "The Minutes of this Council were ("were" omitted in English copy) read and approved, and then y^e Council adjourned."

The journal book was not kept "posted" from day to day, but frequently some time elapsed before the book was written up. The correctness of this statement is evident from a close examination of the contents of the record. Occasionally the entries prepared by the clerk must have become slightly mutilated or small portions of them lost before the recording took place, for there are a few omissions which may be supplied by the copies sent to England,—copies made evidently from the clerk's original paragraphs and not from those as transcribed into the books. Hence the English records are occasionally more accurate than the Virginia ones. When the editor of this series of volumes came to a realization of this possibility, he sent a copy of Vol. III of the series to B. F. Stevens and Brown in London and had a careful comparison made of the whole text with the documents in the Public Record Office, and for much of the present volume has himself made a careful comparison with photostat prints of the corresponding English documents. These prints have been kindly lent for the purpose by Mr. Fairfax Harrison, who some years ago in the course of certain investigations found it convenient to have prints made of all the Journals from 1726 to 1752 now preserved in England. It was Mr. Harrison who pointed out to the editor that there were discrepancies between the Virginia books and the English "copies." It should be stated here, too, that for several years Dr. W. G. Stanard, Secretary of the Virginia Historical Society, has been printing in the "Virginia Magazine of History and Biography" these journals of the Virginia Council, with very copious and valuable notes. Much of the material in the present volume has appeared in that magazine, but it should be printed again here for the sake of completeness and in order to be indexed and because of the few discrepancies between the English records, the source of the magazine text, and the Virginia State Library records, the source of the present text. Though the next volume in this series will print the journals from Mr. Harrison's photostat copies and will go far beyond the period that Mr. Stanard (impeded by his notes and by usual quarterly magazine restrictions) will reach, it is to be hoped, because of the value of these notes, that he will continue the publication of the journals—certainly up through 1752 and, indeed, through 1775.

When the copies of the journals sent to England and the journals as recorded in the books now in the Virginia State Library are com-

pared, it is found that there are not a few variations of spelling, punctuation, and abbreviation. This was, of course, to be expected. There is also the occasional substitution of one word for another and the addition or suppression of words and occasionally the recasting of sentences—in a word, an editing of the original in the interest of improved phraseology. But of greater importance than this, sometimes one record has whole sentences, possibly paragraphs, not contained in the other—the result, undoubtedly, as pointed out above, of the fact that the two records, deriving from the same source, the clerk's expanded notes, were copied at different times and by different assistants and the Virginia journals not always closely read by the clerk himself, though they were the ones that were read from time to time to the Council and approved. The clerk and the Council let not a few inaccuracies go by them.

In the following lists of discrepancies only those are given where the sense seems to be affected, where names of persons or places have widely different forms, and where there are additional sentences or paragraphs.

Vol. III.

E is an abbreviation for "English copy," that is, the English Public Record Office copy.

- P. 41: E has, in the eighth line from the bottom, "Collector & Naval Officer," in place of the incorrect "Collectors and Naval Officers."
- P. 42: in the second line from the end of the first paragraph, E has, interlined, "during the time of this Gen^l Court." It has, at the very bottom of the page, "Churchill" instead of "Bassett."
- P. 43: end of first paragraph on page, E has the word "morning" after "tomorrow."
- P. 45: 4th line of the 2nd paragraph, E has the words "as captives" added after the words "carried away"; middle of the 3rd paragraph, it has "quantitys of Lands are cleared" instead of "quantity of Lands are cleared"; 3rd to the last line of that paragraph, it has the word "then" after "shal."
- P. 48: 4th line of the 2nd paragraph, E has the word "directed" instead of "declared"; 12th line from the bottom, it has the word "first" inserted before the word "heard"; 7th line from the bottom, it has the word "several" inserted before "County."
- P. 49: the English copy does not have the words "pursuant to y^e Act of Assembly" in the 3rd line of the 3rd paragraph. (The State Library copy has here the better reading.)
- P. 52: in the single paragraph for Nov. 14, 1705, the English copy has "Francis Mackennie" twice erroneously for "Francis Makemie."

- P. 53: last line on the page, E has the word "yearly" after October and the word "other" after "y°."
- P. 54: 2nd line of the third paragraph, E omits the words "for King and Queen County" after the word "Peace."
- P. 55: the first paragraph reads as follows in E: "This day William Byrd Esq^r her Maj^{ty} Aud^r came before his Excell^{ty} & y^e Council, and persuant to an Instruction which he said was sent to his father by y^e hon^{ble} W^m Blathwayte Esq^r Auditor Gen^l of America made oath to y^e Acc^t of y^e 2s per hhd Port Dutys & head money to y^e 25th of Octob^r Last Past."
- P. 56: E has in the fourth line of the first paragraph of the November 24th meeting the words "Sharpness of y^e Season" instead of "Shortness of y^e Session."
- P. 56 & 57: The clerk saw fit to recast the phraseology of the first paragraph of the proceedings for Nov. 26, 1705, and to bring it in as the second paragraph of the copy sent to England. It reads as follows:

"His Excl^y having recommended to y^e Council to Consider what may be most for her Maj^{ty} service in Relation to y^e Dispersing of y^e Arms & Ammunition sent in by her Maj^{ty} or Continuing y^e same in y^e Store house at James City where They now ly— The Council do Thereupon humbly Represent to his Excl^y That y^e Store house at James City is very Improper & unsafe for Keeping y^e s^d arms and ammunition, it Lying upon a Navigable River without any fortification or Guard to Defend it, So That y^e said Stores of War are Lyable to be surpris'd by any Pirate or Privateers That shall obtain Intelligence of y^e Condition They Ly in and in Case any Insurrection of y^e serv^{ts} or Slaves should happen in this Country, it may be Easy for Them to Seize y^e S^d Arms & Ammunition & make use Thereof ag^t y^e Country. And Therefore y^e Council are of opinion y^t it will be very Effectual for y^e preservation of y^e s^d arms from surprize & be serviceable to y^e Country That y^e Same be Dispers'd Through y^e sev^l Countys in proportion to y^e number of y^e Inhabitants & y^e wants of y^e s^d Countys.

That y^e Comander in Chief of y^e Militia of y^e Sev^l countys & y^e Chief officer of y^e Militia in Each County where y^e Com^{dr} in Chief doth not Reside himself be Entrusted wth y^e Care of y^e s^d Arms & Directed to Distribute y^e same to such of y^e Inferiour officers under his Comand as he will be Answerable for which officers Respectively are to keep y^e Same in good Order & fit for service & not to permit any of Them to be made use of, but only upon an alarm. But in Case any Person be Desirous to purchase any of y^e s^d Arms at y^e Rate Allready Set Thereon The s^d officers Respectively are to sel y^e same & be accountable for y^e price Thereof to y^e Comd^r in Chief Who is from Time to Time to pay The Same to her Maj^{ty} Auditor & to give an Acc^t of y^e Condition of y^e s^d arms & of y^e number sold to his Excl^y.

That a Proportionable Quantity of Shott be Sent to Every County to be Lodged in y^e Custody of y^e Chief officer of y^e Militia Resident in

Each County or such other Inferiour officer as he shall Think proper & not to be made use of but for y^e service of y^e Militia ag^t an Enemy.

That the Powder be Distributed to y^e sev^l Countys in Manner following viz.

To y^e Countys of Stafford, Richmond, Essex, Henrico, Prince George & Surry being The frontier Countys Tow^{ds} y^e Land Each four Barrells.

To y^e Countys of Princess Anne, Elizabeth City, Northampton and Accomack being y^e frontier Countys Tw^{as} y^e Sea Each four Barrells Including what hath been already sent.

To y^e Countys of King & Queen, King W^m, New Kent, Charles City, Isle of Wight, Nansemond, Norfolk, Middlesex, Lancaster, Westmorland, Northumberland Each two Barrells.

That y^e Chief Officers of y^e militia in each County to whom y^e S^d Powder is Entrusted be Impowered and Directed to Sel one half Thereof at y^e Rate of 2^s per pound, w^{ch} it's hoped it may yeild at y^e Time While Powder is so Scarce in y^e Country, & to be accountable to y^e Auditor of y^e price Thereof in order to supply the Country with new powder in y^e Room Thereof, Which officers Respectively are to Take Care That none of y^e powder be Sold to any but such as are Listed in the militia and not Exceeding Six Pounds to any one Person.

That y^e Remaining part of y^e Powder (after y^e aforesaid Distribution is made) be Removed from James City & Lodged at Williamsburgh as more safe from Surprize by water & most Convenient for Supplying y^e adjacent Countys."

P. 60: Supply at bottom of the page the following two paragraphs from E:

"Ordered that a Gen^l Dedimus potestatem be Issued to every County in this Colony for Swearing all officers Civil & military as hath been usual heretofore.

Ordered That y^e Sev^l County Courts within This Colony Transmit to y^e Secret^{ry} office a List of y^e present Coroners in Their Respective Countys together with the names of Such as They Think most fitt to Supply y^e Vacancys if any be to y^e End Com^{rs} may be Directed Accordingly."

P. 61: l. 10, E has "parcelled" instead of "parolled."

P. 62: E has the name "Freck" instead of "Frook"; also "Marot" instead of "Marol."

P. 64: 1st paragraph of proceedings for Nov. 29, 1705, line 9, E fills the blank space with word "ordinance"; l. 13 of the second paragraph, E has "13th" instead of "15th"; 3rd line from bottom of page, E has "Dr. Luke Haveild" instead of "Dr. Luke Harrild."

P. 66: 2nd line of the 3rd paragraph, E has "three thousand acres" instead of "2200 acres." The proceedings for the 30th of November, 1705, close in the Virginia book with "His

Excellency adjourn'd the Council." After this in E comes "Examined per Wil Robertson Cl Con." This was a certification of all the transcripts of proceedings from Oct. 15 through Nov. 30, 1705, sent to England at one time.

- P. 69: In E John Lightfoot is not mentioned among the members of the Council present at meeting Jan. 23, 1705/6.

The paragraphs of the proceedings of this meeting are differently arranged in the English and the Virginia copy. This seems to show that the English copy was not taken from the Virginia book but from the clerk's loose sheet entries, which probably had not yet been copied into the book.

- P. 72: l. 2 of the 2nd paragraph of the proceedings for Feb. 27, E has "John Holt" for "Joseph Holt" but has "Joseph" two lines below. (The "John" was an error that escaped the clerk's eye.)
- P. 73: in E "s" is omitted—correctly—from the word "Holts" in the 6th line from the end of the first paragraph, and there is no blank space in the third line from the end; in the last line on the page "upon" is substituted for "unto."
- P. 74: l. 1 of first complete paragraph, the word "upon" is inserted in E between the words "that" and "proof"—an evident error on the part of the clerk; l. 8 of the 3rd paragraph, "or" takes the place of "of" between "Rights" and "Compositions"; 4th paragraph, 2nd line, "officers" is replaced by "offices"—a better reading.
- P. 76: paragraph beginning "Whereas William Robertson," the word "represented" is inserted in E at the end of the first line; the date of the proceedings beginning at the bottom of the page is given as the 15th instead of the 13th.
- P. 77: in E the word "That" is omitted at the beginning of the paragraph beginning "That the Book of Entry"—correctly—and in the second line the word "said" substituted for "2"—incorrectly; in the same line and in the next line the name "McKinnie" is spelled "McKenny"; in the first line of the last paragraph on the page the plural "Evidences" is used instead of the singular.
- P. 78: l. 6, E has "Briggs" instead of "Griggs"—correctly; 2nd line of the first paragraph beginning "Mr. Attorney Gen'," the words "on the petition" are inserted after "opinion," and in the 3rd line the words "Virg April 15th 1706" inserted at the beginning of the attorney-general's opinion; 6th line of the paragraph, "have made" substituted for "make"; l. 13, "prosecuted" appears in place of "presented"; at the close of the opinion of the attorney-general the signature "S Thomson A. G." appears; the last line of the page, the word "of" appears between "Widow" and "Richard Reddihoe."

- P. 79: l. 2, E has "Reynolds" instead of "Reynoles"; l. 4, "his knowledge" instead of "their knowledge"; l. 12, it has "Rich^d Reddihoe's widow" instead of "Rich^d Reddihoe"; l. 15, it has "McKenny" for "McKinie"; lines 17 & 19, it has "Nosworthy" instead of "Norsworthy."
- P. 80: 9th line, E spells "Assamoasock" "Assamousaek"; l. 15, it inserts "Nathan¹¹" before "Harrison."
- P. 85: in both line 7 and line 14 E has "Terraro"; 9th line from bottom, it has correct placing of the marks of parenthesis—before and after "as he conceives."
- P. 86: l. 13, E inserts following words between "to her Majesty" and "and y^e said proprietors": "for her Maj^{ty} Directions w^{ch} of the said Branches shall be called the Boundary between her Majesty."
- P. 87: 12th line from bottom, E has "price" instead of "prize"; the last two lines on page would read if printed from E: "that it is usual here when a Merchant receives any considerable Sum in bills of Exch^t from different persons as in such sales it often happens he."
- P. 89: E has word "fit" after "think" in 8th line, and the words "the better" omitted; it has, l. 11, the words "of Potomack river" after "Coll^o Rich^d Lee naval officer"; 9th line from bottom of page, it has "Leeward" for "Seaward"—erroneously.
- P. 91: second line from bottom, E has "Thornton," not "Thomson."
- P. 92: 19th line, E spells "Northfolk" "Norfolk" and "Matt Spevie" "Matt Spivy"; l. 25, it has "Tayloe" instead of "Taylor"; l. 27, it has "Hanie" instead of "Hainie"; l. 36, it has "the" instead of "this" before "Seating."
- P. 93: 1st line, 1st paragraph of proceedings for May 14, 1706, E has "Skinner" for "Shinner"; l. 17, "tho" for "that"; 4th line from bottom of page, "Grand Tyre" for "Grand Tyrs."
- P. 94: 7th line, E has "two hours" instead of "four hours"; 2nd line from bottom of page, "designe" instead of "desire."
- P. 95: l. 8, E has "she laying in the Channell" instead of "the laying in the Cannell"; l. 14, "Solomon Sumerskill" instead of "Solomon Summers"; l. 31, "y^t [that] we may with the greatest facility" instead of "if we may with the greatest facility."
- P. 96: l. 6, E has "Scasbrook" for "Seabrook"; l. 7, "Humphreys" for "Humphrey"; l. 8, "Olierd" for "Olver"; l. 9, "Ransone" for "Ransome."
- P. 97: l. 1, "Guuldman" for "Guildman"; l. 2, "Dobbins" for "Dobbin."
- P. 98: 13th line from bottom, "consented" instead of "contented"; 12th line from bottom, words "be judged convenient" omitted—erroneously; 8th line from bottom, after the words "laid out" E inserts the words "by direction of Mr. W^m Cock & Mr. Thomas Blunt."

- P. 102: "Thompson" is spelled "Thomson" in E the three times it occurs in the first paragraph [Thomson is the almost invariable spelling throughout the English manuscript]; 5th line from bottom of page, E has "W^m Moyon" for "W^m Motson."
- P. 104: 1st paragraph of proceedings for June 17, "Ranson" spelled "Ransone" in E twice.
- P. 105: 9th line, "prepared opinion" should be inserted, according to E, in the place reported "illegible" in the Virginia manuscript.
- P. 106: l. 5, E substitutes "wittingly" for "willingly"; l. 14, it inserts "of his dues" after "a true account"; l. 33, it substitutes "In" for "For" at beginning of sentence commencing in middle of line; l. 44, it has "Cause" for "Clause."
- P. 108: l. 4, E has "15 pence" instead of "15"; l. 10, beginning "As to this the Burgesses" through l. 18, omitted in E.
- P. 111: l. 36, E inserts "agreable to the intent of her Maj^y" Instructions" after the words "to settle a port there."
- P. 112: l. 15, E has after the expression "This Board in consideration thereof and" the following: "out of the regard they have to and upon the recommendation of the Lords Commiss^s" for trade the motion," which is unclear. The blank space might be filled up with the words "and upon the," which would clear up matters.
- P. 113: 7th line from bottom, E has "the 16 instant" instead of "the sixth instant"; 4th line from bottom, it has "insisting" instead of "insisted."
- P. 114: l. 9, E has "custom house officer" instead of "custom house officers"; l. 10, "satisfy" should be "testify"; l. 35, after the word "board" it inserts "every Ship or Vessell before the s^d 22^d of June."
- P. 116: l. 25, "This Capacity" should be, according to E, "his Capacity"; l. 34, "2^d per hogshead" should be "2 shillings per hogshead"; l. 35, "W^m Boatevell" should be "W^m Boatwell"; l. 36, the word "both" after "July" should be "last"; l. 37, what appears like the figure 31 is really 3lbs, written "three pounds" in the English manuscript; l. 45, "Ruhard" should be "Richard."
- P. 117: l. 1, end word in line, E has "new" instead of "then"; l. 37, it inserts "reasons of those" before the word "memorials" and has "strangest" instead of "strongest."
- P. 118: l. 15, E omits "to the Lords Com^s" for Trade"—evidently by mistake; l. 20, it inserts "so we assure your Excellency" before the last word in line.
- P. 119: E contains an extra paragraph not in the Virginia book, as follows:

"Whereas the R^l Hono^{rs} the Lords Commiss^s for trade have been pleased to take notice that the planting of Cotton & flax in this Colony

is very prejudiciall to her Maj^{ty} Interest and to direct that no Encouragem^t be given thereto either by Act of Assembly or any Act of y^e Council The Council do thereupon humbly observe that the planting of Cotton & flax here is occasioned rather by necessity than Choice the Low price of Tobacco neither affording encouragem^t to the Merch^{ts} to bring in nor means to the planters to purchase necessary Clothing for their familys And that there is no Encouragement given to the production of that Comodity by any act in this Country and the Council do further humbly assure their Lordships that they will always make it their endeavour that nothing prejudiciall to her Maj^{ty} Service shall receive any Encouragem^t from any Act of theirs."

- P. 120: l. 38, "proclamation is" should be "proclamations," according to E.
- P. 121: l. 23, "Cap^t Ferrill" is written "Cap^t Ferret" in E; 4th line from bottom, instead of "16th" E has 16 p^{as}."
- P. 123: l. 25, E inserts "made" between "been" and "out"; l. 27, "only three are" should be "only there are," according to E; l. 30, E inserts "and of Middlesex for 1702" between "1702" and "for"; l. 45, it inserts "no" in front of "otherwise."
- P. 124: l. 6, "receipt" should be "receipts," according to E.
- P. 125: l. 15, E inserts the word "principal" before "Commissioners"; lines 16 and 17 should read, according to E, as follows: "to the Resolutions of his late Excellency and y^e Council the 7th day of May last was not signed by the Council"; l. 23, "18s be paid to the said Coll^o Nicholsons" should be "thirteen shillings be paid to the said Coll^o Nicholson"; in the 3rd line of the proceedings for August 30 "Mrs. Lughton" should be "Mrs. Leighton"; two short paragraphs should be added to the proceedings for this day, as follows:

"Ordered that y^e Rec^r General send to England for such paper & other necessarys for y^e Council office as the Clerk of y^e Council shal give him an Acco^t of as wanting in y^e s^d office.

Edward Hill Esq^r Collector of y^e Upper District of James River came before the Council and made Oath to his Acco^t of the penny per pound arising in y^e said District."

- P. 126: at end of line 5, E inserts the following: "Security to y^e Council that the Governours Excrex in England will be satisfyed with this Expedient, and the Chief Cred^t offering to give"; l. 37, "Mrs Lughton" should be "Mrs. Leighton."
- P. 127: l. 11, E inserts after the word "acco^t" "Viz from April to Oct. 1705"; l. 24, "14th" should be "1st," according to E; l. 26, "12th" should be "£121"; l. 28, "same time" should be "25th"; l. 39, "paid by him & per" should be "paid by him as per"; l. 39, "40th:6th:10½" should be "40th: 6th:10 three farthings"; lines 43-45 should read: "To the Attorney Gen^l out of the quitrents for a year & 4 days Sallary

- ending y^a 25th of April 1705 sixty seven pounds 16s 10½^d;
l. 47, "4¼" should be "1¼."
- P. 129: l. 35, "Govt" should be "Gout"; l. 38, "7th of September"
should be "17th of September."
- P. 130: l. 4, "Capable" should be "Cable"; l. 8, "disperse them"
should be "dispose of them."
- P. 131: l. 8, E has "Gregory" instead of "Gregg"; l. 26, E has "Ham-
lin" instead of "Hamlon," and inserts "Henry Clements";
another English copy (duplicates were sometimes sent over,
especially in time of war) has "Francis Clements"; 4th line
from the bottom of the page "relations" should be "Resolu-
tions."
- P. 132: l. 8, E inserts "Thomas" before "Godwin"; in the list of mem-
bers present Oct. 22, 1706, as sent to England, the names
of Philip Ludwell and William Bassett are omitted; l. 20,
"Lawriere" should be "Larriere," according to E; 5th line
from bottom of the page, "will" (first word in line) should
be "shall make."
- P. 133: l. 10, "removing" should be "running," according to E.
- P. 134: l. 14, "confirm" should be "confine," and after the words "any
of them" these words should be inserted: "the Sherif of
those Countys where the said prisoners shall be dispersed."
- P. 135: l. 31, "appointment" should be "appointments."
- P. 136: l. 10, "said person" should be "said Perrin"; l. 11, "the 2^d
day" should be "the fifth day"; l. 14, "Deputies" should be
"Disputes"; l. 19, "accordingly" should be "exceedingly";
l. 39, E inserts "not" between "are" and "to expect."
- P. 137: The consignment of transcripts of the Journal of the Council
ending with the proceedings for October 28, 1706, sent over
to England had the unusual certification "Vera Copia Will
Robertson." In line 16 the "30th of May" should be "31st
of May."
- P. 138: l. 13, E has "David" inserted between "John" and "Charles";
l. 29, E has "Coroner" instead of "Sherif."
- P. 139: l. 1, E has "an Order" instead of "an ordered"; l. 21, it has
"Board" inserted after "this"; l. 38, it has "House of the"
inserted before "said Plumpton"; l. 45, it has "appropriated"
instead of "appropriated."
- P. 140: l. 3, E has "he excluded" instead of "be excluded"; l. 7, E
has "Transferring" instead of "conferring"; l. 22, it has
"out of" instead of "as of"; l. 42, E has "2^d" instead of
"4th"; l. 44, it has "*Melius*" for the word in the text des-
ignated illegible; l. 47, it has "of" inserted between "am"
and "opinion."
- P. 141: l. 7, E has "and was in force" instead of "an was in force";
l. 13, it has "Fello de se" instead of "filodese," and this is
the case also in line 25; l. 19, it has "Coroner" instead of

- "Sheriff"; l. 33, it has "a perquisite" instead of "apperquisite."
- P. 142: l. 25, E has "intended to seize a vessell" instead of "intends to Seize"; l. 45, it has "the Upper District" instead of "the Districts."
- P. 144: l. 23, E has "Havelied" instead of "Harviled."
- P. 145: l. 37, E has "Henrico County" instead of "Henry County"; l. 39, it has "returned by them" instead of "ret^d by him"; l. 43, it has "platts" instead of "plotts"; l. 46, it has "Completed" instead of "Computed," but "Computed" seems to be the better reading.
- P. 147: l. 12, E has "Chadwick" instead of "Chadwich"; l. 42, it has "their sev^l Debts" instead of "the sev^l Debts."
- P. 148: l. 18, E has "with him" instead of "with them"; l. 30, it has "Stephens Thomson" instead of "Stephen Thompson," and the same is true in line 42; l. 43, it has "30'" instead of "31'."
- P. 149: at the close of the proceedings for April 30, 1707, E has the following added paragraph: "The Minutes of Council to this day were now read over & approved in Council." Instead of "the Lynne" in the last line on the page E has "Lyme."
- P. 152: l. 23, E has "any" instead of "away"; l. 35, E has "but" inserted after "Ships." At the end of the first paragraph of the proceedings for the 2nd of September, 1707, E has the following additional paragraph:
- "Ordered that the Gen^l Assembly be prorogued to the tenth day of November next & that a proclamation be prepared accordingly."
- P. 153: l. 9, E has "acquaint" instead of "app"; l. 11, it has "acording" instead of "assured"; l. 26, it has "and" after "Collector"; l. 32, it has "per pound on Tob" instead of "per pound of Tob."
- P. 154: l. 17, E has "last year" instead of "last years"; l. 18, E has "would be sent" instead of "would have been sent"; l. 28, E has "at Sea" instead of "at the Season"; lines 36-48, it reads as follows: "and further taking into Consideration that the detaining the Ships any longer will be the ruin of their Voyages and a loss to her Majesty that Severall Masters of Ships have already Chosen rather to forfeit there Embargo Bonds by runing away than undergoe the hardships of a Longer Stay in the Country That it is not possible for the Government here (having no Naval Force or Guardship) to prevent the rest from following their Example they having already declared their intention so to do if Leave be not given them And that the Experience of former Fleets is a Convincing proof that Winter Convoys are of Little Service for the defence or Security of Trade

- therefore her Maj^{ty} Council humbly Confiding that her Maj^{ty} will be graciously pleased to dispense with the Strict observation of her Maj^{ty} Royal instruction Concerning Embargoes in this Extraordinary Case are of opinion and accordingly."
- P. 155: l. 29, E has "having" instead of "had."
- P. 156: l. 33, E has "15^o per tunn" instead of "15 per tunn"; l. 34, it has "the said petition" instead of "their opinion"; l. 42, it has "an appeal" instead of "on appeal."
- P. 157: l. 41, E has "Naval officer" instead of "Naval officers."
- P. 158: l. 7, E has "and" after "Salary"; l. 35, it omits "one of" before "the Examination."
- P. 160: l. 18, E omits "William Buckner"; l. 35, it has "19th" instead of "29th."
- P. 161: l. 43, E has "Mosser" instead of "Mosser"; l. 45, it has "W^m Addison" inserted after "Whitehaven."
- P. 163: E has as the third entry for October 31, 1707, the following: "The account of her Maj^{ty} Revenue of 2^o per hogshead port Dutys and head money from the 25th of April last past to the 25th instant was this day presented by her Maj^{ty} Auditor and Receiver Gen^l and after Examination thereof in Council (W^m Byrd Esq^r Receiver Gen^l having made oath thereto) the same was Certified by M^r President in the usual form."
- P. 165: l. 34, E inserts after "that" "they may send some of the Great men of their Respective Towns to be present at the Tryal of those offenders on the 8th of January next at the Capitol and further that."
- P. 167: 5th line from bottom, E has "Bathurst" instead of "Bathard."
- P. 168: l. 17, E has "Thomas Roberts" before "Thomas Nutting"; l. 27, it has "Tuesday" instead of "Monday."
- P. 169: l. 31, E has "she" instead of "he."
- P. 171: l. 14, E has "sett ashore" instead of "fall ashore"; 5th line from bottom, it has "18" instead of "19th."
- P. 172: l. 21, E has "at the expiration of the time" instead of "at the time."
- P. 173: l. 31, E has "three" instead of "those."
- P. 174: l. 12, E has "Sotto Jack" instead of "Lotto Jack," and "Jamie" instead of "Jamice."
- P. 177: l. 35, E has after the word "fines" the following: "imposed by the said Courts and other forfeitures to her Maj^{ty} use for the preceeding year & that Such Clerks as have hitherto neglected to make such Returns do in October Gen^l Court next Transmitt a True account of all fines."
- P. 178: l. 7, E has "last" instead of "best."
- P. 179: l. 7, E has after "River" the following: "in order to her Return for England and praying that they may have that benefite which was intended by her Majestys said Letter"; l. 11,

it has after "said Ship" "should take some benefite by the said Letter which hath not yet had it's Effect therefore they humbly conceive the said Ship."

P. 180: l. 8, E omits "Henry Applewhite."

P. 182: l. 5, E has "Lieut" instead of "late"; l. 6, E has "might or ought" instead of "should or might"; lines 21 and 22. omitted in E; l. 29, it has after "Indians" the following: "Therefore for depriving them of the means of doing mischief in case by their refusal to deliver up the persons Suspected as afores^d a War should ensue."

P. 183: l. 30, E has "15th November" instead of "13 November." As introductory to the last paragraph on the page, E has the following: "Whereas the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Comm^{rs} for trade have been pleased to require an account of the number of Inhabitants in this her Majesty's Colony & Dominion, for the better obtaining y^e s^d acco^t It is."

P. 185: l. 8, E has "25th" instead of "22nd"; l. 25, it has "Murderers of" instead of "Murderer or." E has the following additional entry to be inserted before the last paragraph given on this page:

"Ordered that the Interpreters to the Tributary Indians forthwith repair to the respective towns of the said Indians & charge them that they do not trade or hold any Correspondence with the Tuscoruro Indians nor furnish them with powder or shott neither harbour nor entertain any of that Nation at their Towns as they will answer the contrary at their perill." 9th line from bottom of page, E has "their" instead of "the."

P. 186: l. 23, E has "each particular Electors list" instead of "such particular Election"; 10th line from bottom, it has "Davis" instead of "Dennis"; 8th line from bottom, E has "Laystaff" instead of "Laystaff."

P. 187: l. 16, E has "received" instead of "read"; l. 17, E has "re-pealing" instead of "repeating."

P. 189: l. 5, E has "feigning" instead of "signing"; 9th line from bottom, it has "pursers" instead of "persons"; 7th line from bottom, it has "Wilson" instead of "Wilcox."

P. 190: l. 3, E has "New" in front of "Pensilvania Company"; l. 5, it has "Brigantine" instead of "Burlington"; l. 14, it has "matter" instead of "maker."

P. 192: l. 11, E has "Country Gaol" instead of "County Gaol."

P. 193: l. 33, E inserts "exported (except a little to the Plantaⁿ)" after "Tobacco is"; 7th line from bottom, E has "Fiall" for word omitted.

P. 194: l. 4, E has "or" instead of "and" between "increased" and "decayed."

P. 195: l. 24, E has "new" instead of "more."

- P. 197: l. 12, E has "Robert Hix" instead of "Robert His"; l. 15, E has "Haward" instead of "Howard."
- P. 199: l. 20, E has "one" instead of "on"; 10th line from bottom, it has "Bengar" instead of "Bengare."
- P. 202: l. 1, E has after the words "money advanced towards" the following: "the s^d building by M^r Benj^r Harrison on the Credit of the Negros bought for"; l. 11, it has "Haward" instead of "Howard"; l. 15, it has "Country goal" instead of "County goal."
- P. 203: l. 9, E has "David. Crawley" instead of simply "Crawley"; l. 12, it has "Doctor" instead of "Dorctor"; l. 18, it has "& diet" inserted after "bedding."
- P. 204: l. 2, E has "1708" instead of "1709."
- P. 205: l. 8, E has "the Council" after "acquainted."
- P. 206: l. 3, E has "put" instead of "but"; l. 17, it has "Musters" instead of "Masters"; l. 18, it has "under" instead of "and in"; l. 19, it has "provide themselves" instead of "be provided."
- P. 207: l. 22, E has "by delivering" instead of "for delivering"; 3rd line from bottom and also last line, E has "Haward" instead of "Howard."
- P. 208: l. 32, E has added, "On Chews point at the mouth of York river two men"; 5th line from bottom, it omits "other" after "each"; last line, it has the following inserted between "Militia" and "shall": "in those parts & entrusted to such persons as y^e s^d officers."
- P. 209: l. 8, E has, inserted between "Rosegill" and "and," the following: "On Windmill point and on Dammerons point One Gun each to be taken from M^r Wormeleys plantation at Rosegill"; l. 21, E has "Inland" instead of "inclined"; l. 32, it has "said Commanding officers" instead of "such Commanding officers."
- P. 210: l. 32, E has "passage" instead of "passages"; 8th line from bottom, E has "Habitations" instead of "Inhabitants."
- P. 211: l. 19, E has "shall act" instead of "act."
- P. 212: l. 11, E has "his" in front of "intercession" and "for" instead of "of" after "intercession."
- P. 213: lines 37 and 38, E has "one of the men of War" instead of "the man of War"; 2nd to last line, E inserts after "Convoy" "M^r President is desired to write to Captain Fane an accompt of what ships are now in the Country to go under his Convoy."
- P. 214: 9th line from bottom, E omits "they" between "trade" and "Carryed."
- P. 215: l. 14, E has "three men out of Warwick County" instead of "five men out of Warwick County."
- P. 216: l. 3, E has "Hillary Stringer" instead of "Henry Stringer"; 3rd line from bottom, it has "M^r President in Council" in-

- stead of "the President & Council," and inserts as the next line: "Out of the Quitrents"; last line, E has "twenty five days salary" instead of "twenty days salary."
- P. 218: l. 23, E has "per" in front of "month"; l. 31, it has "show" instead of "then"; l. 32, it has "they" instead of "then."
- P. 219: l. 21, E has "Letters" instead of "Letter."
- P. 220: l. 1, E has "Rodrigo" instead of "Rodrige."
- P. 224: l. 4, E omits "of" after "because" and substitutes "would" for "will" at end of line.
- P. 227: l. 15, E has "Lookouts" for "Seeouts."
- P. 228: 8th line from bottom, E has "on the Victoria" instead of "by the Victoria."
- P. 229: l. 10, E inserts "small" before "Privateers."
- P. 231: l. 5, E has "To" instead of "So."
- P. 235: l. 20, E has "acts" instead of "act"; l. 27, it omits blank space in front of "Requireing."
- P. 236: l. 19, E has "an" instead of "ten"; l. 35, E has "Henry Harts" instead of "Henry Hartwells"; l. 36, it has "W^m Nevils" instead of "W^m Newits."
- P. 237: l. 31, E has "hold" instead of "holds."
- P. 238: l. 33, E has "State" instead of "Trade"; l. 35, it has "when" instead of "where"; l. 39, E has "Letter" instead of "Letters."
- P. 239: l. 6, E omits "not" in front of "proceed"; l. 18, it has "small" instead of "severall."
- P. 240: l. 8, E has "nation of "Einocs" instead of "Einoes"; l. 13, E omits "That" after "Tributarys"; l. 30, it has "President in Council" instead of "President & Council."
- P. 241: l. 6, E inserts the following after "year": "and for the charges of the sloop Diamond fitted out for y^e defence of the Country One hundred & nineteen pounds four Shill^s & one penny three farthings."
- P. 242: l. 7, E has "attendants" instead of "attendance"; 10th line from bottom, it has "M^r Swan" instead of "M^r Swain."
- P. 244: l. 2, E has "William Timson" instead of "William Simson"; in list of names of those attending the session of April 27, 1710, E has "James Blair"; l. 24, it adds "William Woodford" and has "Micou" instead of "Mecon"; l. 36, it has "Partners" instead of "Partner."
- P. 246: 3rd line from bottom, E has "his" between "in" and "hands"; last line, it has "in" in front of "order."
- P. 247: 13th line from bottom, E has "tho" in front of "lately" instead of "the."
- P. 249: the third paragraph on that page is omitted in E; l. 29, E has "distinct" instead of "District"; 10th line from bottom, E has "Ports" instead of "Posts."
- P. 250: at end of proceedings for July 5, 1710, E inserts the following:

"The hon^{ble} the Lieutenant Governor desiring the opinion and advice of the Council whether it be not necessary for her Majestys Service and the good of the Country that an Assembly be called and what time may be most proper for their meeting It is thereupon resolved that it is necessary an Assembly be called to meet at Williamsburgh the 25th of October next that being judged the most proper and convenient time for their sitting.

July the 6th 1710

Present

The Hon ^{ble} Alexander Spotswood Esq ^r his	
Maj ^{ty} Lieutenant Governor	
Edmund Jennings	James Blair Commissary
Dudley Digges	John Lewis
Robert Carter Esq ^r	William Churchill &
William Byrd Esq ^r	

The Writts for Election of Burgesses to serve in the ensuing Assembly were this day signed by the Governor in Council.

Whereas by the arrival of the late Convoy and the intentions of the Commodore that her Majestys Ship under his command shall cruise about the Capes and in Linhaven bay This Country will be protected from the Invasion and Insults of the Enemy's Privateers and there will be no occasion for alarming the Country upon Sight of any Ships coming into the Capes while her Majestys said Ships are cruising It is therefore ordered that the firing of the Alarm Guns be discharged and discontinued untill further order be given therein.

Whereas Captain Robinson Commodore of the Fleet lately arrived is by his orders directed to stay here ninety days and no longer which time expires the 20th day of September next It is ordered that the Collectors and Naval Officers of the respective Districts do forthwith give notice to the Masters of all Ships and Vessells that intend to take the benefite of the said Convoy that they prepare to joine the same at Kiquotan by the said 20th day of September And the said Collectors and Naval Officers are directed to clear only such Ships and Vessells as they are satisfied may be ready by that time to joine and proceed with the said Convoy.

Whereas Captain Clifton Commander of her Majestys Ship the Kingsale at New York hath notified to the Governor his being ordered in Conjunction with her Maj^{ty} Ship the Maidstone to touch at Virginia and take under his Convoy the trade that shall be ready to proceed with him from hence for Great Brittain by the 10th of this month in pursuance of which advice the Governor hath given directions for clearing all Ships that can be ready by that time, and whereas there are diverse other Ships almost loaded which probably may induce the said Captain Clifton upon his arrival to stay some longer time for taking the said Ships under his Convoy. It is the opinion of the Council that if the said Captain Clifton shall be prevailed with to stay beyond the

time he hath already fixed, the Governor give leave for clearing all such Ships as shall be ready to joine the said Convoy by the last day that he shall fix for their Departure.

On reading at this Board a paragraph of a letter from the Right hon^o the Lords Commissioners for trade and plantations dated the 19th of January 1709/10 together with the Extracts of three Memorials relating to illegal Trade carryed on between her Majestys British plantations in America and the Islands of Currasoa and S^t Thomas's whereby it appears that there has been illegal tradeing from the lower District of James River in this said Colony to the said Islands: for the better detecting of the persons concerned therein It is Ordered that the Collector & Naval Officer of the said Lower District of James River forthwith transmitt to the Governors an exact List under their hands of all Vessells tradeing to any of the Plantations that have entered and Cleared in their District from October 1706 to October 1708 together with Copys of the particular Invoices of goods imported in the said Vessells and Copys of such Certificates as have been produced to the said Officers for the discharge of the Ladeings of the said Vessells in the Plantations.

A Commission to Philip Ludwell Esq^r and Nathaniel Harrison Gent to be Commissioners for settleing the boundarys between this Colony and Carolina being prepared according to the former resolutions of this Board was this day signed by the Governor in Council and for the better enableing the said Comm^{rs} to proceed in that affair It is the opinion of the Council that the Instructions formerly agreed upon the 27th of April last be the Instructions to the said Commissioners, and the hon^o the Lieutenant Governor is desired upon any Occasion or emergency not therein provided for, to give such other Instructions and Directions as he shall think necessary for the better and more speedy prosecution of the said Work.

Whereas Her Majesty out of her Royal Favours to her Subjects of this Colony hath been pleased to give diverse Instructions for the better secureing the liberty of the Subject, and to direct that the same be published throughout this Colony. It is ordered that M^r Attorney General prepare a proclamation for publishing her Majestys said Instructions, and that the same be entered in the Records of the General Court and County Courts of this her Majestys Colony.

On the petition of Arthur Johnson A Prisoner in the publick Goal setting forth that in October 1707 Sentence was passed upon him in the Gen^l Court according to Law for stealing a horse at which time he humbly moved for mercy and Transportation which was granted but hath continued in prison ever since and humbly praying her Majestys gracious pardon or that he may be transported The hon^o the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to declare his intention of pardoning the petitioner, and It is accordingly ordered that M^r Attorney General do prepare a pardon for the Governors Signing.

On a Representation from the County of Richmond, Alexander Donaphan Nicholas Smith William Woodbridge and George Heale are

appointed Coroners for the said County and ordered that Commissions be granted them accordingly.

Ordered that a Commission of the peace be issued for Middlesex County and that M^r Ralph Wormley be added to the Quorum."

P. 251: l. 7, E has "tenth" instead of "ninth."

P. 252: l. 3, E has "stile" instead of "sale" and "issued" instead of "used"; l. 7, it has "Stile" instead of "Sale."

P. 255: l. 23, E has "cases" instead of "case."

P. 256: 16th line from bottom, E has "Commissioners" instead of "Commissions."

P. 257: l. 28, E has "Evidence" instead of "Evidences."

P. 258: l. 24, E has after "Weyanoak Creek" the following: "as it is proved by the Witnesses on the part of Virginia, and the line that will run in a due west course from thence to Moratuck river"; l. 32, E inserts "such" before "measures."

P. 259: 13th line from the bottom, E has "1706" instead of "1708." The date 1708 is, however, correct.

P. 260: l. 21, E inserts after "Plantations" "by the Governor and Council"; 3rd line from the bottom, it has "Petition" instead of "Petitions."

P. 262: 9th and 10th lines from the bottom, E erroneously omits "be dead without heirs or other representative, his share and proportion of the said Land shall."

P. 263: bottom of page, E gives the members of the Council present at the December 8, 1710, session as follows:

Present

The Hon ^{ble} the Lieutenant Governor	
Edmund Jenings	Philip Ludwell
Dudley Digges	John Smith
James Blair	John Lewis &
William Byrd Esq ^r	

P. 264: E has an additional entry for December 8, 1710, as follows:

"A proclamation declaring her Maj^{ty}'s pleasure concerning the granting of Land read and approved and signed by the Governor in Council and Ordered to be sent to the several Countys." E also shows that the last paragraph given by the Virginia book as of December 8 really belongs to a meeting taking place on December 9, the first entry of which is not in the Virginia book. The proceedings for this day are entered by E as follows:

"December the 9th 1710

Present

As Yesterday

On the petition of John Symonds Leave is granted him to take up fifteen hundred acres of Land on Nottoway River It appearing to the

Governor & Council that he is capable of Cultivating the same according to her Majestys Instructions and the Receiver General is hereby impowered on his application to grant him Certificate of Rights for the same."

- P. 264: 13th line from bottom, E omits "his" before "escheated lands"; last line, it has "was read" instead of "were read."
- P. 265: l. 6, E has "John Smith" instead of "John Lewis"; l. 15, it has "promises" instead of "promising."
- P. 266: l. 4 from bottom, E has a space inserted between "of" and "acres."
- P. 267: l. 24, E has "form" instead of "forms."
- P. 268: 3rd line from bottom, E has "asked" instead of "asking."
- P. 269: l. 18, E inserts "other" before "Owners"; l. 31, it has "of" instead of "made by"; l. 35, it has "make use of" instead of "make up of"; 4th line from bottom, E has "indirect" instead of "indiscreet."
- P. 271: l. 13, E has "Ordered" instead of "Resolved."
- P. 272: instead of the list as given in the Virginia book, E has a much longer list, as follows:

"Norfolk	James Wilson
Princess Anne	George Hancock
Prince George	Joshua Wynne
Henrico	Francis Epes
Charles City	James Joyeux
New Kent	Joseph Foster
James City	Edward Jacquelin
York	William Timson
Warwick	Humphry Harwood
Elis' City	John Moore
Accomack	Tully Robinson
Northampton	John Powell
Gloucester	Thomas Buckner
King & Queen	Samuel Matthews
King William	William Anderson
Middlesex	Oliver Segar
Essex	Richard Covington
Richmond	Edward Barrow
Westmorland	Daniel McCarty
Stafford	Joseph Summer
Northumberland	Maurice Jones
Lancaster	Thomas Pinhard
Nansemond	Joseph Merredith
Isle of Wight	Humphry Marshall
Surry	Ethelred Taylor"

- P. 273: l. 15, E has "Officer" instead of "Office"; l. 25, it has after "Shallops" "or" instead of "and"; lines 28-36 E sub-

stitutes the following: "the Method laid down therein will be very much for her Majestys Service, will more effectually prevent illegal Trade, and be performed with as little charge as the present Establishment, and with no inconveniency to Traders, since Williamsburgh is commodiously seated in the Center of both Rivers, and has navigable Creeks so near to it, which will render their attendance on the Collector equally convenient from either."; 13th line from the bottom, E has "Out of the 2' per hoghead Port Dutys and Head money."

P. 274: l. 10, E has after "Contingent Charges" "One hundred and five pounds Sixteen shillings & Eleven pence"; 9th line from bottom, E has "Ann" instead of "Elizabeth," and the same in the 4th line from the bottom.

P. 279: l. 6, E inserts after "Treasury" "not having the Conveniency of negotiating them to answer their Credit in England"; l. 30, E inserts "he" in front of "soon discovered."

P. 280: l. 30, E has "Sixteen" instead of "Six."

P. 281: l. 24, E has "Truchett" instead of "Trukitt," and a blank space before "stone"; l. 38, it has "1674" instead of "1684"; l. 40-51 and l. 1-12 of next page, E has the following: "which said Land by divers mean Conveyances, is come to the possession of him the said Mongo. That he and those under whom he claims has been in possession of and paid Quit rents for the said Land ever since the date of the patent; but upon examining the bounds described in the said patent the pet' has discovered that the Lines do not meet, which must have been occasioned either through the Omission of the Surveyor in returning the Survey or the Negligence of the Clerk in recording the patent; That divers persons now intending to take up land joining upon the petitioners Tract he is apprehensive he may be thereby involved in Controversys and disputes concerning the bounds of his patent; And therefore praying he may have liberty to survey the said Patent so far as the bounds thereof are distinctly mentioned, and that where the same are uncertain, a line be run to include the said three thousand acres due to him by patent, and that he may thereupon have his patent renewed. This Board taking the said petition into consideration and conceiving the same to be reasonable do order that the Tract of Land mentioned in the petioner's patent be accordingly laid out and surveyed at his proper charge, and that the Surveyor cause a Line to be run where the same is wanting to include as near as may be the three thousand acres due to the petitioner by the aforesaid patent. And to the end no person may be prejudiced by the said Survey. It is Ordered that the Surveyor of the County of New Kent give publick notice at the Court house of the

said County of the time of the s^d Survey ten days at least before he proceed thereon, that the patentees of the Adjacent Lands, if any be, may attend and make their Objections against the same And it is further Ordered that the Surveyor return an exact Plott and Survey thereof to the Secretarys Office."

- P. 283: l. 29, E has "Line" instead of "Lines."
 P. 284: l. 8, E has "Simons" instead of "Summons."
 P. 286: 9th line from bottom, E has "badges" instead of "badge."
 P. 290: l. 13, E has "Stubble Stubbleson" probably, but handwriting not absolutely clear; l. 30, E has "his use" instead of "this use."
 P. 292: E has "concerted" instead of "concerned"; l. 31, E has "Provinces" instead of "Province."
 P. 296: l. 11, E has "performing" instead of "forming"; l. 22, it has "Occoquan" instead of "Accoquan."
 P. 297: 5th line from bottom, E has "time" after "same."
 P. 299: lines 16-18, E has "assembled for divine service fix up on the Door of the said Church a scandalous paper, reflecting upon the Communion of the Church of England and importing a Renunciation of his baptisme It is Ordered that M^r Attorney Gen^l do consider of the said paper and that he prosecute the said Ratcliff if he find the Offence punishable by Law."
 P. 300: 13th line from bottom, E has "Commanders" instead of "Commander."
 P. 301: 6th line from bottom, E has "their" instead of "there."
 P. 302: l. 19, E has "Serjeants" instead of "Serjeans"; last line, it has the date filled in "17th Sept' 1711."
 P. 303: l. 22, E has the blank spaces filled in giving the date "26 day of Oct' last"; 8th line from bottom, it has "19th" instead of "sixteenth"; last line, it has "Indians" instead of "Indian's."
 P. 304: l. 25, E has "Grecian" instead of "Gresham"; l. 27, E has "Governor & Council" instead of "Governor in Council"; l. 29, E has "Thomas Wynne" instead of "James Wynne."
 P. 305: l. 1, E has "William Farrow" instead of "William Farrar"; l. 8, E has "Andrew Woodlie" instead of "Andrew Woodley"; l. 31, E has "Thwayt" instead of "Thweat."
 P. 306: l. 6, E omits "to" before "be known therein."
 P. 307: l. 23, E has "17th" instead of "7th"; l. 31, E has blank spaces filled up with "17th" and "Sept' 1711."
 P. 308: l. 28, E omits "that" before "this Board."
 P. 309: l. 25, E has "whither" instead of "whether."
 P. 311: l. 17, E has "is pleased" instead of "was pleased"; 5th line from bottom, has "she" instead of "he."
 P. 313: l. 19, E has "24th" instead of "30th."
 P. 314: l. 13, E inserts after "Majesty" "and on hearing the allegations of both partys"; 10th line from bottom, E has "Governor and Council" instead of "Governor in Council."

- P. 315: l. 17, E has "Governor in Council" instead of "Governor and Council."
- P. 316: l. 5, E has after "trade" "directly or indirectly."
- P. 318: l. 35, E has "from Carolina" inserted after "papers"; l. 36, E has "declarations" instead of "declaration"; l. 43, E has "then" instead of "than"; next to last line, E has "North" before "Carolina."
- P. 319: l. 19, E has "Sackville Brewer," instead of "Lackville Brewer"; 14th line from bottom, E has "obtaining" after "in."
- P. 320: l. 22, between "Williamsburg" and "and deliver" E inserts the following: "for that purpose And as a proof of this their good intention, They (the Great men here present) do promise that the Deputys of their Nation shall within fourty days bring with them to Williamsburgh."
- P. 323: l. 19, E inserts between "for" and "any" "all bills drawn on."
- P. 325: l. 4, E has "pretended" instead of "presented"; l. 36, E has "Grant" instead of "Grand"; 4th line from bottom, E has before "Secretarys office" "Records of the."
- P. 329: l. 24, E has "payment" instead of "payments."
- P. 330: l. 10, E has "tho'" in place of "having been."
- P. 331: 10th line from bottom, E has "sent into South Carolina" instead of "sent from South Carolina," the latter reading clearly correct, however.
- P. 332: l. 11, E has "Tuckanox" instead of "Suckanox"; l. 23, E has after "Rangers" "That such further Instructions be given them as the Governor shall think necessary for carrying on this Service."
- P. 333: 16th line from bottom, E has "probable" instead of "probably."
- P. 336: 14th line from bottom, E has "M" Christopher Robinson" instead of "M' Christopher Robinson."
- P. 337: l. 25, E has "Haward" instead of "Howard."
- P. 339: l. 28, E has, instead of "ending the same time One hundred pounds," "ending as above fifty pounds."
- P. 340: 12th line from bottom, E has "Governor and Council" instead of "Governor in Council"; 9th line from bottom, E has, after "Thacker," "for land in Middlesex County"; 6th line from bottom, E has "Governor and Council" instead of "Governor in Council"; 5th line from bottom, E has "enter" instead of "entring."
- P. 341: l. 7, E has "fourty eight acres" instead of "fourty acres."
- P. 342: l. 12, E has "competent" instead of "complete"; lines 24-31, this omitted from E.
- P. 343: 6th line from bottom, E has "intrusted" instead of "trusted."
- P. 344: l. 18, E has "2585" instead of "2485"; l. 25, E has "at the rate" instead of "as the rate"; 7th line from bottom, E has "Governor and Council" instead of "Governor in Council."
- P. 347: l. 3, E has "Governor and Council" instead of "Governor in Council."

- P. 348: l. 15, E has "Platt" instead of "Plott."
- P. 350: l. 14, E has "Abjuration" instead of "Adjuration," and "taken the Oath" instead of "took the Oath."
- P. 351: l. 9, E has "North" before "Carolina."
- P. 354: l. 10, E omits comma at end of line; l. 11, E has "William Stanard" instead of "William Standard."
- P. 355: l. 5, E has, after "Generall Court," "and be heard thereupon before a Patent be passed to the petitioner"; l. 10, E has "John Shaw" instead of "John Snow"; l. 15, E has "17th day" instead of the blank space; l. 29, E has "Ayletts" instead of "Aylett"; l. 30, E has blank in front of "Keffel"; 11th line from bottom, instead of "as follows Viz" E has: "That if any person or persons (other than the Indians or their Posterity) shall from and after the publication of the s^d Act presume to purchase or obtain any Deed or Conveyance in fee, or any Lease for years from any of the Tributary Indians of any Lands or tenements, laid or appropriated; or now actually possessed, or justly claimed and pretended to by the said Indians, or shall occupy or tend any of the said Lands by permission of the s^d Indians or otherwise Every person or persons so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted in any Court of Record within this Colony shall forfeit and pay the Sum of ten shillings Current money for every acre of Land so purchased Leased or occupied, and for every year during the continuance of the possession or Occupation of any Lands by virtue of such purchase or Lease, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Shillings Current money for every acre of Land so possessed or occupied as aforesaid"; 2nd line from bottom, E has "the bounds" instead of "that bounds."
- P. 356: l. 17, E has "complainants" instead of "complaints"; l. 19, E has "see" instead of "be"; l. 35, E has "this order" instead of "his order"; l. 36, E omits "Court" before "days"; bottom line, E has "her" instead of "his."
- P. 357: l. 19, E has "quinny" instead of "quinie"; l. 32, E has "Indian Settlement" instead of "Indian Settlements."
- P. 358: l. 16, E has "there" instead of "their"; l. 26, E has "32'" instead of simply "32"; l. 40, E has "ordered" instead of "ordained"; l. 44, E has "Talbot" instead of "Tilbot"; 3rd line from bottom, E has "ordered" instead of "ordained."
- P. 359: l. 33, E has before "Patent" "by," and after "1702" "wth"; l. 37, E has "John Hamptons patent dated the 1st of April 1702. Consent as above 50. George Johnson by his Fathers patent dated 1st April 1702. Consent as above 80"; l. 45, E has the blank space filled with the word "Anthony."
- P. 360: l. 3, E has "Pettiver" instead of "Pattiver"; l. 5, E has "Bell" instead of "Dell"; l. 19, E has "Waldrobe" instead of "Waldrobs."

- P. 361: l. 6, E omits "it appearing"; l. 31, between "duties" and "for" E inserts the following: "which were payable upon the Entry of his said Ship. The Governor with the advice of the Council is thereupon pleased to order as it is hereby Ordered that the Port dutys."
- P. 362: lines 2 and 4. E has "Bermuda" instead of "Barmuda."
- P. 363: 4th line from bottom, E has "Center" instead of "Centure."
- P. 364: l. 17, E has "their approbation" instead of "the approbation."
- P. 365: l. 13, E has "Governor in Council" instead of "Governor & Council."
- P. 366: l. 11, E has "miha" instead of "incha" (Indian words); l. 22, E has "was" instead of "were"; l. 38, E has "Poythres" instead of "Pothres."
- P. 367: 5th line from bottom, E has between "Inclined" and "an" "to"; 4th line from bottom, E has "could" instead of "cannot."
- P. 368: l. 2, E has "ease" instead of "care"; 10th line from bottom, E has "praying" instead of "prayed."
- P. 369: l. 7, E has "Porteus" instead of "Poteus."
- P. 370: l. 9, E has "Yarbrough" instead of "Yarebrough"; l. 10, E has "Higginson" instead of "Higgason"; l. 14, E. has "Rouviere" instead of "Rouvioze"; l. 15, E has "Chermeson" instead of "Chermesond," and the same in l. 21; l. 21, E has "she paying" instead of "the paying"; 7th line from bottom, E has "their arrival" instead of "the arrival."
- P. 371: l. 15, E has "Ridley" instead of "Redly"; l. 22, E has "Tarent" instead of "Taret"; l. 35, E has "John Brodhurst" instead of "Ed Robins."
- P. 373: l. 2, E has "Six Shillings" instead of "Six pence"; 14th line from bottom, E has "Meriam" instead of "Marian"; 12th line from bottom, E has "Thomas Benbridge" instead of "Matthew Nichola."
- P. 374: no proceedings for the 3rd of May, 1714, were transmitted to England—or, if transmitted, preserved; line next to bottom, E has "has given too" instead of "[leads] to."
- P. 375: 19th line from bottom, E has "Bignal" instead of "Bigner."
- P. 376: 20th line from bottom, E has between "On" and "the" "reading at this Board"; 13th line from bottom, E has between "the" and "same" "patent for the"; 12th line from bottom, E omits "patents."
- P. 377: l. 24, E has "Cockram" instead of "Cochram"; 12th line from bottom, E has "Meriam" instead of "Marian," and the same in the 5th line from the bottom.
- P. 378: l. 4, E has "Owen" instead of "Owan"; l. 22, it has "letter" instead of "latter"; 7th line from bottom, it omits "of" in front of "Bolingbroke."
- P. 379: l. 19, E has "same" instead of "Sd"; l. 20, it has "alterations" instead of "alteration."

- P. 380: l. 17, E has "of" instead of "for" after "Execution"; l. 36, it has "Simmons" instead of "Summons"; l. 40, it inserts "Lemuel" before "Newton"; lines 42 and 43, it omits "Hugh Scarburgh" and "James Kemp"; 3rd line from bottom, it has "Miles Wells" instead of "M. Wells"; last line, it omits "W^mburgh."
- P. 381: l. 1, E has "Henry Soane" instead of "H. Soane" and an additional name "Edward Jaqueline" for James City County; l. 7, it has "Christ^r Robinson" instead of "J. Robinson"; l. 8, it has "Richard Buckner" instead of "R. Buckner"; lines 11-14, it omits "W. Allerton," and the lines read as follows:

Stafford.....	M ^r John Waugh.....	1 p ^r
Westmoreland.....	M ^r Henry Fitzhugh.....	2 p ^r
Northumberland....	M ^r George Eskridge....	1 p ^r
	M ^r Richard Neal.....	1 p ^r ."

- P. 382: after line 2, E inserts the following:

"To the Hon^o the Governor half a years Houserent ending the same time Twenty five pounds

To the Gentlemen of His Majestys Council half a years sallary ending the same time One hundred seventy five pounds

To William Blathwayt Esq^r Auditor Generall of America half a years Sallary ending the same time Fifty pounds

To Nathaniel Blackistone Esq^r Sollicitor of the Virginia Affairs, half a years Sallary ending the same time Fifty pounds

To John Clayton Esq^r his Majesty's Attorney General half a year's Sallary ending the same time Twenty pounds.

To William Robertson Clerk of His Majestys Council half a years Sallary ending the same time Fifty pounds.

To Daniel Jones Armourer at Williamsburgh half a years Sallary ending the same time Six pounds.

To Edward Ross Gunner at James City half a years Sallary ending the same time Five pounds.

To M^r Richard Bland for so much paid severall Ministers for their attendance one General Court Five pounds.

To William Robertson Clerk of his Majestys Council for so much paid by him for severall Expresses and other Contingent charges this last half year Fourty one pounds two shillings and eleven pence

And Out of the Quittrents.

To M^r Commissary Blair half a years Sallary ending as above Fifty pounds, and

To John Clayton Esq^r his Majestys Attorney Generall half a years additional Sallary ending the same time Thirty pounds."

- P. 384: l. 24, E inserts "to" before "Mr. Churchill"; 15th line from bottom, E has "answering" instead of "answered."

- P. 385: l. 26, E has "concealors" instead of "concealor"; 11th line from bottom, it has "said" instead of "paid."

- P. 390: l. 19, E strikes out "Munday" and "Eleventh."
- P. 391: l. 2, E inserts "and improved" after "cultivated."
- P. 393: 9th line from bottom, E has "enacted" instead of "reenacted."
- P. 397: l. 15, E has "Government" instead of "Governor"; l. 23, it has "Saraws" instead of "Sara's"; second line from bottom, it has "for that purpose" instead of "with one another."
- P. 398: l. 14, E omits "Henry Cheetman"; 17th line from bottom, E has "Meriam" instead of "Merian"; 16th line from bottom, E fills up blank space with "Matthew"; 4th line from bottom, E inserts "Thomas" before "Etheridge."
- P. 399: last line. E has "on" after "Carolina" instead of "or."
- P. 400: l. 5, E has "valeur" instead of "Valeser"; 9th line from bottom, E has "three" instead of "their."
- P. 403: l. 2, E has "governor" instead of "government."
- P. 405: 10th line from bottom, E has "Saraw" instead of "Sara."
- P. 406: l. 8, E has "it appears" instead of "is appears."
- P. 407: l. 25, E has "Tommalhittons" instead of "Tommahitions"; l. 31, and also l. 33, E has "Simmons" instead of "Simons."
- P. 408: l. 13 from bottom and also 5th line from bottom, E has "Simmons" instead of "Simons"; 4th line from bottom, E has "A court" instead of "the Caire."
- P. 410: l. 3, E has "one of the s^d indifferent persons" instead of "Justice"; l. 9, E has "the severall Transfer Notes" instead of "several of the Transfer Notes."
- P. 411: l. 12, E has "unbecoming" instead of "inbecoming"; l. 14, it has "shall" instead of "that."
- P. 412: l. 1, E has "come in" instead of "coming."
- P. 414: l. 28, E omits "to" after "paying."
- P. 419: l. 30, E has "Commissions" instead of "Commissioners."
- P. 420: 14th line from bottom, E inserts the following between "Courts" and "where": "of such their Good behaviour, and 4th That they be no promoters of Strife or encouragers of Lawsuits in the Neighbourhood."
- P. 421: l. 24, E has "Abjuration Oath" instead of "Abjuration Oaths"; 2nd line from bottom, E has "answered" instead of "as-sur'd."
- P. 422: l. 31, E has "be" instead of "in" before "concluded."
- P. 423: l. 2, E has "Repaid" instead of "paid"; l. 12, E has "John Smith" instead of "Philip Ludwell"; l. 19, E has "Wilson" instead of "Whatson"; 6th line from bottom, E has "Rob^t Boling" instead of "Rob^t Bowlin"; 5th line from bottom, it has "four thousand acres of land" instead of "four hundred four thousand acres of land," and fills the blank with "Mamoseen."
- P. 424: l. 6, E has "1690" instead of "1699"; l. 32, E has "Henry Netherton" instead of "Henry Nedderton"; 8th line from

bottom, it has "Beverly" inserted after "Robert"; 6th line from bottom, it has "Marocosuck" instead of "Masocosick."

P. 425: lines at the end of the first paragraph read as follows: "It is accordingly order'd that Leave be granted him to surrender his said Patent & to enter a new Patent he entring Rights for the quantity of 776 Acres containd in his Said Survey more than is Express'd in his former Patent"; in line 11, E has "Richard Hamlin" instead of "Richard Hemlin"; l. 19, it has "Henry Tyler," instead of "Henry Taylor"; l. 28, it has "Alex Donaphan" instead of "Alex Donapham"; l. 34, it has "Helary Stringer" instead of "Hellany Stranger."

P. 426: l. 4, E has "Eighty" in front of "foot"; lines 20 & 21, it has the following for these two lines: "Two warrants for one years Sallary ending ye twenty fifth of October 1715 Two thousand Pounds." The rest of the payroll is as follows:

"To the Hon^{ble} Alexander Spotswood His Majestys Lieutenant Governor for one years House rent ending the Same time One hundred & fifty pounds.

To the Gentlemen of His Majestys Council One Years Sallary ending the Same time Three hundred & fifty pounds.

To William Blathwayt Esq' Auditor Gen^l of the Plantations for One years Sallary ending the same time One hundred pounds.

To Nathaniel Blackiston Esq' Sollicitor Gen^l of the Virg^a Affairs One years Sallary ending the Same time One hundred pounds.

To John Clayton Esq' His Majestys Attorney Gen^l for one years Sallary ending the Same time Fourty pounds.

To William Robertson Clerk of His Majestys Council One years Sallary ending the Same time One hundred pounds.

To Edward Ross Gunner at James City One years Sallary ending the Same time Seven pounds ten Shillings.

To Daniel Jones Armourer at Williamsburgh One years Sallary ending the same time Twelve pounds.

To the Judges Clerks & Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held in June 1715 One hundred pounds.

To Severall Ministers for their attendance Two Gen^l Courts & Assemblys ending the same time Twenty pounds."

The English copyist sends the following note: "There is another copy of this set of Minutes in the Public Record Office and it is curious to note that it had originally been written as the printed volume, for the year & a half salaries throughout, but the words "and a half" with dates have been erased with a knife and the amounts altered to correspond. So that both mss sent home agree as shown."

P. 427: l. 12, E has "Charles Anderson" instead of "Charles Ader-son"; l. 18, it has "Assignment" instead of "Assign"; 3rd

- line from bottom, it has "required of" instead of "required off."
- P. 428: l. 9, E has "wrecks" instead of "wreck"; l. 16, it has "discoverys" inserted after "said"; l. 26, it has "leave" instead of "Patent"; l. 31, it has "a Commission" instead of "Commissions"; last line, it has "who have not signed" instead of "and have not sign."
- P. 429: l. 8, E has "Letters," after "Afforemention'd"; 4th line from bottom, E has "sale" instead of "sail."
- P. 430: l. 26, E has "Woodson" instead of "Woods."
- P. 433: l. 3, E has "20⁰⁰" in the blank space; l. 28, it has "7 3/4" instead of "7½."
- P. 434: l. 2, E has "State" instead of "States"; l. 27, it has "be" inserted after "future"; l. 32, it has "&c" added at end of line; 3rd line from bottom, it has "Surveyors" instead of "Surveyor."
- P. 435: l. 2, E has "indisposed of But" instead of "undisposed off (but)"; l. 6, it has "the method proposed" instead of "by"; l. 21, it has "upon the" instead of "for" at end of line; l. 32, it has "of Virg" after "Treasury"; l. 36, it omits the words "A B Dep Aud"; l. 41, it has "Letters" instead of "Letter"; l. 43, it has "Rencounter" instead of "Recounter."
- P. 437: l. 16, E has "Approbation" instead of "Nomination"
- P. 438: l. 11, E has "Warrant from" instead of "Warrant for"; l. 12, it has "10th" in blank space; 8th line from bottom, it has "nominated" instead of "recommended."
- P. 439: l. 4, E has "encroach" instead of "enreach"; l. 24, it has "Government" instead of "Governor."
- P. 440: l. 15, E has "untruly" instead of "intirely"; l. 23, it has "neither" instead of "either"; l. 36, it has "with those Indians" instead of "the Indians."
- P. 441: l. 9, E has "People" instead of "Peoples"; l. 21, it has "St Augustine" instead of "St Aug" and omits "a" at end of line and "letter" at beginning of next line; l. 31, it has "Porto Rico" instead of "Port Rico"; l. 32, it has "Hispaniola" to fill up blank space; l. 38, it has "an" instead of "on" at beginning of line; 5th line from bottom, E has "the value of £250" instead of simply "250."
- P. 442: l. 1, E has "Comee" instead of "Coomee" and the same form in other lines of the paragraph; it has "Michael Kerney" instead of "Michael Hearney" and the same in other lines of the paragraph; l. 29, it has "David Anderson" instead of "David Aderson."
- P. 443: l. 15, E has "Thomas Reves" instead of "Thomas Reevis"; l. 24, it has "Amity" instead of "Aimity."
- P. 444: l. 5, E has "Pokein" [Indian name] between "from" and "one"; 12th line from bottom, E has "be charged" between "shall" and "against."

- P. 445: l. 14, E has "subjoined" instead of "joined"; 6th line from bottom, it omits semicolon after "there."
- P. 446: 2nd line from bottom, E has "Service" after "their."
- P. 447: l. 8, E has "Governor in Council" instead of "Governor and Council"; l. 13, it has "Nath' Blakistone" instead of "Nath' Blakistoll"; 10th line from bottom, it has "& false interpretation of" instead of "that his Maty had repealed."
- P. 449: l. 11, E has "Rivanna" instead of "Rivanne," and the same in line 18; l. 22, it has "upper" instead of "up"; l. 29, it has "recover" after "Shall"; 5th line from bottom, it has "James Burtell's" instead of "James Burwells."
- P. 450: At the close of the proceedings for May 4, 1717, E has the following additional paragraphs:

"On the petition of Larkin Chew, praying leave to take up & patent 2434 acres of Land in King & Queen County on the branches of Mattapony River, on the North side thereof—the said Land having been formerly surveyed for the pet' by Charles Smith decd and the Survey lost. Leave is accordingly granted the pet' to take up the said Land, This Board being satisfied of his Ability to cultivate the same according to Law. And the Surveyor of King & Queen County is directed to lay off the same accordingly.

On reading at this Board the petition of John Bowles of New Kent County Setting forth that by patent dated the 23^d October 1703 there was granted to Thomas Bradly 1087 acres of Land in the said County on the North side of Chicahominy Swamp, the Right of which patent the pet' hath lately purchased, and having some grounds to suspect that the said Land fell short of the quantity mentioned in the s^d patent, he had the same resurveyed, and finds that by the negligence of the person who first surveyed the same, instead of the 1087 acres, there is no more than 709 contain'd within the bounds described in the said patent, and praying that so much as is wanting of his quantity may be made up out of the Adjoining Lands not yet entered for It is accordingly Ordered that the Surveyor of New Kent County do at the Charge of the pet' Survey the bounds of the aforesaid patent; And in case he finds the quantity deficient, that he lay off for the pet' so much as shall be found wanting, out of the Adjacent Lands not yet entered for by any other person, and that upon the Return of such Survey, a new patent be granted the pet' for the same.

Thomas Etheridge by his petition setting forth that upon a dispute before this Board between the said Etheridge and John Powell & Meriam his Wife, concerning the Right to a Tract of Land in Norfolk found by Inquisition to Excheat to His Majesty from one Nichols of the said County decd An Order pass'd that the said Powell should have a Grant of the said Land upon paying to the pet'" all the Charges he had been at in prosecuting the said Escheat: And praying that for as much as the said Powell hath not paid the said charges, he the said Etheridge may now have a Grant of the said Land It is accordingly

ordered that the said John Powell & Meriam his Wife do pay to the pet' the severall Charges expended by him about the Escheat of the said Land before the first day of October next. And in case they do not pay the same, That then upon the said Etheridge's producing a Certificate under the hand of some Justice of the Peace of the said County of his having demanded payment at least a month before the said first of October, and that the said payment is not made at the time hereby appointed a patent shall be granted the said Etheridge for the said Land.

The petition of James Atkins for stopping a patent sued out by Charles Evans for 285 acres of Land in Henrico County is referr'd for hearing at this Board on the third day of next General Court, of which the pet' is hereby directed to give the said Evans due Notice.

The petition of Robert Pollard for stopping a patent sued out by William Hall for 1400 acres of Land in King & Queen County is referr'd to be heard at this Board on the third day of next General Court, of which the pet' is hereby directed to give the said Hall due notice.

The petition of William Grills for stopping a patent sued out by Robert Jenings or Christopher Harris for about 140 acres of land in New Kent County, is referr'd to be heard at this Board on the third day of the next General Court, of which the pet' is directed to give the said Jenings & Harris due Notice."

P. 450: l. 7, E has "John Lewis" instead of "John Smith"; l. 24, it has "an" instead of "and" in front of "acknowledgment"; 11th line from bottom, it has "Agents" instead of "Agent"; 8th line from bottom, it omits "y" after the first word of the line; 2nd line from bottom, it has "the said" instead of "their" in front of "Six Indians."

P. 451: l. 21, E has "with" after "Correspondence"; 13th line from bottom, it has "delivering" instead of "discovering"; 4th line from bottom, it has "expects in return" instead of "respects a return."

P. 452: 17th line from bottom, E has "later" instead of "latter"; 8th line from bottom, it has "to" in front of "regard"; 4th line from bottom, it has "that" instead of "and" after "Brittain."

P. 453: l. 2, E has "a further" instead of "after y"; l. 9, it has "Betty" after "ship"; l. 10, it has "conceived" after "he"; l. 15, it has "whether" instead of "whither."

P. 454: l. 31, E has instead of "Provided &c" "Provided always that if the said Richard Fitzwilliam his Heirs or Assigns Shall not within 3 Years from the date hereof erect a Wharf or make such other Walls and Improvements as far as the Sea now Ebbs that then this present grant and Licence shall be void"; 14th line from bottom, it has "Chowan" in front of "River."

- P. 457: 19th line from bottom, E has "sums" instead of "sum"; 8th line from bottom, it has "a Representation" instead of "at Representation."
- P. 458: l. 25, E has "Sevil" instead of "Covill."
- P. 459: l. 15, E has "Lyonel Loyd" instead of "Lyonell Long"; l. 20, it has "Plantations" instead of "Plantation"; l. 22, it has "were proper" instead of "was proper."
- P. 461: l. 7, E has "Tho^s Speight" instead of "Tho^s Spight"; l. 13, it has "he" instead of "be" at end of line; l. 14, it has "obtain a" in front of "permit"; l. 22, it has "Sale" instead of "Sail" but it has "Sail" in line 17.
- P. 462: 18th line from bottom, E has "Letters" instead of "Letten"; 14th line from bottom, it has "Seal of the Mayoralty" instead of "Great Seal of the Mayoralty"; 4th line from bottom, it has "Offices" instead of "Officers."
- P. 463: 12th line from bottom, E has "of the Nansemonds" after "Neighbourhood."
- P. 466: l. 15, E omits "a" after "Sutherland"; 3rd line from bottom, it has "for that end" between "and" and "to hear."
- P. 467: last line, E has "Libell" instead of "Libells."
- P. 468: l. 1, E has "the Schooner George" instead of "he George"; l. 26, it has "Distrayned" instead of "destroyed"; 17th line from bottom, it has "been patented" instead of simply "patented."
- P. 469: l. 4, E has "Rivanna" instead of "Rivanne"; 8th line from bottom, it has "1666" instead of "1668."
- P. 470: l. 10, E has "communicating" instead of "communicated"; 23rd line from bottom, it has the following inserted after "opinion": "Whereupon the Council are of Opinion that the Kings Instructions for holding those Courts ought still to be observ'd when there are any Criminals to be try'd, untill his Maj^{ty} think fitt to alter the same."
- P. 472: l. 22, E has "of Murder" after "Suspition"; 14th line from bottom, it has no blank space before "Indians"; 11th line from bottom, it has "not" instead of "net."
- P. 473: 13th line from bottom, E has "advicce of the" before "Council."
- P. 474: 10th l. from bottom, E omits "to" before "be sent."
- P. 475: 4th l. from bottom, E has "John Davis" with which to fill up the blank space.
- P. 476: l. 26, E has "René la Foree" instead of "Rent La Foree"; l. 31, it has "Thomas Etheridge" instead of "Thomas Es-
cridge," and the same for several lines in the next paragraph; 15th line from bottom, it has "4th" instead of "14th."
- P. 478: l. 3, E omits "Add" after "years."
- P. 479: l. 27, instead of "go on the Credit" etc., E has "do it upon the Engagements of the Assembly it not being proper for him to engage the payment of such Messenger out of the Revenue which is now so low."

- P. 480: l. 15, E has "last" after "March."
- P. 481: l. 5, E omits "to" after "in regard"; l. 22, it has "such" between "give" and "due"; l. 24, it has "disobediently" instead of "disobedient"; l. 26, it has "Person" instead of "Persons."
- P. 482: l. 26, E has "instructions" instead of "Instruction"; l. 32, it has "vestrys" instead of "Vestry."
- P. 483: l. 4, E has "at Break of Day" after "Month"; 22nd line from bottom, it has "cure" instead of "Care"; 14th line from bottom, it has "Michael Goen" instead of "Mihile Goen."
- P. 484: l. 14, E has "according" in front of "to which"; l. 21, it omits "here" after "tryed."
- P. 485: l. 16, E has "Advance" instead of "Advice"; last line on page, it adds "To William Robertson for sundry Expresses & other Contingent Charges this last half year, £28.3.11½."
- P. 487: l. 24, E inserts "another Patent for" before "200 Acres" and "of land" after "200 Acres"; l. 33, it has "Roger Mallory" instead of "Roger Mallore," and the same in other lines of the paragraph; 10th line from bottom, it has "John Quarles" instead of "John Guerles."
- P. 488: l. 4, E inserts "is" before "bound"; l. 5, it has "James Burtell" instead of "James Bartell"; l. 24, it inserts after "1716" "and for Some Years before," and it omits "but just" before "sent" and inserts "last year" after "sent."
- P. 489: l. 16, E has "Distinct" instead of "Distant."
- P. 490: l. 23, E has "as" after "allowance"; l. 24, it omits "&" after "Tobacco"; 19th line from bottom, E has "1718" instead of "1719."
- P. 491: l. 3, E has a parenthesis mark after "Bonds"; l. 15, it has "therefore that" after "and."
- P. 492: 4th line from bottom, it has "it" instead of "there" at the end of the line.
- P. 493: 16th line from bottom, E has "Genl" after "Rec."
- P. 494: l. 6, E has "John Silater" instead of "John Scilater"; 12th line from bottom, it omits "that" after "yeild"; last line, it has "their Lordships" instead of "the Lordships."
- P. 495: l. 21, E has parenthesis mark after "Cargo"; l. 26, it has "as well" instead of "both" after "War"; l. 28, it omits "that" after "but"; 2nd line from bottom, it has "Edward Tack" instead of "Edward Thack."
- P. 496: l. 5, E has "Thatch" instead of "Thack"; l. 8, it has "arrived" instead of "taken"; l. 12, it has "he hop'd" after "that"; l. 19, it omits "and" before "ought."
- P. 497: l. 3, E has "Drury Bowling" instead of "Drury Bolling"; l. 5, it has "Namassine" instead of "Naonassine"; l. 7, it has "Aurt Van Pelt" instead of "Aure Van Pelt"; l. 25, it has "Stoke" instead of "Stokes"; 6th line from bottom, it has "James Blair" instead of "James Blaie."

- P. 498: 1. 3, E has "from hence" instead of "from thence"; 18th line from bottom, it inserts "he has" after "Concern" and has "Hono" instead of "Hono".
- P. 499: 22nd line from bottom, E has "Disposition" after "Peaceable" instead of "condition"; 20th line from bottom, it has "on the 17th instant" instead of "of the 17th instant."
- P. 500: 1. 24, E has "ensuing year" instead of "ensuing years"; 1. 27, it has "George Harmantson" instead of "George Harmonson"; 1. 28, it omits "George Hancock"; it adds to the list of sheriffs "Hen. Haywood" for York and "Jno. Foster" for New Kent.
- P. 501: 1. 14, E has "Walpole" instead of "Walpoole," and the same throughout the paragraph; 11th line from bottom, E has "Edward Tack" instead of "Edward Thatch"; 3rd line from bottom, it has "stranded" instead of "strained."
- P. 502: 1. 2, E has "Petition" instead of "Port"; 1. 10, it omits "is" in front of "to be paid out"; 23rd line from bottom, it has "Minist" instead of "minutes" after "Sundry"; 19th line from bottom, it has "Quit Rents" instead of "Quarter Rents"; 18th line from bottom, it has "Nathaniel Blackeston" instead of "Nathaniel Blackston" and omits "half" in front of "a years"; 14th line from bottom, it has "Quit Rents" instead of "Quarter Rents"; 11th line from bottom, it omits "and" before "were."
- P. 503: 1. 3, E has "Lower" in front of "Horsepen"; 1. 14, it has "John Pride's" and "Halcot Preeds" instead of "John Preeds" and "Halcot Preeds"; 1. 22, E has "Manican upper Creek"; 1. 25, it has "on" instead of "or" before "fine Creek"; 18th line from bottom, it has "John Tullet" instead of "John Tulbitt"; 16th line from bottom, it has "North Northwest" instead of "North Northeast"; 5th line from bottom, it has "Prides" instead of "Reides"; 4th line from bottom, it has "Fine Creek" instead of "the Creek."
- P. 504: 1. 16, E has "George Woodriff" instead of "George Woodroff"; 1. 23, it has "William Kannon" instead of "William Kannon"; 1. 27, it has "Ralph Booker" instead of "Ralph Brooker"; 13th line from bottom, it has after "may issue" the following: "for the said Land in the Name of the Petition? It is accordingly ordered that a Patent Issue"; 4th line from bottom, it has "at" instead of "of" after "person"; last line, it has "the Pet" instead of "your Pet."
- P. 505: 1. 10, E omits "the" between "under" and "Sheriff," and after "King and Queen County" inserts "& Collecting his Maj^{ty} Q' Rents, in the upper Parish of the said County"; 1. 11, it has "Quit Rents" instead of "Quarter rents"; 1. 19, it has "tract" instead of "tracts"; 1. 23, it has after "Setting forth" "that"; 14th line from bottom, it has "he" inserted after "South Carolina."

- P. 506: lines 1 and 2, E omits these two lines—probably by oversight of the copyist; 6th line from bottom, E has “Talliaferro’s”—correct spelling.
- P. 507: l. 14, E has “Christopher Borroughs” instead of “Christopher Borrowgh”; l. 28, it inserts, after “Inhabitants,” “robbing them of their Provisions, frightening their Stocks”; l. 30, it has “to cutt off” instead of “so cutt off”; l. 37, it has “positively” instead of “privately”; 6th line from bottom, it has “Southward Governments on the Continent” instead of “Southern Gov^{ts}” in the Continent.”
- P. 508: l. 6, E has “propose” instead of “take”; l. 12, it has “order out” instead of “order out of”; l. 25, it omits “to” after “Countys”; l. 27, it has “to the officers” after “Orders”; 3rd line from bottom, it has “divert them” instead of “direct them.”
- P. 509: l. 1, E has “the Inhabitants” after “march through”; l. 15, it has “he rec^d” instead of “he read”; 21st line from bottom, it inserts “for” in front of “whose” at end of line; 19th line from bottom, it omits comma after “therewith” and begins “The (the next word) with a small “t” thus clearing up the meaning of the paragraph.
- P. 510: 6th line from bottom, E has “the greater” instead of “their greater”; 5th line from bottom, it has “their being” instead of “they being.”
- P. 511: l. 16, E has “John Syme” instead of “John Lyme.”
- P. 513: l. 26, E has “in order to go with the Convoy” instead of “and ordered to Sail with the Convoy”; 16th line from bottom, it has “Sloop in which” instead of “Sloop of which”; last line, it has “Northern” before “Indians.”
- P. 514: 22nd line from bottom, E has “Great Man” instead of “Great Men.”
- P. 515: 17th line from bottom, E has “of their Ability” instead of “of his Ability”; 9th line from bottom, it has “him” after “granted” instead of “them.”
- P. 516: l. 11, E has “they intend” instead of “he intends.” 8th line from bottom, it has “1718” instead of “1719”; 6th line from bottom, it has “Thomas Nichols” instead of “Thomas Nicholis.”
- P. 517: l. 14, E has “that” at end of line instead of “the”; 3rd line from bottom, it has “Council at Law” instead of “Council at time.”
- P. 518: l. 2, E inserts “Mr Byrd’s” before “Memorial.”
- P. 519: l. 1, E has “Onondago’s” instead of “Ovendago”; l. 17, it has “and” between “Blanket” and “flap”; l. 22, it has “proser” instead of “Proster”; 10th line from bottom, it has “of any land” before “in those bounds.”
- P. 520: l. 15, E has “Great Man” instead of “Great Men” and “told them” instead of “told him”; l. 24, it has “names” instead

- of "named"; 4th line from bottom, it has "taking to their Armes" instead of "taking their Armes."
- P. 521: l. 8, E inserts "in" between "be" and "any"; l. 9, it omits "after" before "answer" and inserts "their" before "Safety"; l. 12, it inserts "they observe what" after "expects"; l. 13, it inserts "on" after "agreed" and "if" after "that"; 21st line from bottom, it has "Inhabitants" instead of "Indians."
- P. 524: 10th line from bottom, E inserts "in matters of government" after "Council"; last line, it has "Collation" instead of "Callation."
- P. 525: l. 15, E has proceedings for meetings held May 2 and May 4 not in the Virginia Council Journal book, as follows:

"At A Council held at the Capitol the 2^d day of May 1720

Present

The Hon^{ns} Alexander Spotswood his Majesty's Lieutenant Governour

Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell

William Byrd
William Bassett
Mann Page Esq^r

Whereas Information upon Oath was this day given to the Governour in Council that one William Jones Servant to William Levingston of Williamsburgh, hath at sundry times endeavoured to excite other Servants to arm themselves to kill their Masters. It is Ordered that the said Jones be forthwith committed to the publick Goal, and that he be brought tomorrow before the General Court to receive such punishment for his Offence as the said Court shall award.

May the 4th 1720

Present

The Governour

Edmund Jenings
Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell

William Byrd
William Bassett
William Cocke
Nath^l Harrison

Mann Page Esq^r

The Minutes of the two last Councils were Read.

William Cocke Esq^r Absent

The Governour communicated to the Council a Copy of his Letter to Coll^o Schuyler President of the Council of the Province of New York, together with the said Presidents Answer. And it is Ordered that the said Letters be entered in the Council books.

A Letter to the Governour from Coll^o Eden Governour of North Carolina being read at the Board, together with a Scurrilous paper

Entituled An Account of a Conference with King Blunt Chief of the Tuscaruro Indians; And it appearing by the s^d paper that the same hath been framed with design to throw unjust Reflections on the Government of this Dominion. It is Ordered that the s^d paper and Coll^o Eden's Letter be entered on the Council books, that the same may remain as a Memorial to Posterity of the ingratitude of that Province for the generous Assistance it has on sundry Occasions received from this Government.

The Governour having communicated to the Council a Letter from Coll^o James Moor pretending himself to be Governour of the Province of South Carolina by the Choice of the people: And it not appearing by the s^d Letter that the people of South Carolina have not acted by any lawfull Authority in the displacing of their former Governour and assuming to themselves the power of choosing another. It is the opinion of this Board that no Answer be returned to the said Letter.

The Governour in Council was pleased to Nominate the following persons to be Sherifs of the several Countys for the ensuing year viz

Henrico	William Kennon
Prince George	Jn ^o Hardyman
Surry	Thomas Collier
Isle of Wight	Joseph Godwin
Nansimond	Joseph Meredith
New Kent	Nich ^o Aldersey
King William	W ^m Smith
King & Queen	W ^m Sutherland
Glocester	Augustin Smith
Middlesex	John Vivion
Norfolk	James Wilson
Princess Ann	Ch ^r Burroughs
Eliz ^a City	Tho ^o Wyth
Warwick	W ^m Harwood
York	Joseph Walker
James City	James Duke
Charles City	Lewellin Eppes
Essex	Lawrence Taliaferro
Richmond	John Tarpley
Stafford	Thomas Hooper
Westmoreland	Henry Lee
Northumberland	Christopher Neal
Lancaster	Thomas Carter
Accomack	Edm ^d Scarborough
Northampton	Henry Blair

On a Representation from Surry County Ordered that a new Commission of the Peace issue for the said County with the Addition of sundry persons recommended to be Justices of that Court.

On reading the several Representations of the Courts of Glocester & Elizabeth City Countys. Ordered that a new Commission of the

Peace issue for the said Countys with the Addition of sundry new Justices.

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of two shillings per hogshead &c were this day signed by the Governour in Council Viz

To the Governour half a years Sallary ending the 25 th of April	£1000
To the Gentlemen of the Council for the same time	175
To the Auditor General of America for the same time	50
To the Sollicitor of the Virginia Affairs for the same time	50
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the same time	20
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time	50
To the Gunner at James City for the same time	5
To the Armourer	6
To sundry Ministers attending last General Court	5
To the Clerk of the Council for sundry Charges on the tryal of Pyrates	80
To the same for Sundry Expresses and other contingent Charges	40.7.9
And out of the Quitt Rents	
To Coll ^o Nathaniel Blakiston for one year's Additional Sallary	200
To M ^r Commissary Blair one Years Sallary	100
To the Attorney Gen ^l one years additional Sallary	60

The Accompts of his Majestys Revenue of two shillings per hogshead port Dutys and head money for the last half year ending the 25th of April, and also the Accompts of his Majestys Revenue of Quitt Rents being examined by the Auditor were this day sworn to by the Receiver General and certified by the Governour as usual."

- P. 525: 16th line from bottom, E has "dated y^e 20 of 10^r [that is, 20th of October].
- P. 526: l. 13, E inserts after "Bever Dams" "to include the said quantity" and omits the rest of the paragraph; l. 18, it omits the last clause in the paragraph; 18th line from bottom, E does not give quantity of land to be taken up, in all respects agreeing with the text; 6th line from bottom, E has "Henry Holdcraft" instead of "Henry Holdercraft"; 5th line from bottom, it has "Randal Platt" instead of "Randolph Platt" and "Randal" in the next line also.
- P. 527: l. 3, E has "s^d petition" instead of "aforesaid Pet^r"; last line, it has "Oquia Creek" instead of "Oquca Creek" and omits "a" before "Court."
- P. 528: l. 15, E has "Slate hill" instead of "Slale hill"; it has "and" between "Ambrose" and "Joshua Smith"; 14th line from bottom, it has "Abjuration" instead of "Adjuration."

- P. 529: 8th line from bottom, E inserts between "the Coast" and "That Cap'" the following: "besides the s^d Cap' Whorwood made some Scruple of attacking any Spanish Privateers having as he says recieved Express Commands from the Admiralty Board not to committ any hostility against the Ships of that Nation."
- P. 530: the last three full paragraphs of this page are found in E but inserted after the first three paragraphs of the next page.
- P. 533: bottom of page, E gives names of members of the Council present at the meeting on November 12; it does not include the name of William Bassitt; last line, E has "Stukannox's" instead of "Stukannoës."
- P. 534: l. 17, E has "as a Confirmation" instead of "at a Confirmation"; 18th line from bottom, it has "the great Mountains" instead of "The great Mountain."
- P. 536: l. 9. E has "exclusive" instead of "inclusive"; l. 17, it has "difference" instead of "differency"; 11th line from bottom, E has "Jn^o Martin's" instead of "Jn^o Martin"; 5th line from bottom, it has the date of the meeting as "Dec. 19th" instead of the "15th"—which appears to be an error, however—and it gives those present as follows:

"Edmund Jenings
James Blair
Robert Carter
Philip Ludwell

John Lewis
Will^m Byrd
Will^m Bassett
Peter Beverley"

- P. 537: top of page, instead of naming those present at meeting the 21st of December E has "Present As before"—that is, for the 19th—but that list in E omits Nathaniel Harrison and Mann Page and includes John Lewis; l. 27, E has "Erect a Dam on a Run or branch" instead of "Erect a Dam or a Run on a branch"; 5th line from bottom, it has "800" instead of "8000"; 4th line from bottom, it inserts between "of" and "his said father" the following: "the Grant, and also of building a Mill according to the intentions of."
- P. 538: l. 2, E has "shall insist" after "who"; l. 7, E inserts following additional paragraph at close of this line:

"Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Northampton County with the Addition of several persons recommended to be Justices of the s^d County."

- P. 538: l. 10, instead of "As Yesterday" E has the following names:

"The Governor

Edmund Jenings
James Blair
Philip Ludwell
Jn^o Lewis

W^m Byrd
Nath^l Harrison
Cole Digges &
Peter Beverley Esqrs.³

It will be noticed that the date of the meeting just preceding this one was Dec. 21 and not Dec. 22. If a meeting was actually held on Dec. 22, there are no minutes extant.

- P. 538: l. 12, E has "of his Sloop" instead of "of's Sloop"; l. 15, it has the following for the first part of this line: "so much provisions as Cap^t Martin shall make appear"; l. 17, it has "of his" instead of "of's"; l. 19, after this line E inserts: "Philip Ludwell & William Byrd Esq^r" Absent" instead of having it at the end of the next paragraph.
- P. 539: l. 6, E has "that side" instead of "y^e side"; 4th line from bottom, it has "James Farse" instead of "James Forse."
- P. 540: l. 27, E has "Rich^d Herbert" instead of "Rich^d Herber."
- P. 541: l. 16, E has "in" before "Henrico County" instead of "is"; l. 17, it has "Beginning" instead of "Adjoining"; l. 18, it has after "Creek" at the end of line "to include the said quantity"; l. 19, it omits matter on this line; 2nd line from bottom, it has "Abjuration" instead of "Adjuration."
- P. 542: l. 17, E inserts "he" between "wherein" and "advises."
- P. 543: l. 13, E has "John Soane" instead of "John Soans"; 11th line from bottom, it has "Ralph Piggott" instead of "Ralph Piggol."
- P. 544: l. 19, E has "Collection" instead of "Collectors"; l. 23, it has "administration" instead of "Regulating"; l. 27, it has the following names inserted after "David Merriwether" "Robt Jenings W^m Fleming David Crawford & Christopher Clarke"; 16th line from bottom, it has "Jn^o Spicer" instead of "Jn^o Spencer" and "first five" instead of "first four."
- P. 545: 4th line from bottom, E has "at" instead of "of" between "Gunner" and "James City."
- P. 546: l. 11, E has "160" instead of "60"; 18th line from bottom, it has "firing" instead of "fixing"; 15th line from bottom, it has "John Pugh" instead of "Dan^l Pugh."
- P. 547: l. 12, E has "Jn^o Letham" instead of "Jn^o Latham"; 23rd line from bottom, it has "the Petitioners" instead of "to Petitioners."
- P. 548: l. 1, E has "Lewis Latane" instead of "Lewis Lataine"; it omits second paragraph on page; l. 25, it has "Isham Epes" instead of "Josham Epes."
- P. 549: from this point to close of book there are no emendations nor variant readings, for no transcripts of journals are in the

Public Record Office—that is, they have not been found. Those sent from Virginia were probably lost at sea.

The next date of a Public Record Office Virginia Council Journal is Sept. 27, 1722.

VOL. IV (present volume).

Note.—The date of the first Council proceedings printed in this volume is October 25, 1721. As noted above, however, there are in England no transcripts of Virginia Council proceedings for the period Aug. 10, 1721, to Sept. 27, 1722. Beginning with Sept. 27, 1722, the English transcripts are, for the period of this volume (Oct. 25, 1721, through Oct. 28, 1739), fairly complete. Mr. Fairfax Harrison's photostat prints of these from Feb. 1, 1726/27, to the end of the period have been made use of for furnishing the text of this volume beginning with Oct. 28, 1734, and for purposes of comparison from Feb. 1, 1726/27, up to Oct. 28, 1734, the text itself having been secured from the original journals in the Virginia State Library. The variations are noted below. For the period Sept. 27, 1722, to Feb. 1, 1726/27, comparison has not yet been made, as it did not seem to the editor of sufficient importance to justify the expense of having photostat prints made specially for that purpose. When this volume is printed, however, a copy will be sent to England, and the comparison made there as was the case with Vol. III, and the results noted in the preface to Vol. V of the series.

- P. 128: l. 2, E has "Dugdales run" instead of "Duglasses run"; l. 25, it has "Oliver Segar" instead of "Oliver Seager."
- P. 129: 8th line from bottom, E has "John Leigh" instead of "John Leegh"; 7th line from bottom, it has "Oliv. Segar" instead of "Oliv. Seager"; 6th line from bottom, it has "Thomas Warring" instead of "Thomas Waring"; last line, it has "Jn° Shapleigh" instead of "John Shopleigh."
- P. 130: l. 2, E fills blank space with "Anthony Thornton"; l. 23, it has "five days" instead of "four days"; l. 27, it has "Officer" after "Naval"; 2nd line from bottom, it has "put in" instead of "put to."
- P. 131: l. 26, E has "or his order" instead of "on his order."
- P. 132: l. 33, E has "Blunt" instead of "Blount"; it has same spelling in next paragraph.
- P. 133: l. 3, E has "from Blunt" instead of "from them"; l. 32, it has "John Prouse" instead of "John Prowse."
- P. 138: proceedings for the 14th and 15th of June, 1727, not preserved in England.
- P. 144: l. 27, E has "Govern" instead of "Government," the latter, however, appearing to be the better reading; l. 30, it has

"Andrew Freasure" instead of "Andrew Frazer" and so in line 34.

P. 145: 11th line and 5th line from bottom, E has "First year" instead of "Thirteenth year."

P. 153: 5th line from bottom, E has "20" instead of "50"; after that line it inserts the following: "To the Attorney General for the like Sallary 20,—,—."

P. 156: l. 10, E inserts "Governour of" before "North Carolina."

P. 161: l. 13, E has "William Philips" instead of "Richard Philips"; 11th line from bottom, it has "Farrel" instead of "Farrall."

P. 162: l. 23, E has "Bevil" instead of "Bevils."

P. 164: the last two paragraphs on this page appear in E as one paragraph as follows:

"On the petition of John Cosby and Charles Barrett Ordered that Thomas Carr of King William County be summoned to appear at the next Council to be held after the Court of Oyer and Terminer in June, to shew cause why the land mentioned in the said petition being 800, acres on both sides the South fork of little River and 400, acres on both sides the North Fork of Little River in Hanover County should not be granted to the petitioners."

P. 166: 5th line from bottom, E inserts "Peter Beverley."

P. 168: l. 14, E omits the first "and" and has semicolon after "summoned," which makes the sense clear.

P. 170: l. 16, E inserts "the Mapp of" before "the said County."

P. 171: l. 27, E has "W^m Kenney" instead of "W^m Henry"; 3rd line from bottom, it has "Ralph Pigot" instead of "Ralph Rigot"; last line, it has "Oliver Segar" instead of "Oliver Seager."

P. 172: l. 6, E has "John Battaille" instead of "John Battails."

P. 173: l. 18, E inserts "Door" after "Chamber."

P. 175: l. 7, E has "George Hume" instead of "George Home."

P. 178: E inserts the following additional paragraph before the first complete paragraph on the page:

"On the petition of Thomas Jones Gent for a grant of one thousand nine hundred acres of land in the south fork of little River in the County of Hannover formerly survey'd for Benjamin Brown, and no patent sued out for the same, It is ordered that the said Brown have notice to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer to show cause why the said land ought not to be granted to the petitioner."

P. 180: l. 8, E has "1722" instead of "1723"; 21st line from bottom, it has "3000 acres" instead of "300 acres."

P. 181: l. 11, E has "Holford Pride" instead of "Hotford Pride"; 6th line from bottom, it has "W^m Porteus" instead of "W^m Portens."

P. 182: l. 16, E fills up the blank space with "the same"; l. 23, E gives names of all members of Council present as follows:

"Present

The Hon^{ble} William Gooch Esq^r Lieu^t Governor

James Blair
Cole Digges

Richard Fitzwilliam
John Grynes &

John Custis Esq^r"

P. 182: 4th line from bottom, E omits "late" at beginning of line.

P. 183: l. 17, E has "Ship Mark" instead of "Ship Mortimer and Mark."

P. 188: l. 27, E has "Clerk" instead of "Clerks."

P. 190: lines 1-12, E has the following:

"The Governor acquainted the Council that he had lately received his present Majesty's Instructions for the Government of this Colony, and the first paragraph thereof containing the names of the present Council was read at the Board wherein the name of Richard Fitzwilliam Esq^r is omitted, and thereupon desiring the advice of the Board whether the said Richard Fitzwilliam ought to be sworn as one of the Council, they are of opinion that the said Rich^d Fitzwilliam being appointed one of the Council of this Colony, Jamaica and South Carolina at the same time that he was constituted Surveyor General of the Customs for the southern district of America, and being still continued in that office, it is not probable that his Majesty intended to remove him from the other, but that the omission of his name in the present Instructions must have happen'd through mistake in transcribing thereof; and that therefore he be sworn and continued of the Council until his Majesty's pleasure be further known."

P. 192: E has an additional entry for Nov. 2, 1728, as follows:

"The Acco^t of his Ma^{ty} Revenue of 2s per hh^d &c were this passd in Council and Certified by the Governor as usual."

P. 193: 12th and 11th lines from bottom, E has "Eccles" instead of "Eceles."

P. 194: 7th line from bottom, E has "John Edy" instead of "John Eidy."

P. 197: 11th line from bottom, E has "conviction" instead of "convictions."

P. 198: l. 2, E has "Goochland" instead of "Caroline"—which is a mistake.

P. 209: l. 23, E omits "of" after "Complain"; l. 27, E omits "Attack" before "defeat"; l. 37, it has "its Mediation" instead of "this Mediation."

P. 210: l. 2, E fills the blank space with "Licence nor"; 16th line from bottom, it has "this Dominion" instead of "his Dominion."

- P. 212: l. 11, E has "in Prince George" instead of "on Prince George"; l. 20, E has "Sweet House Creek" instead of "house Creek"; l. 21, it has "Pet" Mill" instead of "Pet" Mile"; 5th line from bottom, it has "defaced" instead of "defeated."
- P. 213: 6th line from bottom, E has "Fitzwilliam" instead of "Fitzwilliams," and so always "Fitzwilliam" being proper form of name.
- P. 214: l. 11, E has "every acre" instead of "over and"; 2nd line from bottom, it fills blank space with "moving."
- P. 215: l. 7, E has "Roscow" instead of "Rostow," and so throughout the paragraph; l. 25, it has "James Fontain" instead of "James Fountain"; l. 34, it has "Silvester Musco" instead of "Silvester Musto"; 2nd line from bottom, it has "Glascock" instead of "Glassock," and the same in the last line. After the paragraph containing the name "Glascock" it has the following: "All the other Sherifs having served but one year are continued for the ensuing year."
- P. 216: l. 2, E has "James Reed" instead of "James Read."
- P. 217: l. 27, E has "Seven" at end of line instead of "Twenty"; 3rd line from bottom, it has "Mahook Creek" instead of "Maheek Creek."
- P. 218: l. 5, E has "Edward Scott" instead of "Edward Stott"; l. 6, it has "John Tooley" instead of "John Fooley"; l. 9, it has "Warham Easly" instead of "Warham Easty"; l. 17, it has a blank space in front of "Jackson"; l. 28, it has "Abraham Childen" instead of "Abraham Childers."
- P. 219: l. 8, it has "Moccoso Neck" instead of "Motoso Neck"; it has changed this whole paragraph so as to read as follows:
- "To James Pittillo 1000 acres of Land in Prince George County between the lines of Nicholas Butterworth William Short Richard Skoggin George Williams and Moccoso Neck road including the Land lately possessed by Roger Archer Deced Four hundred acres of the afores^d Tract being already entered by the Pet' It is ordered that the Heir of the said Roger Archer Deced be Summoned to appear before this Board at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer to Shew Cause why the said Land ought not to be granted to the Petitioner."
- P. 220: l. 10, E fills the blank space with 11/22; l. 23, it has "Codual's" instead of "Cedulas."
- P. 221: l. 27, E has "eighty two" instead of "thirty two"; l. 32, it has "1482" instead of "1400."
- P. 222: l. 13, E has "Gillies Creek" instead of "Gilliet Creek"; l. 31, it has "Catherine" instead of "Susannah"; l. 33, it has "Gideon Chambon" instead of "Gideon Chamber," and so throughout the paragraph.
- P. 223: l. 26, E has "Cedar Lick" instead of "Cedar Litch."
- P. 224: E omits all the entries for the 17th of June, 1730, after the one beginning "To W^m Mayo 2800 Acres."

- P. 225: l. 25, E has "and Conestogo" instead of "at Conestogo."
- P. 226: l. 4, E has "of" instead of "to" before "Colo Spotswoods"; line 5, it has "requesting" instead of "requiring"; last line, it has "&" between "Winifred Stevens" and "Edward Sanders."
- P. 227: l. 1, E has "Surveyors" instead of "Surveyor" and in the same line "Due Entry" instead of "Duty"; l. 11, it appears to have "John Mays" instead of "John Mayo," though the "Mays" is not absolutely clear; 6th line from bottom, it has "John Michie" instead of "John Mitlue"; it omits the last entry for the day.
- P. 228: l. 10, E has "prepared" for "proclaimed"; 11th line from bottom, it fills the blank space with the word "Patentees"; 13th line from bottom, it has "Tracts of" after "all," and there is no new paragraph with the next word "Land," the whole phrase being "to all Tracts of Land not exceeding Six thousand Acres"; 7th line from bottom, it fills up the blank space with "And Whereas"; 6th line from bottom, it fills up the blank with "for the"; 3rd line from bottom, it has "from the first of May" instead of "for the first of May"; 2nd line from bottom, it has "purchased of" instead of "purchased by."
- P. 229: l. 8, E has "this Government" instead of "the Government"; 12th line, it has "Sherrando" instead of "Sherundo," and so usually throughout, though occasionally E has "Sherundo" and the text "Sherrando"; 6th line from bottom, E fills blank with "out in order"; 5th line from bottom, E fills blank with "the."
- P. 230: l. 28, E has "Matthew Jouet" instead of "Matthew Issuet," and so in other lines following; 13th line from bottom, E has "Cattail branch" instead of "Cattle branch"; E fills blank with "of the said Petition."
- P. 231: l. 2, E has "Hazle River" instead of "Haxle River"; l. 5, it has "10000" instead of "1000"; 6th line, it has "branches thereof" instead of "branch thereof."
- P. 232: l. 27, E omits "to" after "presented"; l. 34, it fills blank with "as far as"; third line from bottom, it has "Cohongarooton" instead of "Cohongaratoon," and so usually throughout; in same line, it has "Conecachigah" instead of "Conecachigh"; l. 18, E has many paragraphs at the beginning of the proceedings for Dec. 10, 1730, omitted in the text, as follows:

"Whereas Several Petitions this day were presented to the Board and read for grants of the Land formerly Assign'd for the Settlement of the Saponie Indians who have now deserted the Same Viz'

a Petition of Henry Harrison Gent: for Six thousand Acres on the North side of Maherin River beginning on the lower line of the

said Indian Land A Petition of Tho' Cock gent: for Twelve hundred Acres on the North side of the said River Maherin Joining on the Upper line of the Same Tract. A Petition of Tho' Ravenscraft gent. for Two thousand Acres beginning on the Upper line on the South side of the said River. A Petition of John Allen & Joseph Allen Gent. for Twelve Thousand Acres beginning on the lower line of the said Tract and on the South side of the said River. And a Petition of Benjamin Edwards Gent. for Two thousand Acres on both sides the said River including the Land formerly Assign'd for the Use of the Captain & Garrison of the Fort of Christanna

And Whereas it was represented to the board in behalf of the Members of the late Virginia Indian Company that during their Incorporation they had laid out Considerable Sums of Money in Buildings and Improvements on that part of the said Tract of Land where Fort Christanna stood which by reason of the Sudden Repeal of the Act of Assembly Whereby the said Company were Constituted became of no use to them neither had they ever any recompence for the same This Board having taken the said Representation and the Several Petitions above mentioned into Consideration and Judging it reasonable that those who have been at the Expence of Improvements on the said Land Should be preferd to a grant of Such proportion thereof as may be a Sufficient recompence for their Trouble and Charges. Have thought fitt to Order as it is hereby Ordered That One Thousand Acres of Land On the South side of Maherin River and extending up & down the said River and back into the Woods Equidistant from the Centre of the Fort of Christanna And One thousand Acres on the North side the said River Maherin running Parellel to the said former Tract be laid of and Assigned for the benefit of the persons Interested in the said late Virginia Indian Company And that a patent for the same be granted in the Name of such person as the Survivors of them shall Direct And it is further Ordered that the residue of the Twenty Three thousand and Forty Acres of Land Assigned for the said Saponie Indians be by the Surveyor of Brunswick County laid out for the Several Petitioners in proportion to the Quantitys desired by them at the Several places mentioned in their respective Petitions And that if any Land remain on either side the River not included in the Entrys of M' Ravenscraft and M' Cock and the Two Thousand Acres set apart for the late Virginia Indian Company the same be Surveyed and Assigned to M' Edwards in proportion to the Quantity Desired by him in his said Petition."

- P. 233: l. 24, E has "Edward Rice" instead of "Edward Price"; 6th line from bottom, it omits "To" before "James Quarles."
 P. 234: l. 1, E has "Edward Powell" instead of "Edm^d Powell"; l. 2, it has "Bull^d Herbert" instead of "Ball^d Herbert"; it has rest of line as in the text except that it has a period after "Gent"; 5th line, it has "joyning on" instead of "joyning in"; l. 7, it has "in Brunswick" instead of "on Brunswick"; l. 8, it has "I E" at end of line instead of "I F."

- P. 235: l. 24, E has "Nath^l Newton" instead of "Nath^l Newson"; l. 27, it has "Jam^s Munford" instead of "Jam^s Mumford"; l. 31, it has "W^m Ball" instead of "W^m Bale"; last line it adds: "Warwick Henry Scasbrook."
- P. 236: l. 2, E has "W^m Broadnax" instead of "W^m Brodnox"; l. 7, it fills blank with "Micou"; l. 14, it has "W^m Brent" instead of "W^m Brine"; l. 21, it has "Tho^s Edmunds" instead of "Tho^s Edmond"; same line, it has "W^m Simmonds" instead of "W^m Simmons"; l. 29, it has "bounds" instead of "lands."
- P. 237: l. 18, E has "Grays Creek" instead of simply "Creek"; l. 27, it has "Constances" instead of "Constancy"; l. 30, it has "Cha^s Sawyer" instead of simply "Sawyer"; l. 31, it has "John Scott" instead of simply "John"; l. 33, it has "William Harwood" instead of "Harlow Harwood"; l. 37, it has "Ja^s Coleman" instead of simply "Coleman"; l. 38, it has "Taskanask" instead of "Tackanack."
- P. 238: l. 2, E has "Ayletts" instead of "Alletts"; l. 7, it has "W^m Glascock" instead of "William Glassook"; l. 8, it has "Glascocks" instead of "Glanocks"; l. 12, it has "James Ferguson" instead of "John Collier"; l. 20, it has "W^m Strother" instead of "Benj Strother"; l. 32, it has "Ja^s Wight" instead of simply "Wight"; l. 39, it has "Charles Pattin" seemingly instead of "Charles Pellin"—but the "Pattin" is not very plain. In this whole list of inspectors at the different warehouses, given on pages 237 and 238, there are many minor variations in spelling to which attention has not been called. The list as given in E, both from the standpoint of the spelling of the names of the warehouses and from that of the spelling of the names of the inspectors, is much more accurate.
- P. 239: l. 12, E has "John Wight" instead of "John Wright"; l. 29, it has "erected" instead of "ordered."
- P. 240: l. 14, E has "Ambrose Maddison" instead of "Ambrose Addison"; 5th line from bottom, it omits "of" before "Virginia."
- P. 241: l. 15, E has "or" instead of "of" before "the first Creek"; l. 21, it has "Flatt Rock Creek" instead of "Flatt Cocke Creek"; l. 23, it has "of M^r Tho^s Cocke" instead of "for M^r Tho^s Cocke."
- P. 243: l. 18, E has "avoiding" instead of "recording," and adds the following at the end of the next line: "be entitul'd to the benefit of Clergy, or of the Statutes of England concerning the same on conviction for offenses for which a Christian free Man or Woman ought to be allowed such benefit"; last line, it has "on the Credit" instead of "on the Condition."
- P. 244: l. 24, E has "450 Acres" instead of "four hundred Acres"; l. 25, it has "to" in front of "Ebenezer Adams"; l. 29, it omits "an" before "the leave."

- P. 245: l. 7, E begins new paragraph after "Henrico County"—properly; l. 10, it has "290 Acres" instead of "292 Acres"; l. 11, it has "James Nebblet" instead of "James Nibbell."
- P. 246: E has "John Woodson" instead of "Joseph Woodson"—erroneously; 11th line from bottom, it has "Seating" instead of "Sealing."
- P. 247: l. 12, E has "Benj Hinson" instead of "Benj Henson," and the same in following lines; l. 28, it has "Surveyors" instead of "Surveyor"; l. 30, it has "R^d Kendall" instead of "R^d Kendale."
- P. 248: l. 10, it fills the blank space with "John"; it has "James Chisholm" instead of "Chicholine"; 12th line from bottom, it has "Hannover" instead of "Spotsylvania"; 6th line from bottom, it has "Gideon Chamben" instead of "Gideon Chamber."
- P. 249: l. 2, E has "Partys" instead of "Pet'."
- P. 250: l. 8, E omits "in" before "fork"; l. 28, it has "Henry Seller" instead of "Henry Setler," and "Peter Reidt" instead of "Peter Reids," and "John Vandehoase" instead of "John Vaindehoase"; l. 29, it has "John Richter" instead of "John Richler"; l. 32, it has "petitioners" instead of "pet'"; 4th line from bottom, it has "&" between "John" and "Ralph"; 3rd line from bottom, it has "John Perkinson" instead of "John Parkinson."
- P. 251: l. 1, it has "John Phelps" instead of "John Phelphs"; l. 10, it has "W^m Irby" instead of "W^m Toby"; l. 13, it has "Pigeon-Roost Creek" instead of "Pigeon-West Creek"; l. 16, it has "W^m Edins" instead of "W^m Edwins"; l. 20, it has "Buckner Rowston" instead of "Buckeror Rowston"; 16th line from bottom, it has "600 Acres" instead of "eight hundred Acres"; 8th line from bottom, it has, apparently, "Tho^a Crustwood" instead of "Tho^a Prustwood," but "Crustwood" is not very clear.
- P. 253: l. 3, E has "Joost Heydt" instead of "Joost Heyd"; l. 9, it has "John Fischback" instead of "John Fishback"; 7th line from bottom, it has "Governor" instead of "Governours."
- P. 254: l. 27, E omits "&" after "Freighter."
- P. 255: l. 12, E has "a half a Years Salary" instead of "1/2 Salary."
- P. 256: 4th line from bottom, E omits the blank space before "Creek"; last line, it omits "a" before "Piney."
- P. 257: l. 3, E has "Stephen Hughes's" instead of "Stephen Hughs"—usually it spells the name "Hughes" instead of the more frequent "Hughs" of the text.
- P. 258: l. 6, E has comma after "Ripping."
- P. 260: l. 27, E has "from making" instead of "to make."
- P. 261: 13th line from bottom, E has "Tarleton Fleming" instead of "Carleton Fleming."
- P. 262: l. 2, E has "middle Deep Creek" instead of "middle Creek."

P. 263: The last paragraph in E of the proceedings for March 17, 1731, reads as follows:

"On the Petition of Joseph Dabbs and John Woodson for a grant of 384 Acres of Land lying against the head of Amos's branch of the Deep Creek of Lickinhole in Goochland County Surveyed for Leonard and Thomas Billew about four Years ago, and no Patent Sued out for the same, It is Ordered that Unless the said Leonard and Thomas (having due notice hereof) do attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer held in June and make out their pretentions to the said Land the same be granted to y^e Pet^r."

P. 265: l. 12, E has "Fort" instead of "Port."

P. 268: 15th line from bottom, E has "ag^t importing Tob^o" instead of "ag^t Tob^o."

P. 271: l. 14, E has "in Two Tracts" after "County"; l. 15, it has "Prince George" instead of "Brunswick"; l. 25, it omits all the words after "Buffalo lick"; l. 30, it omits "Deep" before "branches."

P. 272: 13th line from bottom, it has "conveniently" instead of "convenient."

P. 273: 18th line from bottom, E fills blank with "David McLenahan"; 16th line from bottom, it has "Henry Scasbrook" instead of "Henry Seasbrook."

P. 275: 6th line from bottom, E has "Garner" instead of "Garnet."

P. 276: l. 15, E has "thereof made" instead of "therein made"; l. 30, E omits "not" between "would" and "have."

P. 277: l. 18, E has "Anthony Mattone" instead of "Anthony Matton," and the same in l. 23; l. 29, it has "or thereabouts" after "Land"; l. 36, it has "....." before "Chishom."

P. 278: 16th line from bottom, E has "Sum" instead of "Sun"; 8th line from bottom, it has "having made Oath" instead of "made Oath."

P. 280: l. 26, E omits this line—no doubt by mistake.

P. 281: l. 6, E omits "may" before "be empowered"; l. 10, E has "John Tayloe Esq" instead of "John Taylor Esq," and wherever the text has the erroneous form; 8th line from bottom, E has "Governour and Council" instead of "Governour in Council" though the latter would appear to be the better reading.

P. 282: l. 17, E has "Attorney General" instead of "General Attorney"; l. 25, E has "inclusive" instead of "exclusive"; l. 28, it has "George Brooks" instead of "George Brooke."

P. 283: l. 4, E omits all the words after "County"; l. 14, it omits after the dash "his"; l. 28, it has "lay off" instead of "lay of."

P. 284: l. 13, E has "Newfound River" instead of "Newford River."

P. 285: l. 15, E has "Will^m Worsha" instead of "Will^m Worsham"; l. 18, it has "Soans" instead of "Soane"; l. 19, it has "Wainwrights" instead of "Wainwright"; l. 25, it has, apparently,

- "Tho^o Cock" instead of "Tho^o Cook," though the form is not absolutely clear; second line from bottom, it has "Williams's" instead of "Williams."
- P. 286: l. 16, E has "Conways" instead of "Comways"; 16th line from bottom, it has "Samⁱ Eskridge" instead of "Samⁱ Uskridge."
- P. 288: l. 13, E omits "a" before "Obedience."
- P. 289: l. 9, E has "upper" instead of "Western"; l. 25, it has "Morgan Bryan" instead of "others his partners"; 5th line from bottom, it has "Andictan" instead of "Anditank."
- P. 290: 2nd line from bottom, E omits all words after "among them."
- P. 293: 2nd line from bottom, E has "Eastside" instead of "Eastside."
- P. 294: l. 28, E inserts "done" after "already."
- P. 295: l. 17, E has "Patent" instead of "Patents"; 11th line from bottom, it has "Lands" instead of "Linds"; 9th line from bottom, it has "Matthew Sims" instead of "Matthew Sins."
- P. 296: l. 24, E omits "&" after "thereafter."
- P. 298: l. 8, E has "Receiver" instead of "Rec^o"; l. 27, it has "Adjutant" instead of "Adjutants"; 12th line from bottom, it omits "&" after "Auditor General" and adds at end of line "Makeing the said Allowance and the Reasonableness thereof. And forasmuch as the Quit Rents for this Year were Collected before the Arrival of the Auditor Generals Letter It is the further Opinion of this Board that the same allowance to the receiver General must necessarily be charged in the Accounts of the present years Revenue for such Money as hath been already Received without which he cannot be Enabled to remit the same to England"; 9th line from bottom, E omits all words in paragraph after "2s per hh^d."
- P. 299: l. 14, E has "John Bushroad" instead of "John Rushroad," it has "Thomas Chalton" instead of "Thomas Chelton"; l. 15, it has "John Hore" instead of "James Hore."
- P. 300: l. 2, E has "Majestys" before "Sign Manual"; 4th line from bottom, it has "augm" instead of "augment."
- P. 301: 8th line from bottom, E has no blank space after "Parish."
- P. 302: l. 10, E has "Joseph Moutray" instead of "Joseph Mouhay"; l. 23, it has "Marsh" instead of "Marish."
- P. 303: l. 7, E has "Nottoway Nation" instead of "Nottoway Indians"; 8th line from bottom, it has "Colvils Land" instead of "Colvells line."
- P. 304: l. 11, E has "a blaz'd" instead of "as ablaz'd."
- P. 305: l. 2, E has "Capt. Evans's" instead of "Capt. Evans"; 6th line from bottom, E has after "Rec' Gen'," instead of "all who made Oaths thereto," simply "who made Oath to the same"; 2nd line from bottom, it has "Fixing" instead of "affixing."
- P. 306: l. 2, E has "running" instead of "uniting" and the same in l. 7; l. 8, it has "with" at beginning of line instead of "as," and it inserts "&" before "Inhabitants" at the end.

- P. 307: l. 1, E has "October 23rd" instead of "October 22nd"; l. 5, it has "Cole Digges" instead of "William Byrd."
- P. 308: 17th line from bottom, E has "Dansie Southale" instead of "Dacy Southale."
- P. 309: l. 11, E has "Shoreham" after "Ship"; l. 22, it has "one thousand seven hundred" instead of "seventeen Thousand"; 2nd line from bottom, it has "Merchandize" instead of "Merchandizes."
- P. 311: l. 24, E has "Thomas Wright Belfield" instead of "Thomas Right Belfield."
- P. 312: l. 16, E has "Stephen Evans" instead of "Stephen Eavans," and "Theophilus Field" instead of "Theophilus Feilds"; l. 19, it has "Francis Bracy" instead of "Francis Bressie"; l. 24, it has "Thomas Bollow" instead of "Thomas Bolloco."
- P. 313: lines 21 & 22, E has "Daniel Johnson" instead of "Daniel Johnston"; l. 23, it has "Beaver Pond Branch" instead of "Beaver Pond."
- P. 316: 4th line from bottom, E omits "in" after "down."
- P. 317: l. 9, E has "Edmund Browders" instead of "Edmund Browden's"; l. 19, it has, after "Petitioner," "on both branches"; 9th line from bottom, it has "Samuel Cobb," instead of "Samuel Cobbs"; 7th line from bottom, it inserts, after "Henrico County," "surveyed."
- P. 320: l. 3, E has "Francis Dansie" instead of "Francis Dance"; l. 24, it has "Richard Booker" instead of "Edward Booker."
- P. 321: l. 12, E omits "of" after "Reading"; l. 18, E has "pounds" at end of line instead of "Shillings."
- P. 323: 10th line from bottom, E has "Simmons's" instead of "Sammons's," and the same in the 7th line from bottom; 7th line from bottom, it has "Marked" instead of "Market"; 5th line from bottom, it has "William Syms" instead of "William Symes."
- P. 324: 3rd paragraph in E reads as follows:

"Richard Cocke Gent Setting forth that about fourteen years ago there was Survey'd for one Amos Lad three hundred Acres of Land on Beverdam Creek in Henrico now in Goochland County that soon after the said Survey the said Amos Lad enter'd into agreement with Richard Cocke the petitioners Father to perfect the said Conveyance and soon after the petitioners Father departed this Life having first made his last Will and Testament and thereby devised the said three hundred Acres of Land to the petitioner but the Survey having been made by Francis Epes Gent Surveyor of Henrico County and the Rights lodged in his hands in order to obtain that patent the said Epes has possessed himself of the aforesaid three hundred acres of Land and tho the petitioner has often demanded the said Survey and Rights to be deliver'd to him since his coming of age yet he could never obtain the same and praying that the said Francis Epes should be Sumon'd

to appear before this Board to show cause why he detain'd the said Survey & Rights and that the petitioner may be relieved in the premises It is accordingly order'd that the said Francis Eppes be Sumon'd to answer the said petition at the Council to be held on Wednesday next following the Court of Oyer and Terminer in June next."

- P. 325: l. 20, E omits all words after "taken up"; 3rd line from bottom, E has "Surveyed for" instead of "Surveyed by."
 P. 326: E omits the heading—correctly; l. 21, E has "Stephen" before "Matton."
 P. 328: 14th line from bottom, E has "Jeremiah Bronaugh" instead of "Jeremiah Brinnaugh."
 P. 329: l. 20, E has "Beverpond" instead of "Beaver pound"; 9th line from bottom, the paragraph in E reads as follows:

"To James Allen Thomas Anderson and Charles Anderson four thousand acres in Goochland County on great Guinea Creek beginning on Wamocks line runing downwards on the Licking hole branches of Appamattox River to include the Quantity."

- P. 330: l. 2, E has "Waricco" instead of "Warricoi"; l. 18, it has "acres of" after "400"; 8th line from bottom, it has "Resolved" instead of "Ordered."
 P. 332: l. 18, E has "Joseph Godwinn" instead of "Joseph Godwinns"; 11th line from bottom, it has "Manufactures" instead of "manufators."
 P. 333: l. 5, E has "3 Cwt" instead of "three Hundred"; l. 18, it omits "John Grymes" and "Thomas Lee."
 P. 334: l. 19, E has "and" in front of "the Said Savage"; l. 21, here E begins a new day:

"September the 27th 1734

Present

The Governor

Mr Com^r Blair
 W^m Byrd
 Cole Digges
 John Robinson
 John Carter

John Grymes
 John Custis
 W^m Randolph
 John Tayloe
 Philip Lightfoot Esq^r"

- P. 334: l. 25, E has "South" in front of "Potomack"; 8th line from the bottom, it adds the following paragraph:

"Isham Randolph Gent. by his Petition seting forth that in Order to obtain a Patent for some Land in Goochland County he lately lodg'd in the Secretarys Office a Certificate of the Survey thereof & at the same time produc'd a Certificate of Forty nine Importation Rights to Mr Kemp the Clerk of the said Office who refus'd to allow y^r Petitioner the benefit thereof alledging that such Rights belong to the Per-

sons Imported & not to the persons Importing them. Whereas the Petitioner is advis'd by his Counsel that they do belong to the Persons Importing And praying that he may be allow'd the benefit of the said Rights or that he may be heard by his Counsel therein. It is Ordered that the Petitioner be heard by his Counsel at the next Gen^l Court or at such other time as he shall think fit to desire the same."

The proceedings for a new day follow this:

"October the 3rd 1734

Present

The Governor

Mr Com^r Blair

W^m Byrd

Cole Digges

John Carter

John Custis

W^m Randolph &

Philip Lightfoot Esq^r"

Ordered that new Commissions of the peace issue for the following Counties Viz^t

For the County of Isle of Wight & Matt^w Kinchen Sam^l Davis, Henry Applewight Jun^r Joseph Gray, Nath^l Ridley Tho^s Farrell, Jun^r Franc^s Jones & John Monro Gent. be Added to the present Justices in the said Commission

For the County of Brunswick & Rob^t Hix, Dan^l Hix, Matt^w Wall & Benj^a Brown to be Added to the present Justices in the said Commission

The Governor desiring the advice of the Council whether the present General Assembly shall be further Prorogued or immediately dissolved It is the Opinion of the Council it is more proper to prorogue the Assembly than immediately to dissolve it & therefore that it be prorogued to the Second Thursday in May next."

After this E has proceedings for October 24, 1734, which include the following heading and paragraph, and all the proceedings in the text from "The Governor was this Day with the advice of the Council pleased to appoint the following Persons to be Inspectors to wit" which appear in the text under date of September 21, 1734.

"October the 24th 1734

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair

W^m Byrd

Cole Digges

John Robinson

John Carter

John Grymes

John Custis

John Tayloe

Philip Lightfoot &

Tho^s Lee Esq^r"

A Petition of John Tayloe & Tho^s Lee Esq^r" & W^m Beverly Gent. for leave to take up & Patent Sixty thousand Acres of Land on Sher-

rando River at the upper end of Jacob Stovers upper Grant was read, & the Consideration thereof refer'd till the next Council."

P. 335: l. 1, E has "Dasey Southal" instead of "Dasey Southwell" and the same in the next line.

P. 336: 12th line from bottom, E has "Receiver Gen'" after "Majesties."

P. 341: l. 11, after "praying," the rest of the line should read "for a."

Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia

At a Council held at y^e Capitol October 25 1721

Present

The Governor

Edmond Jenings
Robert Carter
Philip Ludwell

Will^m Bassett
Nath^l Harrison
Mann Page and

Jn^o Robinson Esq^{rs}

On consideration of what was offered in behalf of the Chickasaw Indians relating to a Trade with this Colony for Arms and Ammunition; This Board being Informed that the Factors for the late Indian Company who have hitherto continued to Trade among the Chirokees and other Southern Indians are returned home and withdrawn their Effects, as not finding sufficient Encouragement for continuing that Commerce; and being apprehensive that if the said Indians should come to underst^d that they are not like to have any further Trade from hence, it w^{ll} give them ground to suspect the inclinations of this Gov^t to continue in Peace wth them, judge it most advisable to return the following Answer—viz^t—

That this Government w^{ll} always be ready to treat the Chickasaws as Friends, but that the frequent Wars between them and the Neighbouring Indians renders it dangerous for our Traders to go among them, and w^{ll} discourage any such Trade untill the Traders can travel with safety. That nevertheless if this Governm^t finds any of the Traders inclinable to venture on so long and dangerous a Journey Orders shal be given them to Trade with the s^d Chickasaws and to use them wth all kindness and Justice. But because it is uncertain when any of the said Traders will go that way, If the Chickasaws think it worth their while, they may be supplied with Arms and Ammunition at Christanna provided they come thither in such manner as may give no uneasiness to the Inhabitants.

And the said Indian together wth the Chirokees being brought into the Council Chamber, The Governor caused the Interpreter to explain to 'em the aforesaid Answer.

And the Chirokees by one of their Great Men, acquainting the Governor that their Nation observing y^e Factors of the late Indian Comp^{ny} had totally withdrawn their Effects out of their Country, by wch they were apprehensive they shou'd have no further Trade wth this Colony; their Nation had thereupon sent them hither to desire y^e

continuance of the Trade wth Virg^a, as that wch they most desire: Upon wch the Governor wth the Advice of the Council returned them the same Answer as was given to the Chickasaws.

And after some further Conference wth y^e Deputys of the Chickasaws and Chirokees Nation, relating to their making Peace with the Five Nations, whose dep^{ty}s were likewise present, the particulars of wch Conference appear among the Indian Treatys and Transactions, The said Indians withdrew.

Order'd

That there be presented to each of the Great Men of the Chickasaw and Chirokee Indians now here, One Trading Gun, or Fuzil, and as much powder and Shott as they shall have occasion for in their Journey home, and that the same be delivered them at Christanna.

On the Petition of Geo Homes Sen' and Geo Homes Jun' Leave is granted them to take up in one Tract five thous^d Acres of Land in the County of Spotsylvania, bounding upon the South East Line of a Survey made by Jn^o Baylor and James Taylor & others, Begining at their five Corner hickorys on the South East side of a Mountaine and runing upwards for the Complement. This Board being satisfied with their Ability to Cultivate the same According to Law.

At a Council held at the Capitol October 30th 1721

Present

The Governor

Edmond Jenings
Robert Carter
Philip Ludwell

Mann Page
Peter Beverley &
Jn^o Robinson Esq^{rs}

On reading at this Board a Petition of the Chief men of the Nansemond Indians Complaining that one Will^m Fowler of the County of Isle of Wight hath obtained a Grant from the Governor of North Carolina for the Land lying about the said Indian Town, and including all their clear'd Grounds on y^e upper side of the said Town, and as y^e Petition^{rs} are informed the said Governor of North Carolina hath given Orders for Surveying the said Land, alledging it belongs to his Government, and that the said Indians shall not enjoy it any longer because they w^{ll} not pay Tribute to him, and praying that the said Land may be secured to the said Indians. This Board taking the said Petition into consideration, and it appearing that the said Grant (if any such be) made to the above named M' Flower, is expressly contrary to the Agreement enter'd into between the two Governments, that no Entrys, Surveys or Grants should be made by either for Lands within the Controverted bounds untill the final determination thereof; The Governor with the Advice of the Council is therefore pleased to Order, as it is hereby Ordered, That in Case y^e said Will^m Flower or any other person shal under such pretended Grant from the Government of North

Carolina, or otherwise offer to seat any Plantations, or make any Buildings or improvements upon any of the Lands assigned either to the said Nansemond Indians, or y^e Maherines, that then upon Notice thereof given to the Sherifs of the Countys of Nansemond or Isle of Wight or either of them, the said Sherifs and each of them be, and they are hereby Ordered & Required forthwith to pull down and destroy all Houses, Fences, and other improvements so made on or near any of the said Indian Lands. And in Case of resistance to take with them respectively the Posse of their Countys for the better putting this Order in Execution.

And the Council desire the Governor to transmitt a Copy of this Order to the Governor of N Carolina, that he may thereby be reminded of the Engagements he is under as to y^e Lands within the controverted bounds.

Order'd

That the Sum of Seven hund^d pounds Sterling out of his Majestie's Revenue of 2s per hh^d & c be paid to the Governor towards defraying the Charges of Erecting Batterys and mounting thereon the Canon for the defence of the Rivers, and that the remainder of the said Charge be brought to Accompt, and paid out of the next half years Revenue when the said Batterys are entirely finished, and the Expence thereof fully stated.

On a Representation made to this Board in behalf of Cap^t Alexander Gradwell Commander of the Ship *Hey Dock* of Liverpool, who loaded in Potowmack River and Enter'd his Ship as well in Maryland as Virginia; It is Ordered that the said Cap^t Gradwell be charged with no more than the duty of 2s per hh^d on so much of the Loading of the said Ship as was really taken on board within the District of South Potowmack in this Colony.

On the Petition of Christophor Jackson, Leave is granted him to take up in one Tract two thousand Acres of Land in the County of Spotsylvania, joining on the Surveys of Gawin Corbin Gent and Hugh Jones Cler if there be so much to be found there not already Entered for: this Board being satisfied of his Ability to Cultivate the same as the Law directs.

At a Council held at the Capitol November 3^d 1721

Present

The Governour

Edmund Jenings
Robert Carter
Philip Ludwell

William Bassett
Nath^l Harrison
Cole Digges and

Peter Beverley Esq^r

Sundry Acco^{ts} of Charges for the Accomodation of the Deputys of the five Nations and of the Chickasaw and Chirokee Indians, and for presents made to the Deputys of the said five Nations and other Contingent Charges, being laid before the Board were regulated & allowed.

A Petition of Joel Whatson & Rob^t Thornton of London Merch^{rs} Creditors of Thomas Crook late of the County of Henrico in this Colony Dec^r praying that they may be admitted to take out a patent for a Tract of Land taking up by the said Crook in the Fork of James River, they being willing to allow out of their Debt as much as the said Land with the Improvements are really worth. It is Ordered that the said petition be Lodged in the Council Office, and that Notice be given to Mr. Thomas Randolph Administrator of the Estate of the said Crook; to the end he may be heard thereon before the Governor in Council at the next General Court.

At a Council held at the Capitol November 4th 1721

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter
Philip Ludwell
William Bassett

Nath^l Harrison
Cole Digges &
Peter Beverley Esq^r

Robert Carter Esq^r Agent for the Proprietors of the Northern Neck moving for a Commission as Escheator for the said proprietors Lands as shall Lapse & Escheat there may be found by Inquest according to the Laws of England and this Dominion; It is the opinion of the Council and accordingly Order'd that a Commission be prepared for the Governors Signing Constituting the said Robert Carter Esq^r Escheator of the Northern Neck.

For the better Supplying the Inhabitants with Rights to take up Land Ord^d that the Officers of the Revenue have power to make out One thousand new Certificates of Rights besides those already struck.

The following Warr^{ts} on the Rec^r Gen^l to be paid out of his Maj^{ty} Revenue of 2s per hh^d &c were this day signed by the Governor in Council Vizt—

To the Governor Half a Years Salary ending the 25 th of last month	£ 1000.
To the Gent ^{rs} of the Council for the same time	£ 175 0.0
To the Sollicitor of the Virginia Affairs for d ^o time ..	50
To the Aud ^r Gen ^l of the plantations for d ^o time	50
To his Maj ^{ty} Attorney Gen ^l for d ^o time	20
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time	50
To the Gunner of James City for d ^o time	5
To the Armourer for the same time	6
To the Ministers for their Attendance last Gen ^l Court ..	£ 6
To the Governor towards the Expence for the Batterys ..	£ 700
To sundry contingent Charges	£ 104 15.

The Acco^{ts} of His Maj^{ty} Revenues of 2s per h^d being Examined by the Aud^r and sworn to by the Rec^r Gen^l were this Day certified by the Governor in the usual form.

On the Petition of James Terry, Jn^o Kembro Will^m Byrd and Cornelius Keith Leave is granted them to take up five thousand Acres of Land lying in the County of New Kent.

Ordered

That the Caveat ent^d by Rich^d Ballamy agst Fran^s Whiting be set aside.

At a Council held at the Capitol December 13th 1721

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
Philip Ludwell
Will^m Bassett

Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq^{rs}

John Clayton Esq^r having reced a Com under the Seal of the High Court of Admiralty of Great Britain constituting him Judge of the High Court of Vice Admiralty within this Dominion and producing a Certificate of his having (as such) taken the Oaths to the Governm^t before the County Court of James City, had this Day the Oath of Judge of the said Court of Vice Admiralty administred to him by the Governor in Council.

The Governor communicated to the Council a Memo^l w^{ch} he lately received from John Grymes Esq^r Deputy Auditor of his Maj^{ty}s Revenues, setting forth that by several Decrees of the Court of Vice Admiralty of this Colony within these three Years past, the proceeds of sundry Pyratical Effects and other sums of money taken from Pyrates had been paid into his (the Governors) hands for the use of his Maj^{ty}, the Acco^{ts} whereof the said Deputy Auditor concieves ought of right to be Audited by him, and all Sums of money appearing due thereupon paid to this Maj^{ty}s Rec^d Gen^l here. That by an Order of the Lords of the Treasury formerly sent hither, Their Lordps had sufficiently Expressed their Sentiments therein; but more particularly he is lately informed by the Auditor Gen^l of the Plantations that y^e owners of the Ship Calabar had obtained his Maj^{ty}s Warrant directing the delivery to the said Owners of one & twenty Negro Slaves wch were condemned here as Pyratical Effects: by the words of wch Warrant, His Maj^{ty} supposes the produce of those Slaves (if sold) to be in the hands of his Rec^d General here: And therefore praying that all such Pyratical Effects and sums arising by the Sale thereof may be directed into the hands of the said Rec^d Gen^l in order to their being brought to a regular Acc^t & Audit. After reading of wch Memorial y^e Governor was pleased to informe the Board, that being impow^d and directed by His Majestys Instructions to take into his hands all Pyratical Effects wch shal be brought into or found within this Colony, and to secure the same untill his Majestys pleasure should be signified; and being also impowered and directed by his Commission as Vice-Admiral, to receive all Forfeitures belonging to the Admiralty, he had judged

himself sufficiently Authorized to detain the Pyratial Effects condemn^d as such in the Court of Vice Admiralty untill he should receive his Maj^{ty}'s directions thereupon, and especially since the Court of Admiralty had not absolutely decreed those Effects to his Maj^{ty} but with a Salvo to the right of the lawful Owners; That therefore upon receipt of the Order from the Lords of the Treasury mentioned in the above warrant he had transmitted to their Lordps a Justification of his proceedings, together with the reasons given by the Court of Vice-Admiralty for Decreeing those Effects into his hands, and since that time had received no Answer from their Lodps, nor any signification of his Majesty's pleasure untill of late that he had rec^d a Warrant under his Maj^{ty}'s Sign Manual, countersigned by the Lords of the Treasury, for delivering to the Owners of y^e Calabar Merch^t twenty one negro Slaves condemn^d here as Pyratial Effects: In w^{ch} Order (w^{ch} the Governor caused to be read at the Board) there are these words "or in case they (the s^d Slaves) or part of them are sold, You are then to give directions to the Rec^r Gen^l of our Revenues to pay to the said Cap^t Tho Kennedy the exact Sum or Sums w^{ch} have been rec^d for the Sale of the said Slaves. Which words the Auditor Gen^l seems to understand as a Declaration of His Majesty's Intentions that the produce of such Pyratial Effects should be put into the hands of the proper Officers of the Revenue. And the Governor declared he was willing to understand them in y^e same Sense, being desirous to discharge himself of the Custody of so considerable a Sum of money, whereof he runs a great risque: And thereupon desired the opinion of y^e Council if he might with safety deliver the said Pyratial Effects into the hands of the Rec^r Gen^l according to M^r Gryme's Memorial. The Council having taken the same into Consideration, are of Opinion, that the Governor having already received the Sentiments of the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Treasury, that such Effects should be put into the hands of the officers of y^e Revenue, and now a signification of his Maj^{ty}'s intentions in the Case of the Pyratial Effects imported in the Calabar Merch^t, it seems to be the safest course to deliver all such Effects as are remaining in his hands to his Maj^{ty}'s Rec^r Gen^l in the same manner as other Forfeitures accruing to his Maj^{ty} within this Dominion. And forasmuch as in all Forfeitures of the like nature a third part doth belong to the Governour, and it appearing that Col^o Nicholson claimed a share of the Pyrate Ship _____, taken and condemn^d here in y^e Year 1700; The Council are of opinion that the Governor is entit^d to a 3^d part of this Forfeiture, and that the other two thirds (deducting 5p C^t for the Collecting and paying thereof to his Maj^{ty}'s use) be by the said Rec^r Gen^l brought into the Acco^t of his Majesty's Revenues appropriated for the Support of this Governm^t pursuant to the Declaration of his Maj^{ty} King C 2^d upon the first Creation of the Office of Auditor Gen^l of the Plantations, that all Fines forfeitures and other Revenues under the Audit and Inspection of the said Office, should be Employed and appropriated towards the better support of this Government, w^{ch} may be the more reasonably expected in this Case where so great Sums

have been expended out of the standing Revenue for the Tryal of the Pyrates from whom these Effects were recovered, and for putting the Country in a posture of defence against the future Attempts of others, who are greatly provoked against this Colony for the exemplary punishment some of their Associates have suffered here; And because it has been directed by this Board that divers extraordinary Charges arising upon the apprehending of Pirates, and discovering and Seizing their Effects should be defrayed and paid [manuscript torn] in the hands of the Governor, It is the further Opinion of this Board, that all the said extraordinary Charges be repaid out of the same Effects by the Officers of the Revenue, and allowed in their Acco^{ts}.

Robert Innes having made application to this Board for an allowance of 5 per C^t out of the Kings third part of the money arising by the sale of the Ship Prince Eugene condemn'd by the Court of Vice-Admiralty for illegal Trading, he having sold the said Ship and accounted for the value: It is y^e opinion of this Board, that the same is a reasonable allowance for the s^d service, but that the Officers of the Revenue be heard in Case they have any objection thereto.

On the application of the Owners of the Bregantine Baylor Ord^d that forty barr^{ls} of powder be delivered them out of his Maj^{ty}'s Magazine, they giving Bond to return the like quantity of new Powder, into the said Magazine by the first oppertunity of Shipping from London, clear of all Charges.

The following Petitions for leave to take up Land were read & Grant^d Vizt.

To Fran^s Epes 2000 Acres upon Appomatox River in Prince George County, Beginning on the said River just below Andersons Ford, thence up the River to Wintecopack Creek and up the Creek according to it's Meanders, and by other Courses to include y^e said Quantity.

To Fran^s Epes & Rich^d Kennon four thousand Acres in Henrico County, Beginning on Appomatox River at y^e mouth of Skinquetter Creek, thence down the said River to a Corner of the said Epes's Land and along the said Epes's lines to Middle Creek, and up the said Creek, and other Courses to Skinquarter Creek aforesaid, to include y^e said Quantity.

To Jn^s Martin Gen^l three thous^d Acres in Henrico Co^y upon y^e River Byrd adjoining to y^e Pet^{rs} Land lately purchased of [ms. defective]

To Dyer Colston Read three thousand Acres in Spotsylvania County upon the head of the River Po.

At a Council held at y^e Capitol March 7th 1722

Present

The Governour

Edmond Jenings
Phil Ludwell

Nath^l Harrison
Cole Digges &

Jn^o Robinson Esq^r

The Governor having this day communicated to the Council the Copys of certain Transactions between the Comm^{rs} for Indian Affairs at Albany, and the Deputys of the Five Nations; and the same were read, importing in Substance, that one of the Deputys of the said Indians sent last Summer to Treat with this Government was returned and reported that the other four Deputys sent with him were all poisoned here by the Indians Tributary to Virginia; And that thereupon the said five Nations, expected that this Government should deliver up to them four boys as a satisfaction for the loss of their four Great Men; intimating that no other satisfaction would be accepted by them, and threatning in case of refusal to revenge themselves on the Inhabitants of Virginia, as being (as they say) the same People with the Indians—After reading of wch said Tran[s]actions at Albany with the Letter accompanying them from the Comm^{rs} for Indian Affairs to the Governour of New York [ms. defective] in wch the aforementioned Deputys of the five Nations came into this Governm^t, the circumstances of the Death of those two of 'em who dyed here, and the discourse of the other three who were sent back from hence to Annapolis, are unanimously of opinion that the report of the said Dep^{ty} being poisoned by any of the Virg^a Indians, is altogether false and groundless, and that therefore the satisfaction demanded by the said five Nations is unjust: That in Order to confute the said Scandalous and groundless repⁿ; the Governor is desired to represent to the Governor of New York that two of the said Deputys arrived in this Government in a very bad state of health, and dyed in a few days after, the one without conversing with any of the Indians tributary to this Governm^t, and y^e other in a days time after his Arrival at the Nottoway Town, a place were the said Deputys chose to go to because of the friendship between the five Nations and the said Nottoway Indians: That the other three wch Survived, during the whole time of their Abode here, w^{ch} was near three months, tho two of them were sick almost all the while, never expressed the least Apprehension of their being poisoned in this Colony, or by any of it's Indians, but on the contrary parted with the Chiefs of the Virginia Indians, with all the outward signs of friendship imaginable. That they did indeed let fall some Expressions as if they had been poisoned by some Maryland Indians who parted with them at an Island on Chesapeake bay as they were on their way to Virginia, but their Distemper appearing to be only a common intermitting Fever, no other regard was had here to that Suspicion of theirs, than to impute it to the natural

Jealousy the Indians always have of one another: That whether y^e same was true or false, imports nothing to this Gov^t, seeing three of y^e said Dep^{ty}s went from hence in a much better state of health than when they Arrived here, and it appears by [ms. defective] intrusted by this Government for transporting them to Annapolis had delivered them safe there. And that if any foul practices were used towards the said Deputys in their Journey home, it is most probable the same were committed by one of their own Number whose name is Sketowass, and is a Tuscaruro Indⁿ; who having in all his behaviour here, Acted the part of an Incendiary Rather than a Messenger of Peace, may be justly suspected guilty of destroying those of his Companions who would not joine in his Designs. That nevertheless this Gov^t is willing to refer the Examination of this affair, to the intended Treaty at Albany. But in case the Indians of the five Nations shal not be satisfied with this Justification and Proposal, but w^{ll} insist on revenging themselves, that then the Governor of New York be requested to send such timely intimation of their Designs that this Country may be prepar'd to defend it's Frontiers, and to give the said Indians such a reception as they deserve.

Whereas since the issuing the Writts for calling the present Gen^l Ass^{bl}y, sundry new Countys have been Erected wch are entituled by Law to the Choice of Burgesses in y^e ensuing Session wth is appointed to be held the 9th of May next; It is the opinion of this Board, and accordingly Ordered, that Writts issue for y^e Election of Burg^{ss} for the Countys of King George & Hanover, but for as much as the Countys of Brunswick and Spotsylvania are yet so thinly Inhabited that there are neither Courts nor officers of Justice erected in either of them, It is y^e Opinion of this Board, that no Writts issue for any Election of Burgesses in either of them.

On reading at this Board a Representation from the Justices of King William County setting forth that upon a Motion made for building a New Court House in the said County, their old Court House being ruinous, and two places being proposed for that purpose, The Court were divided upon y^e Choice of the said places, and therefore had agreed to Submitt the same to the Governor: And there being also read at the Board a petⁿ of sundry of the Inhab^{ts} of the said County, praying that the said Court House may be built on the Land of Maj^r W^m Aylett, and the said Aylett offering to assure to the County the Land whereon y^e said Court House shal be built together with the priviledge of Timber for building of the same on any part of his adjoining Tract. The Governor was pleased to declare in Council, that in pursuance of the above submission, he did appoint the Court House for y^e said County to be built on the Land of Maj^r W^m Aylett on Mattapony River near the said Ayletts Storehouse that being nearest the Cent^r of the County, and most convenient to the greater number of the Inhab^{ts}, he y^e s^d Aylett complying wth his affores^d proposal of giving the Ground and priviledge of Timber for building the said Court House.

Ord^d

That there be paid out of his Maj^{ty}'s Revenue of 2s per hh^d the sum of twelve pounds Curr^t money to M^r Rob^t Tucker for the Charges of his sloop employed for y^e transporting to Annapolis the Deputys sent hither from the five Nations, and for sundry presents delivered them by the said Tucker.

New Commissions of the Peace were this Day Ord^d to Issue for the Countys of York and King William and several new Justices added thereto.

On the Petition of Jos Stretton, late Mas^{ty} of y^e Ship Prince Eugene of Bristol, setting forth that on y^e said Ships arrival last Summer in Virginia from the Island of Madagascar, he put into the hands of Cole Digges Esq^r sev^l baggs of money to be by him remitted to the Owners of the said Ship; That the pet^r being soon after taken up, and Carryed to England on Suspicion of being Accessary to Pyracy; he is Informed that by an Order of this Board, the said money has been directed to be secured in the said Cole Digge's hands as piratical Effects, and praying that since he hath been Tryed & Acquitted in England of the said supposed Piracy, the money may be delivered up to him for the benefit of the Owners. It is thereupon Ordered that the said money be delivered to the Petitioner for the use of the Owners of y^e aforesaid Ship, it appearing to this Board, that the said Stretton hath been acquitted in England of the Offence whereof he stood accused, and for wch the said money was at first Ordered to be secured.

On the Petition of Philip Ludwell Esq^r and Nich^s Merriweather and Ch^r Clerk. Leave is granted them to take up in one Tract, ten thousand Acres of Land in y^e County of Hannover, beginning at a little Mountain on the South Side of the River Northanna and extending Southerly along the foot of the little Mountains towards the branches of the Southanna & James River, This Board being satisfy'd with their Ability to Cultivate the same according to Law.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 16th 1722:

Present

The Governor

Edmond Jenings
Philip Ludwell
John Lewis

William Bassett
Cole Digges &
Peter Beverley Esq^{rs}

Nath^l Harrison Esq^r producing a Deputation from Horatio Walpole Esq^r Aud^r Gen^l of his Majestys Plantations constituting him the said Nath^l Harrison Deputy Auditor of his Majestys Revenues within this Colony, took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, the Abjuration Oath, the Test, and Oath for the due discharge of that Office.

Jn^s Grymes Esq^r producing a Commission under his Majestys Sign Manual, constituting him Rec^r General of all his Majestys

Revenues within this Colony, Entered into Bond together wth Philip Ludwell Esq^r and Archibald Blair Gen^t as his Securitys for the due discharge of that Office, and then took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, the Abjuration Oath, Subscribed the Test, and took the Oath for the due Execution of that Office.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 19th 1722

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
Philip Ludwell
Jn^o Lewis
Will^m Bassett

Nath^l Harrison
Mann Page
Cole Digges &
Peter Beverley Esq^{rs}

The Governor laid before the Council the Copy of a Letter written by him to the Governor of New York in pursuance of the Resolutions of this Board on the 7th of March last, relating to the Accusations and Demands of the Five Nations: And the same was Read and approved of as conformable to the unanimous Sentiments of this Board and Ordered to be Entered in the Council Books.

The Governor informing the Council that application had been made to him by divers persons for signing Patents for Lands taken up by them in the Countys of Spotsylvania and Brunswick, and that he had hitherto delayed Signing the said Patents, in expectation of receiving the signification of his Majestys Pleasure on the Address of the General Assembly, & desiring the Advice of y^e Board therein. The Council are thereupon of Opinion that Patents be Granted to such as desire the same upon their giving Security to pay for the Rights in case his Maj^{ty} sh^{ld} not think fitt to remitt y^e same according to y^e Address of the Ass^{bly}

On the Petition of W^m Beverley Gen^t Leave is granted him to take up in one Tract six thousand Acres of Land in the County of Spotsylvania joining upon a Tract of Land granted by Patent to the Petitioners Father, and called by the name of Elkwood. This Board being satisfyed of his Ability to Cultivate the same according to Law.

On the Petition of Mathew Mayes, Will^m Mayes, Richard Jones, John Tully, James Tucker & Howel Edmunds, Leave is granted to them respectively to take up & patent any quantity of Land not exceeding one thousand Acres Adjoyning to their several & respective plantations in Prince George County, and that upon return of Surveys of the said Lands patents be granted to the petitioners respectively for the Quantitys by them taken up including their present Settlements or in separate Patents as they shall think fitt.

On the Petition of John & Jo^m Epes Leave is granted them to take up five hundred and thirty eight Acres of Land on Gravelly Runn

in Prince George County, this Board being satisfied with his Ability to Cultivate the same according to Law.

To Cap' Richard Jones six thousand Acres on Tray Creek in Prince George County, this Board being satisfied of his Ability to Cultivate the same according to Law.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 9th 1722

Present

The Governour

Edmond Jenings

Nath^l Harrison

Philip Ludwell

Cole Digges &

Peter Beverley Esq^r

The Governour was pleased to nominate the following psons to be Sherifs for the ensuing Year Viz^t—

Henrico	Henry Anderson
Pr George	John Scott
Surry	Thom ^o Cocke
Isle of Wight	Thom ^o Walton
Nansemond	Cha Drury
Norfolk	Sam ^l Boush
Pr Anne	Hilary Mosely
Eliz ^a City	John King
Warwick	Miles Willis
James City	Jn ^o Netherland
York	Tho ^o Nelson
Northumberland	Rich ^d Spann
Richmond	Will ^m Dowman
King & Queen	Hen Hickman
Gloscester	Geo Dudley
Middlesex	Math Kemp
Essex	Rob ^t Brook
New Kent	Cha Lewis
Hannover	Rob ^t Jenings
Charles City	Will ^m Aerell
King Will ^m	Tho ^o Carr
King George	Jn ^o Dinwiddy
Stafford	French Mason
Westmorland	Geo Tuberville
Lancaster	Rich ^d Chichester
Accomack	W ^m Burton
Northampton	Ralph Pegot

At a Council held at the Capitol May 10th 1722

Present

The Governour

Edmond Jenings
Philip Ludwell
Nath^l Harrison

Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &
Jn^o Robinson Esq^r

The Gov^r having laid before the Board a Petition of Rob^t Jordan & Joseph Jordan, two Quakers, setting forth that they being Summoned as Witnesses in a cause depending before the Court of Nansemond County, were by the said Court committed to Goal for refusing to take the solemn Affirmation according to the forme prescribed by the former Acts of Parl^t and representing they were then ready and still are to make such Affirmation as they understand is allowed by the Gov^r in England, to the People of their profession, w^{ch} they say is in these Words, Viz: I A: B do truly and sincerely Affirm—It is the opinion of this Board that if the Petitioners claim benefite by any late Act of Parliament they ought to Show the said Act, and to make appear they are Entitled to the Indulgence thereby granted; But untill such Act of Parl^t be publickly known, they ought to conforme to the practice heretofore Established by Law in the like Cases.

Nath^l Harrison Esq^r his Maj^{ty}'s Auditor praying the directions of the Board, how he is to receive the Q^u R^{ts} of certain Lands held by Rob^t Bolling, without patent or Survey for Wch by an Order of this Board dated the 28th day of Octo^r last, he was adjudged to pay from Mich^{ss} 1717, as a fine set upon him, for transgressing the Orders of Govern^t And it being urged in behalf of the said Bolling, that he is within the benefite of his Majesty's Gen^l pardon. This Board, on Consideration thereof, do declare the said Robert Bolling to be within the benefite of his Majestys most gracious Pardon, and Ordered That he be discharged of the payment of the said Q^u R^{ts}—

At a Council held at y^e Capitol May 12th 1722

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
Philip Ludwell
Nath^l Harrison

Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq^r

The Governor informing the Council, that he found the House of Burg^{ss} are inclined to his being at the head of the Treaty intended to be had this Summer at Albany with the Five Nations of Northern Indians: That though so long an Absence from this Government as that Negotiation may necessarily require will be injurious to his private Affairs, Yet he shal always be willing to gratify the desires of the

Peoples Representatives, if this Board shal be of opinion y^t his Undertaking that Journey, may prove of Advantage to his Majestys Service, and the benefite of this Colony; And therefore desired the Advice of the Council thereon The Council thereupon declare their unanimous Opinion, that the Governors Presence at the said intended Treaty, w^{ll} not only be for the Service of his Majesty, and this Colony, but absolutely necessary for the compleating that Work whereon the Tranquility of his Maj^{ty}'s Subjects here, so greatly depends.

On application of the Justices of Isle of Wight County. Ordered that a new Commission of the Peace issue for the said County.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 30th 1722

Present

The Governor

Edmond Jenings
Philip Ludwell
John Lewis

Nath^l Harrison
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &

John Robinson Esq^r

On reading at this Board a Memorial from Will^m Cole Gen^l late Deputy Rec^r Gen^l of his Majestys Revenues; Setting forth that during the time he acted in that office as Deputy to M^r Roscow he recd for the Q^u R^{ts} due & pay^{ble} to his Maj^{ty} the sum of Nineteen Hundred & eight pounds three shillings & five pence halfpenny in the Spa Coine & other Silver Species at y^e rate of 17 1/2 penny weight for five Shillings Sterl; w^{ch} money is now in the hands of the Executor of the s^d Roscow, and praying that the same may be accepted in Specie as it was recd, in discharge of so much of the Ballance due to his Maj^{ty} from the said Executor. This Board on Consideration of the said Memorial are of Opinion, and accordingly Ordered, That for so much as the said Will^m Cole, shall make appear to have been received for the Q^u R^{ts} the Executors of the said Roscow be allowed to pay the same in Specie as it was reced: But whereas it hath been represented to this Board, by the principal Rec^r Gen^l that there is a difference between the said money as recd pursuant to the Orders of the Governm^t, and Bills of Exchange, wherein he is Obliged to pay or remitt the same to England: It is the further opinion of this Board that the present Rec^r Gen^l be allow'd in his Accompts as much as w^{ll} make y^e money now to be recd of M^r Roscow's Executor, and what he hath this Year rec^d for his Maj^{ty}'s Q^u R^{ts}, equal to Sterl w^{ch} is fifteen pCt on the Currency of this Country, being the present Course of Exchange. And for the better ascertaining the difference between y^e money rec^d for his Maj^{ty}'s Q^u R^{ts}, and y^e payment & Remittances w^{ch} the s^d Rec^r Gen^l is obliged to make out of y^e same, It is Ordered, That it be a standing Rule for the Future, that y^e Course of Exch^g be Yearly ascertained at this Board in the month of April, before passing the Accompts of the Q^u R^{ts}; And that the Rec^r Gen^l

do make up his Accompts of the said Revenues in Sterl according to the Course of Exchⁿ so ascertained.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 31st 1722

Present the Governor
and Council

Whereas an Address hath been prepared by both Houses of Assembly requesting the Governor to preside in the Negotiations intended to be had this Summer at Albany with the Indians of the five Nations, and the Sum of one thousand Pounds given for defraying the Expence of the said intended Treaty: And whereas the Governor was this day pleased to desire the Advice of this Board, in what manner to form the said Embassy agreeable to the intentions of the Gen^l Assembly, and proportionable to y^e sum given for that purpose: It is the Opinion of this Board, that it w^{ll} be very much for the Service of this Governm^t, that the Governor do take upon him the management of the Conferences wth the said Indians in conjunction with such other Comm^s as he shall think fitt to Nominate. That two Comm^{rs} (whereof one to be of the Council, and one a Member of the House of Burg^{ss} w^{ll} be sufficient to be joined with the Governor in the s^d Treaty; That there be a Secretary appointed for preparing such Memorials, and other Instruments, as shall be found necessary in the said Negotiation: That all Travelling Charges and other Expences arising on the said Treaty be defrayed out of the money given for that purpose: That there be allowed out of the s^d money for the trouble of the Comm^{rs} Vizt: To such Member of his Majestys Council as shal be employed in that Service the sum of Twenty five shillings per diem.

To the other Commissioner, being a Member of y^e House of Burgesses twenty shillings per diem, and

To the Secretary fifteen Shillings per diem.

And Whereas it is judged necessary that Rob^t Hix, an ancient Indian Trader, well acquainted with sundry Affairs of the Northern Indians, do attend the Comm^{rs} on this Treaty; It is Ordered that the s^d Hix be allowed for his trouble y^e sum of five shillings per diem besides his necessary Charges.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 2^d 1722

Present The Governor

Edmund Jenings

John Lewis

Cole Digges

Robert Carter

Will^m Bassett

Peter Beverley &

Philip Ludwell

Nath Harrison

John Robinson Esq^{rs}

The officers of his Maj^{ty}s Revenue, representing to this Board that Rob^t Carter Esq^r Agent for y^e proprietors of the Northern Neck, hath lately laid Claim to the Fines, Forfeitures, Deodands, and other Casualty's Arising within y^e s^d Territory, wch they conceive ought to

be ans^wd & paid into their hands, for the use of his Maj^{ty}; And it appearing to this Board upon perusing the Letters Patents granted to the Proprietors of the said Northern Neck, that then the Right claimed by the said Proprietors ought to be determined by Law For the more speedy & amicable determination thereof; It is the opinion of this Board, That the Attorney Gen^l in behalf of his Majesty, and the said Agent in the behalf of the Proprietors do prepare a Case to be argued before y^e next Gen^l Court upon y^e s^d Letters Patents, and y^e Right Claim'd thereby to such Patents, Fines Forfeitures, Deodands & other Casualties as are now in dispute.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 5th 1722

Present The Govern^{or}

Edmund Jenings	Philip Ludwell	Nath Harrison
Robert Carter	John Lewis	Mann Page &
	John Robinson Esq ^{rs}	

New Commiss^{rs} of the Peace for the Countys of Accomack & Lancaster were this day Order'd in Council wth the addition of sundry new Justices.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 7th 1722

Present The Govern^{or}

Edmund Jenings	Philip Ludwell	Nath Harrison
Robert Carter	John Lewis	Mann Page &
	John Robinson Esq ^{rs}	

The Govern^{or} desiring the Advice of the Council what time w^{ll} be most proper for the next meeting of the Gen^l Assembly the present Session drawing now towards a Conclusion: It is the opinion of this Board, that in regard it may be necessary to have another Session of Assembly soon after the Gov^{rs} Return from Albany, it is not convenient to prorogue the Assembly longer than the month of November, and that Thursday y^e 15th of that month, will be a proper time for their Pro-rogation—

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace issue for y^e County of King George. wth y^e addition of sundry new Justices.

Whereas it is necessary that fitt persons be appointed to take care of the Batterys erected for the defence of the several Rivers, and to have the Charge of the Stores of War Lodged thereat: It is order'd y^e Salarys for that service be as follows—

To the Gunner & Storekeep^r at Point Comfort twelve p^{ds} Sterl: per ann

To the Gunner & Storekeep^r at York, Eight pounds Sterl per ann

To the Gunner & Storekeep^r at Tyndals Point ten p^{ds} Sterl per ann

To the Gunner & Storekeep^r at Corotoman five pounds sterl per ann
&

To the Gunner & Storekeep^r at Hobb's hole y^e like Salary of Five Pounds Sterl per Annum.

A Memorial being presented to this Board by W^m Roscow Execut^r of James Roscow Esq^r dec^d setting forth that the sum of £254.18.9 received by the said Roscows Dep^{ty} for his Maj^{ty}'s Qu^{ar} R^{ts} in the Year 1721, was Stolen out of the Store of M^r Arch^d Blair Merch^t in Williamsburg, and no discovery yet made of the same, & praying such Recommendation of his Case to his Maj^{ty}, or the Lords Com^{rs} of his Maj^{ty}'s Treasury as this Board shall Judge most proper for his obtaining his Majestys favour in remitting the said Sum out of the Ball^a due from the said Dec^d M^r Roscow, It is Ordered, That a Representation of y^e Pet^{rs} be prepared to the Lords of the Treasury, to be Signed by the Governor and Council.

The Governor acquainting the Board that being speedily to Set out on a Journey to Albany. at the unanimous Request of both Houses of Assembly, lest there should be any Controversy touching his Right to his Salary as Governour during such his Absence. he judged it necessary to have that matter Settled by the opinion of this Board. Whereupon the Council unanimously declare their opinion that the Governors intended Journey, being undertaken for the Publick Service of the Government, and at the Request of the Gen^l Assembly, he is, and ought to be As much Entitled to his Salary and all other perquisites as if he was Actually present within this Government: To w^{ch} Unanimous Resolutions of the rest of the Board, Edmond Jenings Esq^r as President declared his Consent.

At a Council held June the 13th 1722

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
Robert Carter
Philip Ludwell
John Lewis
William Bassett

Nath^l Harrison
Mann Page
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq^{rs}

The Governor this day desiring the opinion of the Council upon certain papers transmitted from S^o Carolina, wch he left some Days ago for their perusal. The Council thereupon declare; That having seriously consider'd the said papers they are unanimously of opinion.

That the Act passed in the General Assembly of South Carolina in Nov^r 1721, is highly injurious to the Trade of this his Maj^{ty}'s Colony, destructive of the good correspondence between the English and the Western Indians, and directly opposite to the intent and

meaning of his Majesty's 71 Instruction to the Governor of that province: in as much as the s^d Act imposes insuperable Difficulties and unjust Taxes on the Traders of Virg^a, and is calculated rather to prohibit than regulate the Trade with the said Indians carryed on from this Province; That the lessening the consumption of British Commoditys (wch this Act must effectually do) among the Indians is prejudicial to the Trade of Great Britain and that the laying any Tax whereby the Price of Commoditys used in that Trade must necessarily be encreased, or the Supplys lessened, is a ready means to lose the Affections of the said Indians, who can no otherwise be preserved in the British Interest than by the same plentiful Supplys and cheapness of Goods as they have been hitherto accustomed to.

That the Address or Representation of the General Assembly of South Carolina to their present Governor, contains many untrue and unjust reflections upon the Conduct of his Majesties Lieu^t Governor & the Council of this Dominion.

That this Treatment of the Colony of Virginia is the most unjust, in that it is evident that in all the Transactions this Government has had with the Western Indians, the peace, Interest and Tranquility of the people of Carolina has been equally regarded with that of the Inhabitants of this Colony.

That the Security of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Colony, made it necessary for this Government to propose a peace between the Cherokees and the Five Nations, And that it is demonstrable that the Schemes of the Carolina Assembly for continuing a War between those Indians, are founded upon the private Interest of their Traders, and not with any view to the General Tranquility of his Majestys other plantations equally concerned in the preservation of that good Correspondence with the Western Indians, wch his Maj^{ty} has been pleas'd so particularly to recommend to the Care of the Governor and Council & Assembly of S^o Carolina.

That therefore it is necessary to vindicate this Government from the groundless Aspersions in the Carolina Assemblys Address and to represent to his Majesty the unjust and imprudent proceedings of that province, both with respect to his Maj^{ty's} Subjects of this Colony and the Indians in Amity with it; that so the ill Consequences of these Measures built upon partial Views, may by his Maj^{ty's} Authority be speedily prevented. And his Maj^{ty's} Lieu^t Governor is humbly requested to represent the same accordingly.

The Governor acquainted the Council that pursuant to the desire of the General Assembly, he intended to set out on his Journey to Albany to treat with the Northern Indians as soon as he shall receive an Answer from the Governor of New York what time he has appointed for the said Indians to repair to the place of Treaty.

An Account of sundry Services done by M^r Cary of repairing the Governors House, & inclosing the Magazine, was laid before the Board, and Ordered to be paid out of his Maj^{ty's} Revenue of 2s per hh^d &c.

Several petitions for taking up Land were read, and granted as follows. Viz^t.

To Edm^d Taylor, Will^m Todd, Philip Todd and Larkin Chew for four thousand Acres of Land in the County of King William.

To Robert Baylor for two thousand Acres of Land in one Tract and four thousand Acres in another in the County of King William.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 23^d 1722

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
Philip Ludwell

Mann Page &
John Robinson Esq^{rs}

A Letter being prepared pursuant to the Resolutions of this Board on the 13th Inst. to the Gov^r of S^o Carolina, together with sundry Observations on the Act of that province, and other papers transmitted from thence were this Day read at the Board and approved.

On a Representation from the Justices of James City County; Ordered That a new Commission of the peace issue for that County, with the addition of the several persons recommended to be Justices therein.

Order'd that the Sum of Forty pounds formerly allowed M^r Henry Irwin for Services and Charges relating to the Pirates, be paid to the Governor in discharge of so much of the money advanced by him for the s^d Irwin to the Rec^r General of his Majestys Revenues.

Rob^t Carter, W^m Bassett, Nath Harrison, P Beverley & Cole Digges Esq^{rs} Pres^t.

The Governor informing the Board, That the Government of S^o Carolina have appointed an Agent to sollicit the Royal Approbation of the late Act for the Regulation of the Indian Trade, and that therefore it seemed necessary on this occasion to supply the office of Sollicitor of the Virginia Affairs, wch has been some time vacant by the Death of Colo Blackiston he thereupon proposed to the Choice of the Council M^r Byrd, and M^r Carter, declaring it was a matter indifferent to him wch of these two Gent^{rs} they shou'd nominate for that Employment. Whereupon it being put to the Vote, the Majority were for M^r John Carter, and accordingly the Governor, was pleased to declare him Sollicitor of the Virginia Affairs.

At a Council held at the Capitol September 27th 1722

Present

The Hon^{ble} Hugh Drysdale His Maj^{ty}^s L^t Gov^r

Edmund Jenings
James Blair
Philip Ludwell

Will^m Bassett
John Lewis &
Cole Digges Esq^{rs}

His Majesties Commission to the Right Hon^{ble} George Earl of Orkney, and also a Commission under his Maj^{ty}^s Signet and Sign Manual

bearing date the third day of April 1722 constituting the Hon^{ble} Hugh Drysdale his Majesties Lieu^t Governor of this Colony and Dominion in the room of Col^o Spotswood, being read publickly in the General Court House, the said Lieu^t Governor with the Council went from thence to the Council Chamber, where his Hon^r took the Oaths appointed by Act of parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy the Abjuration Oath and subscribed the Test, & took the Oath of Governor for the due observation of the Acts of Trade.

A Proclamation continuing all Officers Civil and Military in their respective Stations till further order, was prepared, and signed by the Govern^r in Council; and Ordered to be published throughout the Colony.

A Commission under the great Seal constituting John Carter Esq^r Secretary of Virginia was read & Ordered to be Entred in the Secretarys Office, and that he give Security before his Maj^{ty}s Lieu^t Governor for the due discharge of that Trust.

At a Council held at the Capitol October 16th 1722

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell
John Lewis

Will^m Bassett
Mann Page
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley and
John Robinson Esq^{rs}

The Governor representing to this Board that there are in the publick Goal divers Negros, who had lately formed a design to rise and cutt off his Maj^{ty}s Subjects of this Colony; But for as much as his Maj^{ty}s Attorney General, conceives the Evidence against them being only Negros, and those not Christians are not such Evidence as is sufficient to convict the Criminals upon an Indictment to be exhibited against them for high Treason; and thereupon desiring the Opinion of this Board what method shall be taken for proceeding against the Offenders. The Council taking the same into Consideration are of Opinion, That M^r Att^{ny} be directed to proceed against the Offenders by Indictm^t for Misdemeanors, and that he procure all the Evidence that can be found against them. And upon the Motion of M^r Attorney, It is Ordered That M^r Holloway & M^r Randolph be assigned Assistants in behalf of His Maj^{ty} in the said prosecution.

The Governor desiring the Opinion of the Council whether the present Assembly shall be dessolv'd and what time may be necessary for the appointing a new Assembly; It is thereupon the Opinion of the Council, that the present Assembly be Dissolved, & that a proclamation issue for that purpose: and It is Ordered that Writts issue for the Election of Burg^{es} to serve in the succeeding Assembly to meet Wednesday the 5th of Dec^r next.

At a Council held at the Capitol October 18th 1722.

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell
John Lewis

Will^m Bassett
Nath Harrison
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq^{rs}

The Governor laying before the Council the Form of a proclamation declaring the Gen^l Ass^{bly} to be dissolved prepared according to the form used by Col^o Nott, upon his Arrival; and desiring their Opinion whether the said Form be continued upon the present occasion. The Council are thereupon of opinion that the said Form be continued for dissolving the present Assembly.

At a Council held at the Capitol October 23^d 1722

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell

John Lewis
Will^m Bassett
Nath Harrison
Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq^{rs}

A Commission under the Seal of the High Court of Admiralty constituting the Hon^{ble} Hugh Drysdale Esq^r Vice Admiral of this Dominion was read. And the Governor having taken the usual Oaths before the Commissioners of the Admiralty in England, the said Commission was Ordered to be Entred in the Council Books.

On reading at this Board the Charter of the City of Williamsburgh, and consideration of the form of a Writt for Electing a Citizen to serve in the General Assembly for that place; It is Ordered that a Writt be prepared, and issue for the said City agreeable to the said Charter.

On reading at this Board a Letter from the Justices of King George County, complaining of Jn^o Dinwiddy Gent. Sherif of the said County for a Contempt of the Court; It is the Opinion of the Council That the Clerk of the Council write a Letter to the s^d Justices directing them to cause the Evidence agst the said Dinwiddie to attend this Board on Thursday sevensnight; wch day is appointed for hearing both parties on the subject matter of the said Complaint.

On Consideration of several persons who have served as Lookouts in princess Ann County, and for setting up Beacons there pursuant to the Order of the Governm^t. It is Ordered that the said Lookouts, and the persons Erecting the Beacons, be directed to make their Claims to

the General Assembly for that Service; and that the said Lookouts be henceforth discharged.

Cole Digges Esq^r Pres^t

Whereas divers of the Justices & Inhabitants of Nansemond County, have by petition to the Gov^r represented the inconveniency of the place lately appointed by an Order of that Court for erecting a new Court House; and there appearing to the Council great Contrariety of Opinion among the people there touching the most convenient Scituation of the said Court house It is the Opinion of the Council, that the several parties be heard before the Governor in Council if they come before the End of this General Court; But if not that the Governor be pleased to take upon him the Determination of the present Controversy, and give directions for building the said Courthouse at such place as he shall judge most convenient for the Inhabitants.

At a Council held at the Capitol October 31 1722.

Present, The Governor

Edmund Jenings	Nath Harrison
Robert Carter	Mann Page
James Blair	Cole Digges
Philip Ludwell	Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq ^{rs}	

The Hon^{ble} Alex^r Spotswood Esq^r his Maj^{ty's} late L^t Governor of this Dominion came this Day into Council, and reported that pursuant to the unanimous desires of the Council and House of Burg^{ss} he set out on the 28th of July last in his Majesties Ship the Enterprize for New York in order to treat wth the Indians of the five Nations; that the 20th of August being appointed for their Meeting at Albany, he arrived there that day, but it was the 29th of that Month before all the Sachims of those Nations arriv'd; that the same Day he Entred upon his Negotiations with them, and made his first propositions for their Assent to the preliminary Articles wch were some Years ago, proposed on the part of this Government; and on the 6th of Sep^r following the Sachims and Warriors of the five Nations returned their Answer, & declared their Assent to those preliminaries relating to the peace and Boundaries, and signed the same; which being engrossed in parchment together with a Map of the Colony of Virginia describing the Limits wch the s^d five Nations are not to pass without the Licence or passport of the Governor of New York, he now delivered in at the Board. And then proceeded to relate the further progress of his Negotiations with the s^d Indians on the 10 & 12th of Sep^r at wch time the Treaty was concluded, and the presents on the part of this Governm^t were delivered to the said Indians; the Sum of which Conferences are contained in three several papers, wch he now deliver'd in at the Board. He further acquaint^d the Board, That upon his return to New York, he had for

the more effectual Execution of the said Treaty applyed to the Governor of that Province, & obtained an Order of Council, that no passport shall be given by that Government to any greater number of their Indians than ten at one time. upon Condition of a reciprocal Engagement on the part of this Governm^t that no passports shall be given to any greater number of our Indians to pass to the Northward. He further added sundry particulars relating to the Ceremonial of Treating with those Indians, and with regard to the Government in wch the Treaty was held; which having been discussed and adjusted between him and Governor Burnet and His Council at sundry Conferences previous to the said Treaty, He judged they might be of Service to those who might hereafter be Employed in the like Negotiations, and had therefore inserted the whole in a Journal which he was now preparing and would deliver to the Governor as soon as he had compleated it. And having thus finished his Report, and the several Propositions and Answers of the Indians being read at the Board; The Governor told him, that He was well assured, he spoke the Sentiments of the whole Board when He returned him their thankful Acknowledgments for His prudent Management of the Treaty now Communicated and for maintaining throughout the whole Course of those Negotiations the Honour and Dignity of this Colony.

The following Warrants on the Rec^r Gen^l to be paid out of his Majestys Revenue of 2s per hb^d port Dutys and head mony were this day signed by the Gov^r in Council Viz^t

To the Hon^{ble} Alex^r Spotswood his Maj^{ty}s late L^t Governor his Salary to the 26th of Sept^r Last £841.10.7

To the Hon^{ble} Hugh Drysdale Esq^r his Majestys L^t Governor for Salary from the 26th of Sep^r to the twenty fifth Inst Oct^r £158.9.5

To the Genⁿ of his Maj^{ty}s Council half a Years Salary ending the same time . . . £175

To the Aud^r General of his Maj^{ty}s Plantations half a years Salary ending the same time . . . 50

To the Sollicit^r of the Virginia Affairs for Salary from the 22^d of June to same 25th of Octo^r . . . 34.3.0

To the Attorney Gen^l half a Years Salary ending the same time . . . £20.0.0

To the Clerk of the Council half a Years Salary ending the same time . . . £50

To sev^l Minist^{rs} for their Attendance one Gen^l Court & Ass^{bl}y . . . £12.0.0

To the Gunners of the several Batterys & of James City for their Salarys to the same time. £28.8.6.

To the Arm^y 1/2 a Y^rs Salary to ditto time. £6

To Will^m Prentis for sev^l Contingent Charges p^d. by him £66.2.

And out of the Quitt Rents.

To M^r Com^{rs} Blair half a years Salary ending the 25th of Oct^r Instant. £50.0.0.

To the Attorney Gen^l half a Years additional Salary ending at the same time . . . £30.

At a Council held at the Capitol November the 1st 1722

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell

Nath Harrison
Mann Page
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &

John Robinson Esq^{rs}

Whereas by the Treaty lately concluded at Albany between this Government and the five Nations together with the Tuscaruros & other Indians their depend^{ts}; It is amongst other things Stipulated, that potowmack and the High ridge of Mountains so far as they extend along the Frontiers of Virginia shall be the Established Boundaries between the said Indians and those who are Tributary to this Dominion so as neither the Indians of the five Nations, the Tuscaruros and other their Depend^{ts} on the one part, nor the Indians Tributary to Virginia on the other part, shall at any time hereafter pass the said Limits without the passports of the Governors of Virg^a & New York respectively. And whereas for the more effectual limiting the number of Indians to whom passports are to be granted in conformity to the abovementioned Treaty, the Government of New York hath at the Instance of the Hon^{ble} Alex^r Spotswood his Maj^{ty}s late L^t Governor of this Dominion agreed, that no passport be granted to above ten persons of the said Five Nations to go to Virginia, at any one time without the previous consent of this Government; on Condition that the like Resolution of the Governor and Council of Virginia with regard to the passports to be granted to the Indians Tributary to this Dominion for their Travelling to the province of New York, or to the five Nations be signified to the said Government of New York. This Board approving of the said Regulation do unanimously agree that a passport be hereafter not Granted to above ten persons of the Tributary Indians at one time to pass into the Province of New York, or among the five Nations without the previous Consent of that Government And It is Ordered That this Resolution be with all convenient Speed transmitted to the Governor of the said Province.

That the Clerk of the Council write to the several Interpreters for the Tributary Indians, forthwith & acquaint the said Indians, That now a Treaty is concluded by the five Nations upon the Terms proposed in Octo^r 1721 when the Deputys of those five Nations attended here at Williamsburgh; That pursuant to the said Treaty none of the said Tributary Indians are to pass to the Westward of the great Mountains, or cross potowmack River without a passport from the Gov^r of this Dominion; as on the other Hand none of the Northern Indians are to come on this side the s^d boundarys without the like passport from the Governor of New York under the penalty contained in a late Act of Ass^{bl}y of being condemned to Death or transported and sold for

Slaves; That therefore in case any of the said Tributarys should in their hunting meet with any of the northern Indians having such passport on this side of the Mountains or potowmack River, they are treat them as Friends. And that for the better distinguishing between the said Indians who are at peace with this Government, and other strange Nations who may happen to come within those Limits; It is agreed by the Five Nations, that wherever they In their Marches shall make any Fires in the Woods, they will place a Stone in the midst of the Fire as a Signal that none but friends have been there; and that the Tributary Indians be enjoyned to make the same Signal at their several Encampments where they may probably suppose the Northern Indians to come. That the said Interpreters do likewise acquaint the said Indians, that no passport will hereafter be granted on either side to any greater number than ten at one time, and those are to come directly . . . to the Governor for the time being without entring into any Treaty or Negotiation with any of the respective Governments whither they are Travelling or otherwise their passports will be adjudged void; and that the said Interpreters be further directed to bring to W^mburgh next Gen^l Court. the Chief men together with some Young men of the several Nations to wait on the Governor to be informed of the further Articles of the Treaty.

On Reading at this Board the Depositions of Mathew and John Mayes of the County of Prince George, whereby a Senequa Indian now in the publick Goal at Williamsburgh . . . Charged upon the Information of a Tuscaruro Indian with an intent to murder the said John Mayes and to poison an Negro man belonging to the said Mathew, and thereafter to carry away with him an Indian woman Slave belonging to the said Mathew Mayes and two other Slaves of one Math Anderson; the said Senequa Indian was this day Examined in Council, where he denied the Facts charged against him; But it appearing by the Depositions of the said John and Mathew Mayes that the said Indian did own to him his intention to carry off the two Slaves belonging to the aforesaid Mathew Anderson as soon as he would furnish himself with Ammunition for his Journey; It is therefore Ordered That the said Indian be sent out of this Government, and that for his more safe passage to his own Country a passport be given him under the Seal of the Colony, reciting the Offence for wch he has been here committed, and declaring that the reason he has not been prosecuted for the same according to Law is in consideration of the late Treaty concluded wth the five Nations to wch he belongs; in hopes that by this Lenity towards one of their Nation, they will be convinced of the good faith with wch this Governm^t is resolved to maintain the peace lately concluded with them.

This Day being appointed for hearing in Council, the Complaint of sundry of the Justices of King George County against John Dinwiddie Gent. Sheriff of the said County, the said Dinwiddie accordingly attended, but there being produced and read a Letter from the said Justices excusing their attendance by reason of the shortness of

the time; It is the Opinion of the Council and accordingly Ordered, That the partys be heard before this Board on the third day of the next Gen^l Court, unless they do in the mean time accommodate the same difference.

Ordered. That a new Commission of the peace issue for the County of King George with the addition of sundry persons recommended by the Court of the said County.

On the Petition of John Allen Gent leave is granted him to Survey and patent three thousand Acres of Land on Nottoway River near the dividing Line between the Isle of Wight & Nansemond Countys, it appearing to this Board, that the Nansemond Indians for whose use some part of the said Tract was reserved have now deserted the Settlement.

At a Council held at the Capitol November 2^d 1722

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell

Nath^l Harrison
Mann Page
Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq^{rs}

The Governor this day laid before the Council a Letter from the R^t Hon^{ble} the Earl of Orkney dated the 2^d of March last wch Letter is directed to Col^o Spotswood and was by him received since his departure from hence to New York; wherein his Lordp is pleased to recommend one M^r William Langley to be Sollic^r of the Virginia Affairs in the room of Col^o Blackiston dec^d And the Governor desiring the Opinion of the Council thereon; they thereupon declared, that the s^d office of Sollic^r of the Virginia Affairs being already supplied by the Appointment of John Cartar Esq^r they hope his Lordp will be satisfied it is out of their power to comply with his Lordp's recommendation.

The Acco^{ts} of his Maj^{ty}'s Revenue of 2s per hh^d port Dutys and head money being Examined by the Dep^{ty} Aud^r and sworn to by his Maj^{ty}'s Rec^r Gen^l were this day certified by the Governor in the usual form.

Whereas John Grymes Esq^r Rec^r Gen^l and Nath Harrison Esq^r Dep^{ty} Aud^r this day laid before the Board the form of the Bonds given in the Secretarys office, for the payment of the Rights for the taking up Lands in the new frontier Countys of Brunswick and Spotsylvania, the Condition of which Bonds are, that the Obligee shall within three Years after the date of such Bond, satisfie & pay unto his Majesty, five shillings for every fifty Acres of Land, for wch he shall not produce Rights by Importation; unless his Majesty shall signify his Royal pleasure for remitting the same according to the prayer of the General Assembly, or else shall surrender his Grants of the said Lands. And

whereas the said Rec^r Gen^l & Aud^r have desired the directions of this Board in relation as well to their demanding the money due to his Majesty for the Rights as the Quitt Rents of the Lands already patented within the said two Countys. The Council taking the same into Consideration, are unanimously of opinion, that in regard the Address of the General Assembly for remitting the Rights and Quitt Rents of the Lands within the said two Countys lyes yet before his Maj^{ty} undetermined, the said Officers of the Revenue are to forbear to demand the payment of the said Rights and Quitt Rents untill his Majesties pleasure be known; and to the end such signification of his Maj^{ty}s pleasure may be the more speedily obtained; It is the further Opinion of the Council, that the Governor be pleased to give Directions to the Sollic^r of the Virginia Affairs to renew his Applications to his Maj^{ty} in behalf of this Colony, and that a Representation be prepared of the Reasons wch induced the General Assembly to Erect the said two new Countys, and to petition his Maj^{ty} for his Royal favour to encourage the speedy Settlement thereof by the Exemptions mentioned in the Gen^l Assemblys Address.

And whereas a very useful and beneficial Law was passed in the Year 1720, for the better payment of his Majesties Quitt Rents; It is the further Opinion of the Council, That the Sollic^r of the Virginia Affairs be also directed to make the most pressing Instances for obtaining his Maj^{ty}s Royal Approbation of the s^d Law, whereby the prudent Measures therein prescribed may be put in practice for the encrease of his Maj^{ty}s Revenue.

Whereas the General Assembly is by the Writts issued for that purpose to meet the 5th day of Nov^r next; It being this day taken into Consideration that there is not any immediate occasion for its meeting so soon; It is therefore Ordered, That a proclamation issue proroguing the said General Assembly till Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The Governor signifying his intentions to continue the present Naval Officers in their respective Employments, in Case the Council have no objection thereto; The Council thereupon declared, that they knew no objection against any of the said Officers.

On the petition of Charles Chiswell Gent Leave is granted him to take up in one Tract two thous^d Acres of Land on Swift Creek in the County of Henrico adjoining to the Land whereon Grills's Mill now stands: Provided always that he do not interfere with any legal entry made by the said Grills for Land at that place.

At a Council held at the Capitol December 12th 1722

Present

The Hon^{ble} Hugh Drysdale Esq^r Gov^r

Edmund Jenings

James Blair

Philip Ludwell

John Lewis

William Bassett

Nath Harrison

Mann Page

Cole Digges

Peter Beverley &

John Robinson Esq^r

Pursuant to the Resolutions of the last Council for representing to his Majesty, the Reasons wch induced the General Assembly to petition for his Majestys Royal Bounty towards encouraging the speedy Settlement of the Frontier Countys of Brunswick and Spotsylvania, there was this day laid before the Board, a paper Ent^d Reasons humbly offered for the better securing the Frontiers of Virginia by exempting the Inhabitants of the two late Erected Countys from the purchase of Rights & payment of Quitt Rents. And the said paper being read and approved It is Ordered That the same be transmitted by the first Opportunity to John Carter Esq^r Secretary of the Virginia Affairs; that he may thereupon make such application on the behalf of this Government, as he shall judge most effectual for obtaining from his Maj^{ty}s Royal Bounty the Exemptions petitioned for by the General Ass^{ly} towards encouraging the speedy Settlement of the said frontier Countys, and for securing the passes of the Mountains so necessary for the future defence of this Country from the Invasions of a Foreign power.

And for the better enabling the said Solli^r to prosecute this Service; It is Ordered That the Rec^r General of his Maj^{ty}s Revenue do remit into his hands a Sum not exceeding one hundred pounds Sterl towards defraying the necessary Charges at the several Offices to wch he shall have occasion to apply in his said Negotiation: But for as much as it is reported, that M^r Carter is speedily expected in Virginia; It is further Ordered, That the Instructions to him for solliciting this Af-fair, be inclosed to M^r Micajah Perry Merch^t in London; and that he be desired in case of M^r Carters Absence to deliver the same to such person as he has appointed in his behalf to act in the Affairs of this Government; and if none such be entrusted by him, that then the said Instructions be by the said M^r Perry delivered to peter Leheup Esq^r with request that He will take upon him, the Sollicitation of what is above mentioned; assuring him that this Government will gratefully acknowledge what Service he shal do therein: And in either of the Cases aforesaid, the money hereinbefore appropriated, be paid into the hands of the person who shall have the trouble of the intended Sollicitation.

Ordered That a new Commission of the peace issue for the County of New Kent with the addition of sundry new Justices.

Col^o Spotswood having made application to this Board, for a Testimonial of the part he had in the suppressing the pirate Edward

Thach and his Crew and the Seizing the Effects; and having for that purpose laid before the Board sundry Letters & other papers relating to that Matter, It is Ordered That a Certificate be prepared conformable to the said papers to be signed by the Members of his Maj^{ty}s Council.

Whereas the Governor was this Day pleased to inform the Council, that application had been made to him for admitting to Bail divers of the Negroes now in the public Goal, who were committed by the Gen^l Court for misdemeanors, and desiring the Opinion of the Council therein. This Board upon Consideration of the Crimes for wch the said Negroes stand Committed, and the Circumstances of their Case, are of opinion and do advise that the said Negroes be not Bailed.

On the petition of Tho^s Flowers, setting forth that in order to the obtaining a patent for a Tract of Land in Charles City County, a Certificate of the Survey and Bounds thereof was put into the Secretarys Office by the Surveyor of the said County; in wch Certificate the said Surveyor mispelt the petitioners name by writing Frowers instead of Flowers, by means whereof the said patent hath been Signed and recorded in the name of Frowers wch may hereafter prove prejudicial to the pet^rs Title, and praying that the said patent and Record thereof may be amended; It is thereupon Ordered That the Clerk of the Secretarys Office be impowered and required to cause the said patent and Record to be Amended by inserting the true name of the pet^r according to the prayer of the said petition.

Sundry Petitions for Leave to take up Land were this Day read at this Board and Granted Viz^t

To William Jones and George Woodroof for five thousand Acres of Land in Hannover County upon the dividing Line between that County & Spotsylvania on both sides the little Mountains and joyning to an Entry made by Cap^t Phelps.

To William Finney for two thousand Acres on fighting Creek in Henrico County including an Entry made by John Steuart dec^d and by him never perfected and runing up along Appamatux River to compleat the said Quantity.

To Henry Thacker and Jeremiah Clowder six thousand Acres of Land in Spotsylvania County on the Branches of Pamunkey River beginning on the Beaver Dam Creek, joining to the Land of Harry Beverley.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 1st 1723

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell

Will^m Bassett
Nath^l Harrison
Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq^r

The Governor was pleased to acquaint the Council that, M^r Carter who sometime since was appointed Sollic^r of the Virginia Affairs, hav-

ing now obtained the place and Office of Sec^{ry} of this Colony, and come to reside here, the said Office of Sollic^r is thereby become vacant. That he had recd Applications in behalf of three several persons for that Employment Viz^t M^r Byrd, M^r Leheup M^r Langley wch last was recommended by my Lord Orkney upon the Death of Col^o Blackiston, & that he left it to the Choice of the Council, wch of the three they judged most proper to negotiate the Affairs of the Colony: Whereupon the Council declared their Opinion; that in regard M^r Leheup has been already Employed by this Board to Sollicite (in case of the absence of M^r Carter) the obtaining his Maj^{ty}s favour with relation to the Rights and Q^u Rents of the two new Erected Countys, they think themselves under an Obligation of continuing him as a person fitly qualified to serve the Colony in that Station; and It is accordingly resolved that peter Leheup Esq^r be constituted and appointed Solle^r of the Virginia Affairs.

Whereas the Governor was pleased to communicate to the Council the Advices he had received of the Designs formed by the Northern Indians to carry off the Tuscaruros Settled in N^o Carolina and y^e apprehension the Indians Tributary to this Government are under that they also shall be forced away wth the Tuscaruros; The Council are thereupon of opinion, that for preventing any Attempts wch may be made by the Tributary Indians it is necessary the Militia in the Frontier Countys bordering on the said Indians be put into a posture of Defence; and to that end that the Lieu^{ts} of the said several Countys do return to the Governor a List of such officers as are wanted to compleat the said Militia.

On a Representation from the Justices of Surry County Ordered That a new Commission of the peace issue for the said County with the addition of the several persons recommended by the said Courts.

Ordered That a new Commission of the peace issue for the County of King and Queen and that Col^o Gawin Corbin be appointed first in the said Commission.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 2 1723

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter
Philip Ludwell

Nath Harrison
Peter Beverley &

John Robinson Esq^{rs}

John Carter Esq^r Secretary of this Colony this day took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parl^t to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, the Abjuration Oath and subscribed the Test, and then took the Oaths for the due Execution of the Office of Secretary.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 26th 1723

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings

Robert Carter

James Blair

Philip Ludwell

Will^m Bassett

Nath Harrison

Cole Digges

Peter Beverley &

John Robinson Esq^{rs}

On reading at this Board the Humble petition of David Seal, Mason French, and Joseph King convicted this Gen^l Court of Manslaughter for the Death of one Jonas Adams of the County of King George; The Council certifying the Governor, that by what appeared to them upon the Tryal of the prisoners they are fitt objects of his Maj^{ty}s mercy, And thereupon the Governor was pleased to order, that a pardon be prepared to be passed under the Seal of the Colony remitting to the said pet^{rs} all penalties and Forfeitures to wch they are lyable for the said Offence.

His Majestys Attorney General this Day attending the Board, signified, that upon the strictest Examination, he has not been able to find any legal Evidence against the several Negroes now in the publick Goal on suspicion of being concerned in a late Conspiracy to cut off his Maj^{ty}s Subjects, and also intimating that by the Rules of Law, the said Negroes must be brought to their Tryal this General Court upon the Information exhibited against them. This Board taking the same into Consideration, are of opinion, That though for want of legal Evidence, the said Negroes ought to be dischargd from their Commitment upon the Information now depending in the General Court yet in regard there are such pregnant Circumstances of their Designs against the peace of his Majestys Governm^t and the Lives of his Subjects here, it is not prudent to suffer the said Negroes to go at large untill the sitting of the Gen^l Ass^{bl}y when it is hoped proper Measures will be taken not only to free the Country of such dangerous Rogues, but to prevent & to punish the like secret Conspiracys for the future.

John Lewis of the County of Gloster Gentⁿ by his Petition to the Governor, praying that a Fine imposed upon him for refusing to serve as Sherif for the aforesaid County may be remitted; and the Governor desiring the Opinion of the Council therein; It is thereupon resolved that the Fines imposed by Law on persons nominated to be Sherifs and refusing to accept the Office, be not remitted as well because such an Indulgence would encourage others to refuse that Office to the manifest hindrance of Justice as that the said Fines are greater than his Maj^{ty} by his Instructions has been pleased to authorize the Governor to remitt.

Whereas it has been represented to this Board that great part of the Arms in the Magazine and at the Governors House are much out of repair & unfitt for Service; And whereas by the Act of Assembly

for Erecting the Magazine, the Salary therein appointed for the Armourer is expressly given for mending and repairing the Arms; It is the Opinion of this Board, that if the present Armourer, do not put in sufficient repair, the said Arms, his Salary be stopt, and applied towards amending and repairing the same: And if the Governor shall find it necessary to apply to the same purpose, the Salary of the Keeper of the Magazine that he be requested either to appoint some fitt person who will undertake for the said Salarys to amend & keep in Order the several Arms in the Governors House and Magazine, or that he agree for the repairing and putting in Order the said Arms, and apply the Salarys of the said Officers towards defraying the Charge thereof till the same be compleatly put in order.

Whereas the Great Men of the Maharine and Nansemond Indians have complained to this Board, that the Surveyor of North Carolina hath lately made Surveys on their Lands and have included therein not only their Corn Fields but their Towns; And that the several persons for whom the said Lands have been thus Surveyed do daily disturb the Indians in their possession by Driving their Stocks upon the pet^{rs} corn Grounds and threatening to turn the s^d Indians out of their ancient possessions. This Board taking into Consideration, that the Government of N^o Carolina suffering their Surveyors to intermeddle in the taking Entrys or making Surveys of the Lands of the said Indians, is a manifest breach of the Agreement entred into between the two Governments the 12th of Octo^r 1714 whereby the said Governm^t did engage that untill the final determination of the Boundaries none of the Surveyors of the Province of Carolina should receive any Entrys or make Surveys of any Lands to the Northward of Wicons Creek or a due West Line run from the mouth thereof to intersect Roanoak River, nor any Patents made out upon former Surveys within the s^d Bounds; are of Opinion, That a Letter be prepared for the Gov^{rs} signing to be sent to the Governor or President of N^o Carolina representing the Injustice & unfairness of this proceeding, and desiring that immediate Orders may be given for declaring void all Surveys made by the Surveyor of that Province and Patents granted thereon for any of the Lands lying between Wicons Creek & a Line lately run from the mouth of Nottoway Riv^r. And that in Case the said Governm^t of Carolina shall refuse to declare void all such Surveys and patents has [as] have been made or granted within the controverted Bounds, since the Date of the aforesaid Agreement, this Government will take effectual Measures for protecting the said Indians in their rightful and ancient possessions & to assert his Maj^{ty}s Right to the said Lands by punishing all such as shall presume to settle within the s^d Boundarys by virtue of any patents or other Authority from the Gov^t of N^o Carolina till the final determination of the said Boundaries.

On reading at this Board a Representation from the Justices of the peace for the County of New Kent Ordered That a new Commission of the peace issue for the said County, and that M^r Henry Holdcraft

according to the desire of the said Justices be appointed first in the said Commission.

Ordered that a new Commission of the peace issue for the Countys of Hanover, Middx and Accomack with the addition of the several persons recommended to be Justices in the said Countys.

M^r George Walker Gunner and Storekeeper of the Battery at point Comfort having laid before this Board an Estimate of the Charge necessary for the better securing of the said Battery; It is Ordered, that he be empowered & directed to cause the said Battery to be finished according to the said Estimate, and that the Charge thereof be paid out of his Majestys Revenue of 2s per hh^d &c.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 27th 1723

Present The Governor

Edmund Jenings
Robert Carter
James Blair

philip Ludwell
Nath Harrison
Peter Beverley &

Jn^o Robinson Esq^{rs}

Whereas the Tributary Indians living on the South side of James River have made application to the Governor to hold a Treaty of peace & friendship among themselves and the Tuscaruros living on the Borders of North Carolina; and that the Governor would please to appoint some person of distinction in this Governm^t to be present at the said Treaty, as well to take care that nothing is concluded there Prejudicial to the peace and Interest of this Colony, as that the said Tributarys may not be drawn into any Stipulations injurious to themselves; And the Governor having informed the Council, that the said Indians had intimated to him that they were desirous to meet for the purpose afores^d at Christanna on Thursday next, It is the opinion of this Board that Nath^l Harrison Esq^r be appointed on the part of this Governm^t to be present at the meeting of the said Indians to hear the Terms proposed on either side: And it is Ordered that it be an Instruction to him to signify to the said Indians that nothing there proposed or treated of shall be concluded or binding on either part untill the same be ratified and approved by the Governor and Council; and he is also particularly to notifie to the said Tributarys, that in case the Northern Indians do attack the Tuscaruros, they are not to concern themselves in the Quarrel; But if the design of this meeting between the Tributary Indians and the Tuscaruros be only for regulating their hunting Grounds and the preserving peace and Friendship among themselves while they are abroad upon their Hunting partys, that then Col^o Harrison do allow 'em to proceed therein as a matter pleasing to this Governm^t.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 2^d 1723

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings	Will ^m Bassett
Robert Carter	Cole Digges
James Blair	Peter Beverley &
Philip Ludwell	John Robinson Esq ^{rs}

The several Acco^{ts} of Henry Cary and John Brush for Work and Reparations about the Governors House being Exam^d in Council, and they sworn respectively to the Truth thereof were Ordered to be paid out of his Majestys Revenue of 2s per hh^d.

The Acco^t of Col^o Spotswood his Maj^{ty}s late L^t Governor for sundry Sums of Money expended on the publick Service of the Governm^t was this day exam^d in Council and Ordered to be paid out of his Majestys Revenue of 2s per hh^d.

The Governor in Council was pleased to nominate and appoint the following persons to be Sheriffs of the respective Countys for the ensuing Year Viz^t.

Hanover	Roger Thompson
Henrico	Hen Randolph
Prince George	Frans Epes
Surry	Will ^m Edwards
Isle of Wight	John Edwards
Nansemond	John Lear
Norfolk	George Burgess
Princess Ann	Fran ^s Land
Eliz ^a Citty	Joshua Curle
King William	Tho Carr
Charles Citty	W ^m Ackree
Gloster	Hen Whiting
Middx	Christ ^o Robinson
King & Queen	Hen Hickman
Essex	Rob ^t Brook
Spotsylvania	Will ^m Bledsoe
King George	Jonath Gibson
Stafford	French Mason
Warwick	Miles Wills
York	Tho ^s Nelson
James Citty	Tho Ravenscroft
New Kent	Charles Lewis
Accomack	Will ^m Burton
Westmoreland	Tho ^s Newton
Richmond	Will ^m Downman
Lancaster	Rich ^d Chichester
Northumberland	philip Smith
Northampton	Thom ^s Marshall

On Consideration of the Acco^t of Will^m Lister for Erecting two Batterys on Rapp^a River It is Ordered That the said Lister be paid according to his said Acco^t out of his Maj^{ty}s Revenue of 2s per hh^l.

John Grymes Esq^r Rec^r Gen^l of his Majestys Revenues making Application to this Board to certify the difference between the Currency of this Country and Bills of Exch^a in order to his making up his Accounts of the Cash he hath received for his Majestys Quitt R^{ts} This Board do accordingly certify that the present difference between Curr^t money and Bills of Exch^a is 15 per Cent And it is Ordered that he be allowed the same in his Acco^t of the Quitt Rents.

The Officers of his Maj^{ty}s Revenue representing to this Board, that Charles Drury Sheriff of Nansemond County having failed to give Security for the Execution of his Office the last year, is since become Insolvent, whereby his Maj^{ty}s Quitt Rents in that County under the Collection of the said Sheriff are in danger of being lost, and praying the direction of the Governor & Council therein. It is Ordered That the Consideration thereof be referred 'till the meeting of the General Assembly.

On the petition of Mary Bell widdow of Rob^t Bell dec^d It is Ordered that a patent for a Tract of Land lying in James City County found to Escheat from Barker be granted to Philip Ludwell Esq^r to whom the Reversion of the same is Devised after the Death of the said Mary by the Will of the aforementioned Robert Bell Dec^d

On the petition of Augustine Moor Gentⁿ complaining of sundry undue practices of Harry Beverley in Surveying and surreptitiously taking out a patent for a Tract of Land in the County of Spotsylvania formerly part of King William County, wch had been long before Entred for by the said Moor; It is Ordered that the Matter of the said Complaint be heard before this Board on Tuesday the 14th Day of May next; and that Harry Beverley have Notice to attend to answer the said Complaint.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 14th 1723

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
James Blair
Philip Ludwell

Nath Harrison
Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq^{rs}

John Grymes Esq^r Rec^r Gen^l of his Maj^{ty}s Revenues representing to this Board, that upon settling with Col^o Spotswood his Majestys late Lieu^t Governor the Acco^{ts} of the piratical Effects put into his Hands the said Col^o Spotswood had tender'd for four Hundred and fifty pounds of that money a Mortgage bearing date the 12th of Feb^{ry} 1721 taken by him in the Kings name from M^r Irwin for sundry Lotts and Houses lying in Hampton; But that upon his refusal of accepting that Mortgage in part of payment, Col^o Spotswood had then offered to pay

the money upon the said Rec^r Gen^{ls} making over to him his Maj^{ty}s Rights to the said Mortgage; wch the said Rec^r Gen^l conceives he is not Authorized to do without the Directions of this Board. And the Governor and Council having thereupon heard the Opinion of his Maj^{ty}s Attorney Gen^l; It is Ordered That the said Attorney General do prepare such an Assignment of the said Mortgage to Col^o Spotswood as is fitt for the said Rec^r Gen^l to execute in his Majesties behalf, so as such Assignment do not affect M^r Grymes in his private Capacity.

On hearing this day in Council the Complaint of Augustine Moor against Harry Beverley, and the s^d Beverley not attending to answer the same pursuant to the Order of this Board on the 2^d Instant, The Governor and Council proceeded to Examine . . . Hawkins who made the Entry for M^r Moor and James Taylor Surveyor of King William County with whom the said Entry was made for two thousand Acres of Land lying on Terrys Run in King W^m County; and it thereupon appearing to this Board, that the said Harry Beverley, hath unduly obtained the patent for the same. It is therefore Order'd That the Attorney General, be, as he is hereby directed to bring a scire facias for vacating the said patent to the end M^r Moor the pet^r may be relieved.

Sundry Caveats Entred in the Secretarys Office for stopping Patents issued out upon Surveys returned thither being this day read and considered at the Board. Viz^t A Caveat of

Augustine Smith against a patent sued out by Larkin Chew for Land joining on Warner Motts or the Iron Mine Tract.

Sam^l Williams against a patent to Richard Davis for Land in King William County.

Edward Pigg against a patent to John Robinson Esq^r for Land in the County of King William.

Thos^r Jefferson for stopping a patent to Math Ligon for Land in the County of Henrico formerly assigned by the said Ligon to one Richard Grills.

Charles Powell for stopping a patent to Nich^o Smith of the Isle of Wight County for Land on Maherin Riv^r.

John Mitchell for stopping a patent of John Davis for one thousand Acres of Land in Surry County.

Eleanor Chiles for stopping a Patent to Henry Chiles or any other of the Children of John Chiles dec^d for Land in King William County.

Robert Knapper for stopping a Patent to René La Force for Land in Henrico County.

The Executors of Edward Hill Esq^r dec^d for stoping a patent to . . . Brewer for Land in Prince George County.

Larkin Chew for stopping a patent to . . . Cavé for Land on the Branches of Mattapony in K & Queen County.

John Lee for stopping a Patent to Paul Pendar for Land in the County of Nansmond and

John Levistone of the County of King & Queen for stopping a patent to Harry Beverley for the Land lately found to Escheat

from George Burge; It is Ordered That the several persons above-mentioned have notice to attend this Board on the 5th day of the next General Court in order to a Determination of their several pretensions to the said Lands.

On the petition of William Richardson of King W^m County against James Taylor Surveyor; on the Motion of the said Taylor, It is Ordered That the Matter in the said Complaint be heard before this Board on the 5th day of the next Gen^l Court. And that the partys attend accordingly.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 15th 1723.

Present

The Governour

Edmund Jenings

James Blair

Philip Ludwell

Will^m Bassett

Peter Beverley &

John Robinson Esq^r

A Complaint being laid before this Board by John Taylor Gent together with a representation of divers of the Justices and Militia Officers of the County of Richmond against Col^o John Tarpley Ordered That the said Tarpley be summoned to answer the s^d Compl^t before the Governor in Council on Tuesday next.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 17th 1723.

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings

James Blair

Philip Ludwell

John Lewis

Will^m Bassett

Nath Harrison

Peter Beverley &

John Robinson Esq^r

On the petition of Philip Ludwell & Nath^l Harrison Esq^r John Allen and Benj^r Edwards Gentⁿ Leave is granted them to Survey and patent about two thousand Acres of Land beginning on the Northside of Roanoak River a little above a place called Tottero Kings Stone House and runing thence according to the several Bounds described in their Petition to include the said Quantity.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 20th 1723.

Present

The Governour

Edmund Jenings

James Blair

Philip Ludwell

John Lewis

Cole Digges &

Peter Beverley Esq^r

On the Petition of John Robinson Esq^r Leave is granted him to take up and Patent five thousand and fifty Acres of Land lying on

both sides the North Fork of the River Po in the County of Spotsylvania and joining on a Tract of Land belong to Gawin Corbin Gent.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 22^d 1723

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell
John Lewis

Will^m Bassett
Nath^l Harrison
Mann Page
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &

John Robinson Esq^r

The Minutes of Council since the last time of their reading were read over and approved.

On hearing this Day in Council the Memorial and Complaint of John Tayloe Gentⁿ and other the Justices and Militia Officers of the County of Richmond against Col^o John Tarpley together with a Letter from the said Tarpley excusing his non-attendance to answer the said Complaint; It is the Opinion of this Board and accordingly Ordered, That the said John Tarpley be removed from his Office as a Justice of the peace for the said County.

A Petition being presented to this Board & read in behalf of divers of the Frontier Inhabitants of the County of Isle of Wight; praying that Officers may be appointed for Enttring and clearing Vessells coming to Trade in Maherine and Nottoway Rivers. It is Ord^d That the Consideration of the said petition be referred untill the Boundaries of this Province & N^o Carolina be settled.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 24th 1723

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell
John Lewis

Will^m Bassett
Nath^l Harrison
Mann Page
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &

John Robinson Esq^r

Whereas the Justices of Nansemond County have made Application to the Governor for determining a difference arisen amongst them touching the place for building a new Court House in the said County & the several partys interested therein being this day heard at the Board: It is the opinion of the Council and accordingly Ordered; That the Court House for the said County be built at Jarnagens Bridge,

that appearing to be nearest the Center of the County and most commodious to the several Inhabitants.

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Nansemond with the addition of the sundry persons recommended to be Justices of the said County.

On Reading at this Board the several petitions of Thomas Marston and Margaret Dibdall setting forth their several and respective pretensions to a Grant of a Tract of Land in New Kent County found to Escheat to his Majesty from John Dibdall late of the said County dec^d Husband of the Petitioner Margaret Dibdall. And it appearing to this Board, That the said Tract of Land was by the Will of the said John Devised after the death of his said Wife to his two Daughters in Law now the wives of David Holt & Timothy Taylor; It is the opinion of this Board That Margaret Dibdall hath the most equitable pretension to his Majestys favour in relation to obtaining a Grant of the said Land and it is accordingly Ordered That the said Tract of Land be granted to the said Marg^t Dibdall and the other Devisees of the said John Dibdall they refunding to the Pet^r Thomas Marston all Charges expended by him about the same Escheat and paying also the Composition due to his Maj^{ty} according to the Royal Charter of this Colony.

The Petition of Henry Irwin & W^m Winterton is Ordered to be heard at this Board on Thursday next, and all parties concern'd are to have due Notice to attend accordingly.

The following Petitions for Leave to take up Land were read and granted Viz^t

To John Simmons for one thousand Acres of Land on Maherine River beginning at the Head of the holley Bush Branch and runing up both sides the said River to compleat that Quantity.

To John Lewis Esq^r four hundred Acres of Land in Spotsylvania County beginning at the lower Corner of Warners Patent, thence to M^r Thorntons Line and up the same the several Courses thereof to the Head & from thence to that part of the said Warners Land now in the possession of John Lewis Gent^l.

To John Symes, Math Symes and Jn^o Symes for three thousand Acres of Land on Locus Creek in Hannover County.

To John Jackson one thousand Acres of Land in Surry County on Monks Neck Creek including the Land granted him at that place by a former patent.

To Nath Mallone one thousand Acres of Land on Sapponie Creek in Surry County.

To Robert Munford, and John Anderson fifteen hundred Acres of Land in Prince George County on Stoney Run on the S^o side of Nottoway Riv^r.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 28th 1723

Present The Governor

Edmund Jenings	John Lewis
Robert Carter	Nath Harrison
James Blair	Mann Page
Philip Ludwell	Cole Digges
Peter Beverley	

On reading at this Board the Address of the House of Burgesses to the Governor setting forth divers undue practices of L^t Col^o Joseph Smith in levying Fines on divers persons in Essex County for non-appearance at the Musters of the Militia; It is the opinion of this Board, That the said Joseph Smith be removed from his Office of a Justice of the peace in the said County; and that John Lomax Gent be restored to his former place in the Commission of the Peace for that County.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 30th 1723

Present The Governor

Edmund Jenings	Mann Page
Robert Carter	James Blair
Philip Ludwell	Will ^m Bassett
John Lewis	Cole Digges
Nath ^l Harrison	Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq ^r	

The Governor informing the Board, That he understood the House of Burgesses were come to a Resolution to lay a Duty on Liquors and Slaves & laying before the Board his Majesties Additional Instruction dated the 27th of Sept^r 1717 relating to the passing of Acts wch may affect the Trade & Shipping of Great Brittain; It is the Opinion of the Council that the said Instruction be sent to the House of Burgesses to the end they may be the better enabled to conform to his Maj^{ty}s pleasure signified therein.

The following Warrants on the Rec^r General to be paid out of his Majestys Revenues were this day signed by the Governor in Council
Viz^t

Out of the 2s per hh^d

To the Governor half a Years Sallary ending the 25 th of April last	£1000.0.0
To the Gent ^s of the Council for the same time	175.
To the Aud ^r Gen ^l of the Plantations for d ^o time...	50.
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the same time	20
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time	50
To the Sollic ^r of the Virg ^a affairs for d ^o time	50

To the Gunners of the several Batterys for the same time	25
To the Armourer for the same time	6
To the Judges and Officers of the Court of Oyer and Terminer held last Dec ^r	100
To the Ministers for their Attendance last General Court	4.00
To sundry Charges about the Gov ^r House	111.0.4 1/2
To John Lister for Erecting Batterys on the River Rappahanock	169.7.6
To sundry Expresses & other conting ^t Charges	247.4.3

And out of the Quitt Rents.

To M ^r Com ^r Blair half a years Sallary ending the 25 th of April last	50.0.0
To M ^r Att ^r Gen ^l half a Y ^r add ^l Salary for d ^e time	30.

The Acco^{ts} of his Maj^{ty} Revenues of Q^{ts} Rents and of 2s per hh^{rs} port Dutys and head money and also the Acco^{ts} of divers Pirates Effects having been Examined by the Deputy Aud^r and sworn to in Council by the Rec^r General were severally certified by the Governor.

The Aud^r and Rec^r General of his Majestys Revenues having informed this Board that the Ex^{ts} of M^r Roscow late Rec^r Gen^l had discharged his Debt to the King; and that the Persons who were Security for him as well at the Treasury in Great Brittain as here were thereupon desirous to have their Bonds Cancelled. It is accordingly Ordered That the Bonds given by the said M^r Roscows Securitys upon his admission into the Office of Rec^r Gen^l be cancelled; and that proper Certificates be Granted the Executors of the said Roscow to the End his Securitys at the Treasury in Great Brittain may likewise be discharged.

On the Application of the Aud^r & Rec^r Gen^l of his Maj^{ty} Revenues; It is Ordered, That all the Treasury Rights returned into the Secretarys Office and on wch Patents have issued be forthwith cancelled in the presence of the said Auditor. And that for the future when any Patents are issued upon such Treasury Rights, the Clerk of the Secretarys Office do at the signing of such Patents make an Endorsement upon the Rights, signifying in what patent the same were used, and that no Rights w^{ch} have been once made use of be thereafter allowed to pass in any other patent; But that for a supply of new Rights to such as shall have occasion to take up Land, the Aud^r and Rec^r Gen^l be and they are hereby impowered and directed to make out as many as will amount to the Sum of five hundred pounds Sterling; and for the greater ease of the people, It is further Ordered. That all Rights hereafter to be sold be rated at five shillings Sterling in Bills of Exch^g or five shillings and ten pence Curr^t money to be paid at the Election of the Purchaser and so accounted for by the Rec^r General.

The Governor desiring the opinion of the Council upon his

Majesties Instruction directing the appointment of two Courts of Oyer and Terminer to be held Yearly in the months of June and Dec' for the more speedy Tryal of persons committed for Capital Crimes. The Council taking the same into Consideration and being convinced by Experience that divers Criminals may be committed so late that Notice cannot be dispatcht to such of the Judges as live remote in due time to attend their Tryal, whereby great Inconveniencies may happen to the Subjects & the intent of his Maj^{ty} Instruction for preventing long Imprisonments frustrated, are therefore unanimously of Opinion, that the said Courts of Oyer & Terminer be for the future constantly held on the Days appointed by his Maj^{ty} instructions whither there be prisoners to be Tryed or not; and that the Judges give their Attendance without any Summons to be issued for that purpose.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 31st 1723

Present

The Governor

and Council as Yesterday

On reading this day in Council a petition of Henry Irwin Gent^l and W^m Winterton of the County of Elizabeth Citty setting forth that the said Henry Irwin being employed by the late L^d Governor to Collect several Sums of money and other piratical Effects in the hands of several persons in the said County did by Warrant under his hand as a Justice of the Peace employ the said William Winterton then Constable to seize such piratical Effects; That the said Winterton hath been since sued in the Court of the s^d County for part of the Effects in the hands of one John Whitfield and recovery had against him in the said Court & since confirmed in the General Court for twenty two pounds and a penny & 8122 pounds of Tobacco & Costs, and that the other persons from whom any of the pirates Effects were taken, had also threatened to bring Suit against the Pet^r for the same; and praying relief therein. It is the Opinion of this Board and accordingly Ordered That if any Suits be hereafter commenced agst the pet^r or either of them for the legal Execution of any Orders of Government for seizing piratical Effects his Maj^{ty} Attorney Gen^l do appear and defend the same. And upon Consideration of the other Part of the Pet^r the Question being put whither the Pet^r Winterton hath legally Executed his Warr^t in seizing Goods wch were not piratical Effects? It is the Opinion of the Board that the said Seizure was not Legal. And then the Question being put whither the said Winterton ought to be relieved with respect to the recovery had against him? The Council are thereupon of Opinion, That tho he hath exceeded his Warr^t, yet it appearing that what he did was out of ignorance as supposing the Goods purchasd with

pirates money to be the same as piratical Effects it is reasonable he should be relieved as far as the Judgment of the County Court extends and the Costs of Suit out of the piratical Effects reserved in the hands of Col^o Spotswood for defending Law Suits.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 11th 1723

Present The Governor

Edmund Jenings	Nath ^l Harrison
Robert Carter	Mann Page
James Blair	Cole Digges
Philip Ludwell	Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq ^{rs}	

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Charles City and that M^r Sam^l Harwood Jun^r be put in his former place and the other persons recommended by the Court added to that Commission.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 13th 1723

Present The Governor

Edmund Jenings	Nath Harrison
Robert Carter	Mann Page
James Blair	Cole Digges
Philip Ludwell	Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq ^{rs}	

On the Petition of John Marten Gent setting forth that in the Year 1720 he was appointed Commander of a Sloop called the Ranger fitted out with a Flagg of Truce to the Spanish Garrison of S^t Augustine; & praying that he may be paid such Wages as this Board shall think fitt for his Service as Cap^t of the said Sloop. It is Ordered that the Sum of Thirty Pounds Currant money be paid the pet^r in full consideration of his Wages in that Service, and that the Rec^d Gen^l do pay the same out of his Maj^{ty}s Revenue of 2s per hh^d &c.

On reading at this Board a petition of Tho^s Jones in behalf of the late Virginia Indian Company, praying the reimbursement of such Charges as the said Comp^{ny} did expend in repairing the Fortifications of Christanna pursuant to the Orders of Govern^{mt} dated the 12th Nov^r 1717 It is the opinion of the Council and accordingly Ordered That the sum of £92.6.10 ½ sterl be paid the Petitioner out of his Majestys Revenue of 2s per hh^d &c It appearing that the said sum was expended by the said Company upon the publick Faith of the Govern^{mt} And as to the other Article of £78.11.6 being for Materials prepared before the Company was dissolved the same ought not to come under the En-

agements of the Government, and therefore ought not to be paid out of his Majestys Revenue.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 14th 1723

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings	Nath Harrison
Robert Carter	Mann Page
James Blair	Cole Digges
Philip Ludwell	Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq ^{rs}	

On a Representation from the Justices of Richmond County Ordered That a new Commission of the peace issue for the said County with the addition of the several persons recommended by the s^d Court.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 15th 1723

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings	Nath ^l Harrison
Robert Carter	Mann Page
James Blair	Cole Digges
Philip Ludwell	Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq ^{rs}	

A Petition being presented to the Gov^r and by him laid before this Board in behalf of John Bacon of New Kent County, praying to be heard by his Council before the Governor give his Assent to the Bill past both Houses of Assembly this Session for confirming the Title of John Fox Gent to certain Lands formerly purchased of the Pamunkey Indians It is Ordered, That the matter of the said Petition be heard at this Board on Tuesday next, and that the Petⁿ give M^r Fox timely notice of the s^d hearing.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 18th 1723

Present The Governor

Edmund Jenings	Philip Ludwell	Nath ^l Harrison
Robert Carter	John Lewis	Mann Page
James Blair	Will ^m Bassett	Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &	John Robinson	Esq ^{rs}

On reading at this Board the Petition of John Bacon, and hearing Council as well for the Pet^r as for John Fox relating

to the Bill prepared for confirming the Title of John Fox to certain Lands purchased of the Pamunkey Indians; It is the Opinion of the Council, that notwithstanding what hath been suggested in the said petition, The Governor may pass the said Bill.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 20th 1723

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings	Will ^m Bassett
Robert Carter	Nath Harrison
James Blair	Mann Page
Philip Ludwell	Cole Digges
John Lewis	Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq ^{rs}	

The Minutes of Council were read and approved.

The Governor asking the advice of the Council wch will be the most proper time for the meeting of a new Session of Assembly, to the End this Session may be accordingly prorogued; It is the opinion of the Board, That Thursday the 7th day of Nov^r next will be the most convenient time for the present Prorogation; and that if there appear no occasion for the Assemblys sitting then, the same may be further prorogued by proclamation during the sitting of the General Court.

The Governor acquainting the Council that being this day to give his assent to the several Bills prepared this Session of Assembly he was desirous to be satisfied more particularly in relation to the Bill Ent^d an Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco, wch he apprehended might affect his Majesty in his Customs and the Trade of Great Britain in lessening the number of Shipping. Whereupon the Council having offered divers Reasons for the passing that Bill; the Governor was pleased to desire that the same might be reduced into Writing & accordingly Edmund Jenings, James Blair, Philip Ludwell and Peter Beverley Esq^{rs} being appointed a Com^{rs} to prepare and put in Writing the s^d Reasons presented the same as follows:

May it please Your Hon^{rs}:

In obedience to Your Commands for reducing into Writing those Reasons wch were verbally delivered by the Council for inducing Your Hon^{rs} Assent to the Bill prepared this Session for the better & more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco; We begg leave to represent to Your Hon^{rs} 1st The Evil wch this Law is intended to remedy; 2^{dly} the Measures laid down in the Bill for accomplishing that End and 3^{dly} to answer some Ob-

jections wch possibly may be offered against this Bill with relation to the Kings Interest; and the Trade of Great Brittain.

It is well known and too sensibly felt here, that the Tobacco Trade has for some Years past labour'd under great discouragements occasion'd by the Frauds in the payment of the Customs in Great Brittain, and the Careless and deceitful manner of making and packing thereof in Virg^a: It is evident that the Frauds at home greatly influence deceits and negligences here; for while the Brittish Factors make it their Choice to buy bad and trash Tobacco here with no other view than to obtain Drawbacks & Allowances for burning the same, the Evil disposed will always find their Interest in making Trash enough to supply them, and between both the honest and industrious Planter and fair Trader are equally ruined: By this means it is, that the Price of Tobacco is fallen so low, that the people of this Country can no longer subsist by it. The Advices from England assure Us that great Quantitys of old Tobac^o remain unsold, and this, with the appearance of a very great Crop now upon the Ground, puts the people out of all hopes of retrieving their unhappy Circumstances.

The Consequences of this gen^l decay of the Tobacco Trade must necessarily be, that the people reduced to want and poverty will soon fall into Manufactures of their own since they can no longer be supplied from Great Brittain by the produce of their Labour in Tobacco. Materials for such Manufactures are not wanting here. Cotton and Flax may be produced in great abundance & the Wool, Hydes and Deerskins will afford a supply of Cloathing to great numbers of the Inhabitants whenever their Necessities oblige them to apply their industry that way. And as this would not only endanger the loss of the Tobacco Trade wch employs so many of the People and Shipping of Great Brittain, so it would no less affect the Brittish Manufactures with w^{ch} this Country has hitherto been supplied while Tobacco bore such a price that the people had where withall to purchase them.

To prevent these Evil Consequences w^{ch} are likely to flow from the decay of the Tobacco Trade, the General Assembly, and especially that part thereof, w^{ch} has the Hon^r to be more immediately entrusted by his Maj^{ty} as his Council, thought it became them to fraim such a Bill as might remove those Frauds wch have ruined this Trade and recover the Reputation of their Staple Commodity in the Brittish Markets. And to this purpose the Bill now under Your Hon^r Consideration has been prepared. In w^{ch} tho there be some Regulations entirely new, Yet the same are warranted by the practice of former Assemblies, wch have from time to time regulated Abuses in the Manufacture of Tobacco and divers of those Laws made for that End still subsist without being disapproved or faulted; such as the Law

against false packing, the Law prohibiting the sending of Seconds, and the Law for limiting the time of planting, appointing sworn Receivers and directing an Oath to be taken by the Freighters to y^e goodness of their Tobacco before it be Shipped for Exportation. But because these former Laws have not had the desired Effect, it has been found necessary to lay the planters under such a restraint as that none may be encouraged to ruin themselves and the publick by aiming at making of greater Quantities of Tobacco than their Land can bring to perfecon or their Hands duely tend and manage.

The Quantity of Tobacco proposed by this Act to be planted Yearly is limited to six thousand plants for all tithable persons that work in the Ground being The Quantity of Tobacco thousand for all Males above ten and under sixteen Years, and all single Housekeepers having no Servants or Slaves are allowed to plant 10,000 plants and for the Limitation the following Reasons are humbly offered.

1st That the far greater part of the Land in Virg^a convenient for the planting of Tobacco, is by long Labour and a want of Manuring become greatly impoverished and yet such is the eagerness of the Owners to make great Q^{ties} of Tobacco, that they will Continue to plant on such mean Land, tho they know at the same time the Tobacco produced thereon scarce deserves that name and is only fitt to clogg the Market, and lessen the value of that wch is really Good. But by this Law no man will be under the Temptation of planting on mean Ground, since there will always be found enough of good Land to plant the Q^{ty} directed hereby, and enough to employ all other Manured Ground.

2^{dly} It is notorious that those who aim at the greater Crops make the worst Tobacco, and it is agreeable to reason that a Plant of so nice a nature as that of Tobacco, wch requires constant Labour to cultivate it in the Field must suffer both in its substance and Quality if neglected through the inability of y^e Planters to give it that due and necessary Cultivation: neither is the Inconveniency less in the Management after it is brought into the House, where every plant how meansoever requires an Equal Labour wth the very best in the curing, stripping and Packing. And as it is found by Experience that those who plant an overCrop have generally mean Tob^o so the handling and packing thereof is no less careless and slovenly. But by this Bill no man will have more Tobacco than he can duly tend on the Ground and manage in the best manner after it is gathered in, and yet will have enough to employ all his hands if he makes it truly Good.

3^{dly} As by the Regulations proposed in this Act none but good Tobacco will be made, so it may reasonably be Expected the Price of that Commodity will be considerably encreased and

abundance of those Frauds prevented wch have been so long and with so much reason complained of in Great Britain. The price of every Commodity is estimated according to its Goodness. This is confirmed by Experience in the case of those Gentⁿ in Virginia, who prudently avoiding the common Error, have more regarded y^e Quality and good management of their Tobacco than the Quantity and number of their Hogsheads; these still find their Acco^{ts} in the price of their Tobacco at Home, while many of the others are brought in Debt. And that this Act w^{ll} greatly contribute towards preventing of Frauds in the Customs will appear evident to any one who considers that it is the common & known practice of the out port Factors to buy up all the Trash Tobacco they can find; that it is no less notorious that great Q^{ties} of the meanest of that purchased Tobac^o is by the same Factors mixt wth Sand & dirt & damnified wth Water to make it weigh the heavier & then given up to be burnt at their ports of Discharge and Debentures obtained for the Allowance given by Act of Parl^t. If therefore there be no such trash Tobacco to be purchased after this Law takes place the Frauds wch have been hitherto carried on chiefly by that means will be effectually prevented, since none w^{ll} find it worth while to damage good Tobacco for w^{ch} a suitable price may be expected.

It remains that We answer some Objections w^{ch} may be offered against the Regulations wch are Established by this Bill with respect to his Maj^{ty}s Interest in his Customs, and the Trade of Great Britain.

As to what concerns the Customs, it is very demonstrable, that these will rather be increased than diminished by the proposed Regulation; For whoever will make an Estimate of the vast Quantities of Tobac^o wch have for some Years past been given up to be burnt will readily grant that a far less Q^{ty} imported & lyable to no such penalty would have yielded much more profit to his Maj^{ty}s Treasury. In the next place if it be considered that many of the fraudulent practices in the Customs so lately and fully made appear to the Parl^t of Great Britain do proceed chiefly from the overloading the Market with greater Quantities of Tobacco than can be vended in a fair and due course of Trade and the Importation of Trash Tobacco unfitt for any Market it will be found that this Bill wch is Calculated to remove the foundation of these Frauds cannot but contribute to the increase of his Maj^{ty}s Customs, when at the same time that it prevents the making of that kind of Tobacco by wch those Frauds are now carried on it encourages the fair Trader to make due Entry & payment of the Customs as knowing he has a Commodity that w^{ll} fully answer that Expense. But that this Bill will very little diminish the Quantity of Tobacco, may be thus demonstrated.

The Q^{ty} Exported from Virginia some Years past is *communibus annis* about 40,000 HH^{ds} of wch about 24,000 Aronokoe & 16,000 sweet scented.

The Aronokoe weighs one with another before Shrinkage 600 pounds of nett Tobacco making 14,400,000
The sweet sented weights
800 making 12,800,000

in all..... 27,200,000

Now we will suppose that the 600pl^{ts} tended on the best Grounds and in y^e best manner will yield 750 pounds of Tobacco wch is at the rate of 8 plants to a pound, and that there will be at least 30,000 Tythables employ'd in Tobac^o *inde* 22,500,000

Then that there will be 300 Young ones To whom we allow 375 pounds being half of the other..... 1,125,000

in all 23,625,000

To which if We add for the single Housekeepers (of whom We will suppose at least 2000) who are allowed ea 4000 Plants supernumary *inde* 1,000,000

in all 24,625,000

Which is but between 3 or 4000 hh^{ds} less than goes out now trash and all. Now if upon so little or no loss Tobac^o can be so regulated as to continue a valuable Commodity and the people kept from going on other Manufactures. It will be of very great Service both to his Maj^{ty} and the Trade of Great Brittain.

It is also certain that a thousand plants of Tob^o well tended on good Ground will weigh more than double that q^{ty} planted on mean Land and ill tended. And as the Customs in England do not arise from the number of hh^{ds} Imported, but from the nett Weight of the Tobacco at the Scales the difference of the Customs will be inconsiderable if any at all, besides the prohibition of Trash will prevent the burning of such large Q^{ty}s of Tobacco for wch no Custom is paid; and since there will be likewise less temptations to Frauds, It is hoped that this Bill will be found rather Calculated to encrease than diminish his Majesties Customs.

To this may be added the daily encrease of the number of People Employed in making of Tobacco by the Importation of Negroes, as well as by the encrease of the Inhab^{ts} who being chiefly employed in the making of Tobacco will always supply the European Markets with as much as can be vended.

And as to what may be suggested with relation to the Trade of Great Brittain; It is apparent from what has been said before that the Export of Tobacco will be very little lessened thereby.

That the Care taken herein for the making good Tobacco w^{ll} only prevent the Exportation of that Trash wch has hitherto proved an Injury to the Trade.

That admitting the Quantity of Tobacco be some what lessened, it will give an opportunity to discharge the Market of that superfluous Load of bad Tobacco with wch the Merch^{ts} are now incumbered.

That supposing the Q^{ty} to be lessened (w^{ch} is not granted) the Owners of the British Ships will be amply compensated in the advance of their Freight whenever the Planters find an encouraging price for their Tobacco.

That considering the annual increase of the People of this Colony It is not to be doubted but that as much Tobacco will still be made as the Markets in Europe can require; and whatever is produced here more than can be vended there is so far from being a benefit to the Trade of Great Brittain, that Experience has shew'd it to be quite otherwise. many of the Merch^{ts} having been ruined by that Commodity lying dead upon their hands, and many Inhabitants of Virginia involved in their Misfortunes.

That the suffering any longer the making of bad Tobacco must unavoidably bring a disreputation of the Plantation Trade and encourage European Countries to fall upon the same Manufacture to the endangering the entire loss of that Trade to Great Brittain And Lastly That without such wholesome Regulations as are proposed in this Bill for amending the Quality and advancing the price of Tobacco abundance of the people of this Colony must be compelled by necessity to leave off the planting of Tobacco and apply themselves to other Manufactures that will better afford them the Conveniences of Life w^{ch} will prove much more detrimental to the British Trade and Manufactures than anything that can be imagin'd from this Bill.

But besides the real Benefites accruing by this Bill Your Hon^r will have this farther Justification for your passing it 1st You had a full Council to advise You and You followed their Advice 2^{dly} there is sufficient time given before the Law takes place to disapprove of it if it's judged inconvenient 3^{dly} If it takes place it is only for three Years and his Maj^{ty} has it in his power (if that time be thought too long) to shorten it by signifying his disapprobation after one or two Years Tryal.

It may be urged by some that it had been better to have obtained first his Maj^{ty's} positive Approbation to a Law of this nature.

But to this it is answered 1st That a positive Approbation is more than we have to our other Laws, his Maj^{ty} thinking fitt to keep it in his power to repeal them at pleasure wch is inconsistent with the royal Assent and Approbation, and therefore it could not be expected to this 2^{dly} That considering our great

distance this would often occasion so long delays that the remedy would come too late to answer either the Exigencys or the Clamours of the people 3^{dly} That Your Hon^r could not by our Constitution so long suspend Your Assent or dissent for by Your dissent the Bill would have been lost and without a new re-enacting his Maj^{ty}s Approbation would have come too late to retrieve it: besides this reenacting would have put the Country to the Charge of between 2 & £3000 for a new Session of Assembly.

Upon all wch Accounts it seems most advisable upon this occasion to allow so much time before the Law takes place as that his Maj^{ty}s pleasure may be known; and that his pleasure may immediately have its Effect either for approving or disapproving the Law without subjecting it to the hazard and expence of another Sessions of Assembly.

Ordered

That a new Comission of the Peace issue for Northampton County with the addition of the several persons recommended by the said Court.

Sundry petitions for Leave to take up Land were read and Granted Viz^t

To Drury Stith, Francis Tyler & Allen Howard for six thousand Acres of Land in Brunswick County begining at the lower end of the Fork of Roanoak River and runing up the said River to compleat that Quantity.

To Robert Beverley, William Stanard, Barth^a Yates and Henry Gains for sixteen thousand Acres on Spotsylvania County adjoining to the Land lately Surveyed for Jeremiah Clowder Gent.

To Richard Moore for seven hundred Acres of Land in Surry County joining on his own Land on Reedy Swamp and extending down to and over the great Swamp to compleat that Quantity.

To Jeremiah Clowder Gent for ten thousand Acres in Spotsylvania County on the Branches of Pamunkey River begining at Slippery Run.

To Richard Jones for twelve hundred Acres on the Mortar Branch in Prince George County begining on Capt John Evans's upper Line on the said Branch.

To John Mitchell two thousand Acres of Land lying on Harrys Swamp on the North side of Nottoway River in the County of Surry.

To Isaac Hall one thousand Acres lying on Harrys Swamp the N^o side of Nottoway River in the County of Surry.

To Tho^s Jones Son of Richard Jones of Prince George County for two thousand Acres on the great Creek of Nottoway River including the Pet^{rs} Land already Granted there.

To Tho Avent for one thousand Acres on Otterdam Swamp in Surry County being the wast Land adjoining to Robert Humphreys and Richard Paces Surveys.

At a Council held at the Capitol October 19th 1723

Present

The Hon^{ble} Hugh Drysdale his Maj^{ty's} Lieu^t Governo^r

Edmund Jenings
James Blair
John Lewis
Nath^l Harrison

Mann Page
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &
John Robinson Esq^{rs}

Whereas Tho^s Massy of the County of Isle of Wight Lab^r being suspected of the Murder of a Nottoway Indian, and an Indictm^t preferred against him this General Court has been acquitted by the Grand Jury for want of legal proof; Nevertheless it appearing to this Board that the said Indian dyed the next day after the blows he received from the said Massy, whereby the Indians of that Nation may be provok'd to revenge themselves if some Satisfaction be not given them; This Board thought fitt to call before them as well the said Massy, as the Chiefs of the said Indians; and having heard what Satisfaction the Indians demanded, as well as what the said Massy was contented to give; It is thereupon Ordered by Consent of both Parties that the said Tho^s Massy pay unto the relations of the decd Indian the Value of five hundred Cubits of Roanoak, which the said Indians agree to accept in full Satisfaction so that upon such payment the said Massy need not for the future be under the Apprehensions of any private Revenge or Injury, by reason of the Death of the said Indian. And it is further Ordered by this Board that the said Massy forthwith do give sufficient Surety for his good Behaviour for a Year & a day before he be discharged out of Custody. And because the Quarrell between the said Massy and the decd Indian was occasion'd by his selling Rum and other strong Liquors to the said Indian; It is further Ordered That the said Massy do not for the future presume to sell any Rum, Brandy or any other strong Liquors to any Indian whatsoever on pain of being prosecuted for the same wth the utmost Severity.

Ordered That a Proclamation issue for proroguing the General Assembly to Thursday the 15th Day of May next; It appearing to this Board there is not any immediate Occasion for its Meeting according to the former Proroguation.

On the Complaint of John Anderson against certain of the Nottoway Indians for threatning the Death of his Overseer, and taking away his Gun, It is referred to Nath Harrison Esq^r to examine into the Matter of the said Complaint, and to direct such Satisfaction to the said Compl^t as he shall thereupon judge proper to be given by the s^d Indians, and in case of their refusal to make this Report to this Board.

At a Council held at the Capitol October 24th 1723

Present

The Governour

Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell
John Lewis

Nath Harrison
Mann Page
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &

John Robinson Esq^{rs}

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Council the Advices lately reced from the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Com^{rs} of Trade and from Peter Leheup Esq^r Agent for this Colony relating to the publick Affairs of the Government.

Peter Leheup Esq^r Solle^r of the Virginia Affairs intimating that he has expended sundry Sums of money on the publick Service of this Colony: It is the Opinion of this Board that M^r Leheup be desired from time to time to transmitt to the Rec^d Gen^l here an Acco^t of such Sums of money as he shall have occasion to expend in his Negotiation of the Affairs of this Government, and that the same be paid out of his Maj^{ty}s Revenue of 2s per hh^d &c.

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Gloster and that M^r Henry Armestead be placed in his former Rank in the said C^o and M^r Tho Read Jun^r added thereto.

Ordered That a new Commission of the peace issue for the County of Stafford wth the Addition of the several Gentⁿ recommended to be Justices of the said County.

Whereas the Maherine and Nancemond Indians have this day complained that notwithstanding the repeated Orders of this Governm^t for securing to them the possession of their Lands whereon they have for many Years past been seated between Nottoway and Maherine Rivers divers persons under pretence of Grants from the Governm^t of N^o Carolina have surveyed the Lands of the said Indians, and begun to make Settlements within their cleared Grounds; It is the Opinion of the Counc^l that the Governor be requested to repeat his Instances to the Gov^r or President of N^o Carolina for the time being to recall all such Grants as have been made by that Government within the Bounds in dispute between the two Collonys; and more particularly that the Governm^t of N^o Carolina take care no persons pretending to Authority from thence to disturb the Indians in the possession of the Lands they enjoy by Virtue of Treaties of the Peace which have been approved and confirmed by the Crown. And because the Presid^t of N^o Carolina has hitherto thought fitt to take no Notice of a Letter sent him last April upon a former Compl^t of the Nancemond and Maherine Indians, It is Ordered that a Copy of the

Order of this Board dated the 30th of October 1721 be now sent to the Governor or president of N^o Carolina for the time being with Intimation that in Case that Government do not immediately put a stop to the Incroachments complained of by the said Indians; and also recall all Grants and to annull all Surveys made within the controverted Bounds since the mutuall Agreement entred into by both Gov^{rs} in the Year 1714 Orders will be forthwith given pursuant to the Resolutions of the Board ye 30th of October 1721 for removing by force all persons seated within the said controverted Bounds under pretence of any Grant or Authority from the said Governm^t of N^o Carolina.

At a Council held at the Capitol October 31st 1723

Present

The Governour

Edmund Jenings
Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell
John Lewis

Nath Harrison
Mann Page
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &
Jn^o Robinson Esq^{rs}

For preventing the many undue practices which have been discover'd in holding Lands under pretence of Entrys and Surveys without sueing out Patents for the same, whereby his Maj^{ty} is defrauded of his Q^{ty} Rents and others who would take up & Cultivate the s^d Lands are deprived of the Benefite thereof; The Governor with the Advice of the Council is pleased to Order as it is hereby Ord^d. That for the future all Entrys for Land hereafter to be taken up be made with the proper Surveyor of the County where the said Lands lye and not with any Person pretending to act as Deputy or Assistant to such Surveyor. And in regard there may be sundry Entrys made with such Dep^{ty}s or Assistants which have not yet been surveyed; It is further Ordered and Directed that the several Surveyors do forthwith require from their Deputys or Assistants Copys of all such Entrys, and cause the same to be inserted according to their respective Dates in the Entry Books of their respective Offices to the end the same may be surveyed according to the Priority of such Entrys where the partys concerned shall require the same. And whereas by an Order dated the 13th of August 1717 It was directed that where any Lands should be surveyed and a Platt and Survey deliver'd to the person claiming the same if such person should not at the next succeeding General Court return the same Survey into the Secretarys Office and sue out a Patent within six months after such Return, that then the said Survey should be void, and the Lands therein mentioned lyable to the Entry of any other person; which said Order has not had the

intended Effect by reason of the secret Combinations between the Surveyors and the Partys entring of Lands; It is therefore Ordered that the following Rules be hereafter strictly observed and put in Execution Viz^t

That the several Surveyors of the Frontier Countys do as soon as possible transmitt to the Aud^r of his Maj^{ty}s Revenues a true Account of all Surveys made by them in pursuance of Orders of the Council Board, and that they give Publick Notice at the respective Court Houses of the lapse of all such Grants or Entrys as they shall know to be now void by Law and the present Orders of Government, and that they then receive Entrys in common Form From any person desiring to take up any part of the said Lands.

That the said Surveyors do not proceed to Survey any Lands in pursuance of any Lycence or Order from this Board untill such Order or Lycence be entred in the Aud^r Office and an Endorsement of such Entry made thereon.

That the said Order or Lycence be delivered to the Surveyor together with the full number of Rights for the Quantity of Land expressed therein within three months after the Date thereof or otherwise not to be received by such Surveyor.

That in Case the Survey be not compleated within one Year from the Date of the sd Order, that the same shall be void unless it appear that the compleating such Survey has been obstructed by the Death of the party or Surveyor or any other unavoidable Accident.

That the several Surveyors be and they are hereby required to deliver to the Aud^r in April annually a List of all Surveys performed by them during the preceding Year denoting for whom the Survey was made, the Quantity of Land Surveyed and the time of delivering out the Platt and Survey to the party claiming such Land.

That no Entrys be hereafter received for any Lands except in the Countys of Brunswick and Spotsylvania without Rights nor in those Countys unless his Maj^{ty} shall signify his pleasure for releasing the same.

That all Surveyors be and they are hereby strictly enjoind to cause a Memorandum to be made in their Entry Books of the time they give Notice of their being ready to Survey the Land therein contained And in Case the party claiming the same neglect to attend according to Law for making the Survey that then the said Surveyors give publick Notice of the lapse of all such Entrys at the first County Court after the same shall happen.

And Whereas through the Negligence of Surveyors many people are greatly delayed in obtaining their patents, and others deceived in the Quantities of Land entred for through the Miscomputation of the said Surveyors which might easily be rectified

if such computation was made while the Survey^r is upon the Spot; For remedying w^{ch} Abuses it is hereby Ordered That every Surveyor be required to finish the Survey and Platt of each Tract of Land before he depart from the Land or at least to make such exact Computation of the Courses and Distances thereof that the person for whom the same is made be not Prejudiced by any Error or Neglect. And where it shall appear upon due proof that any Person has been deprived of the Quantity of Land contained in his Entry or put to unnecessary Charge for obtaining Rights for Surplus Land contained in his Survey more than express'd in his Entry through the Negligence of any Surveyor, such Surveyor shall be lyable to Suspension from his Office or such other Censure as this Board shall think fitt.

And It is further Ordered That Copys of these Rules and Directions be sent to the Surveyors of the several Frontier Countys and that they cause the same to be published at the Court Houses of the said respective Countys at the 1st or second Court after the same shall come to their Hands, and cause a Copy thereof to be fixed up in the Court House to the end all persons concerned may take due Notice thereof

Sundry Acco^{ts} for Expresses & other Contingent Charges were examin'd and allowed

An Acco^t of sundry Charges for Reparation of the Gov^{rs} House was exam^d in Council and Ordered to be paid out of his Maj^{ty}s Revenue of 2s per hh^d Port Dutys and head money.

Whereas by the Act of Assembly for Erecting the Countys of Spotsylvania and Brunswick, It is directed that the Bounds of the s^d County of Brunswick should be laid out and ascertain'd by the Governor of the Dominion for the time being with the Advice and Consent of the Council; And it being found necessary that the said Boundaries should be speedily ascertained, It is Ordered That the Bounds of the s^d County of Brunswick be as followeth Viz': Begining where the upper line of Surry County crosses Nottoway River and runing thence a streight Course to Maherine River to or near y^e Mouth of y^e Reedy Creek or branch, thence down Maherine River to the lower part of Surry County thence a South Course to the Line lately run for ascertaining the uncontroverted Bounds of this Colony towards N^o Carolina, and that the Northern Line of the said County of Brunswick begin at the Mouth of the said Reedy branch, and run up the North branch of Nottoway River to the Head thereof & hence a Northwest Line to the Mountains, And it is Ordered That the first mention'd Line to ascertain the lower Bounds of the said County of Brunswick be laid out wth all convenient speed by the Surveyors of the said County.

At a Council held at the Capitol November 5th 1723

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
James Blair
Philip Ludwell

Nath Harrison
Peter Beverley &
Jn^o Robinson Esq^{rs}

The following Warrants on the Rec^r Gen^l to be paid out of the Revenue of 2s per hh^d Port Dutys & head money were sign'd by the Governor in Council Viz^t—

To the Governor Half a Y ^{rs} Sallary ending Oct ^r 25 th 1723	£ 1000
To the Council half a Y ^{rs} Sallary to y ^e same time...	175
To the Aud ^r Gen ^l of the Plantations to ditto.....	50
To the Sollic ^r half a Y ^{rs} Sallary to D ^o	50
To the Attorney Gen ^l half a Y ^{rs} Sallary to D ^o	20
To the Clerk of the Council ½ a Y ^{rs} Sallary to D ^o	50
To sundry Ministers attending the Court & Assembly..	18
To the Armourer ½ a years Sallary to Oct ^r 25 th 1723..	6
To the Gunners of the severall Forts to Ditto.....	25
To sundry Acco ^{ts} for Reparation of the Gov ^{rs} House.....	222.19.4
To sundry Contingent Charges.....	252.19.4

And out of the Quitt Rents.

To the Com ^{ry} ½ a Years Sallary ending Oct ^r 25 th 1723	£ 50.0.0
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the same time.....	30.0.0

The Acco^{ts} of 2s per hh^d port Dutys and Head money being certified by the Aud^r and sworn to by the Rec^r Gen^l were sign'd by the Governor as usual.

Ordered That publick Notice be given throughout the Colony that all Caveats and other Pet^{ns} now depending before the Governor in Council relating to Entrys, and other Controversys about Land, will be heard at the Court of Oyer and Terminer wch is to be held the 2^d Tuesday of Dec^r and that for the future the like Method will be continued at the times appointed for holding the said Courts of Oyer & Terminer in June & Dec^r of w^{ch} all persons concern'd are required to take Notice and to give their Attendance and made out their severall pretensions to the Lands in Controversy: And the Sheriffs of the respective Countys are to cause this Order to be published at the Churches and Court Houses of their said severall Countys.

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted upon the Conditions agreed on in Council the 31st of Octo^r last Viz^t—

John Davis for six Hundred Acres lying on both sides the Otterdam Swamp in the County of Surry including a former Entry of y^e Pet^r.

Joseph Mayo for three thousand Acres lying on the South side of James River in the County of Henrico near the West end of Elk Island.

Francis Epes for one thousand Acres of Land lying on Wintopack in Henrico County begining on a Patent granted to Fran^s Epes the Elder dec^d and on the Land granted to W^m Moore & Philemon Jones being surplus Land joyning on the said patents.

Henry Randolph for twelve hundred Acres on Deep Creek the South side of Appamatowx River and on the N^o side of Deep Creek on Beaver Pond Branch in Prince George County.

Robert Bolling for three thousand Acres lying on Saponie Creek in Prince George County including his Patented Land formerly granted.

Peter Jones for one thousand Acres lying on Evans's Run on the S^o Side of Nottoway River in Prince George County.

On the Petition of Tho^s Randolph setting forth that he having made several Surveys of Land on Fine Creek in Henrico County amounting to the number of two thousand & six hundred Acres and praying Leave to include the said Quantity of Land in one Patent, Leave is accordingly granted him to include the said two thousand & six hundred Acres of Land in one Patent according to the Prayer of the s^d Pet^r.

James Skelton by his Petition setting forth that having Entred for and Surveyed twelve hundred Acres of Land on the South side of the Fo River in Henrico County and twelve hundred Acres on the North side of the said River in six several Surveys, and praying Leave to include the said Land in two Patents, Leave is accordingly granted the Petitioner to include the said two thousand four hundred Acres in two distinct patents according to the Prayer of his Petition.

John Stewart an Orphan by Francis Epes his Friend setting forth by his Petition That his Father John Stewart deceased Entred for and Surveyed two thousand Acres of Land on Fighting Creek in Henrico County but neglected to sue out a Patent for the said Land, in his life time & leaving his Wife Stewart Executrix she likewise neglected to obtain a Patent for the same, and the necessary Certificate from the Surveyor being now lost, W^m Finney Clerk has thereupon by his Petition to this Board lately obtained an Order to Survey the said Land for his own Use; The Pet^r therefore prays Leave to resurvey the said Land in Order to Obtain a Patent thereof exclusive of the said W^m Finney; This Board taking the premises in Consideration, Leave is accordingly Granted the Petitioner to resurvey the said Land and Ordered that a Patent be granted him for the same, and that no Survey thereof be made for y^e s^d Will^m Finney Clerk or any other person.

At a Council held at the Capitol December 11th 1723.

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
James Blair
Philip Ludwell
John Lewis

Nath Harrison
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley and
John Robinson Esq^{rs}

Whereas the Officers of his Maj^{ty}s Revenue have represented to this Board the inconveniences they find in the Sale of His Majestys Quitt Rent Tobacco by the practice some Years since established of disposing thereof at the General Court held in April whereby it frequently happens that the Shipps are laden before the said Tobacco can be received, and by the Combination of the few purchasers, that attend at the time of Sale the price of the same is lessend to the great prejudice of his Majesty in his said Revenue; And proposing that the ancient Method of disposing of the s^d Quitt Rents may be revived, and the Aud^r & Rec^r Gen^l impowered to sell the said Tobacco at any time as they shall find Purchasers; This Board taking the same into Consideration have thought fitt to Order That the Aud^r & Rec^r Gen^l be and they are hereby impowered to sell the Tobacco received for his Maj^{ty}s Quitt Rents in the several Countys of this Colony at such times as they shall find most convenient for his Maj^{ty}s Service and the Advancement of that Revenue.

The Governor laid before the Council a Letter from the President of N^o Carolina in answer to two Letters written in pursuance of the Resolutions of this Board in relation to the Disturbance given by the people of N^o Carolina to the Maherine and Nancemond Indians and the granting of Lands within the controverted Bounds, the said Letter was read, In which the said President promises to put a stop for the future to the Practices complained of

On reading at this Board the Petition of Will^m Ellis late Master of the Ship Patridge of London, setting forth that about the beginning of Sep^r last he sailed from the Province of Maryland having on b^d four hundred and fifty H^{ds} of Tobacco consigned to the port of London, for w^{ch} he paid the Country Dutys of that province, and being obliged by contrary Winds to put into Linhaven Bay in this Colony, the said Ship was by a violent Storm drove from her Anchors, and forced on Shore near Wiloughbys Point where she now lyes stranded, and in all probability incapable of being gott off or repaired, That the Pet^r has for the benefite of the Freighters endeavoured to save the Lading of Tobacco, and hired for its Transportation to London two small Ships belonging to Boston the one called the Dove W^m Winton Master the other the Philip & Eliz^a Richard Douse Master both

now lying in the lower District of James River, and praying that the said Tobacco may be exempted from the payment of the Duty of 2s per hh^d in this Colony; The Governor with the Advice of the Council is pleased to order as it is hereby Ordered, That the Tobacco saved out of the said Ship Patridge & laden on Board the two Shipp^s aforesaid hired for the Transportation thereof to London be exempted and discharged from the Duty of 2s per hh^d and the Rec^r of y^e Virginia Dutys in the lower District of James River is hereby required to take Notice thereof.

The several Petitions of John Craddock and W^m Hall for stopping a Patent sued out by W^m Russell of the County of King & Queen for a Tract of Land found to Escheat from John Fry dec^d are referred to be heard before the Governor in Council on the 2^d Tuesday in June next being the time appointed for holding the Court of Oyer & Terminer.

The Petition of Tho Marston for stopping a Patent sued out by Mary Dibdall, and others for the Land found to Escheat from John Dibdall of New-Kent County dec^d is referred to be heard before the Gov^r in Council at the time of holding the next Court of Oyer & Terminer.

The following petitions for Leave to take up Land were read and granted upon the Conditions agreed on in Council 31st of Octo^r last.

To Math Mayes one thousand Acres of Land joyning on his upper Line on Mahoopmack Creek in Prince George County and runing thence to the Head of Hatches Runn.

Tho^s Sessums for eight Hundred Acres on Ising Glass Creek in Brunswick County formerly part of Prince George County.

On the Petition of Hen Vaden Leave is granted him to include in one patent seven hundred Acres of Land formerly surveyed in two Tracts and lying contiguous on the South side of the 2^d Branch of Swift Creek in the County of Henrico.

On the Petition of W^m Macklin, Leave is granted him to include in one Patent two Tracts of Land containing four hundred Acres each lying contiguous on Ising Glass Creek in Brunswick County formerly part of Prince George County.

At a Council held at the Capitol January 18th 1723

Present

The Governour

Edmund Jenings

James Blair &

Cole Digges Esq^{rs}

Whereas their Excell^{ties} the Lords Justices by their Order in Council Bearing date the 17th day of August 1723 and now read at this Board have declared their Disallowance & Disapprobation of one Act passed in the General Assembly of this

Colony in the Year 1722 Ent^d an Act for amending the Act concerning Servants & Slaves and for the better Government of Convicts imported and for the further preventing the Clandestine Transportation of persons out of this Colony. It is Ordered That a Proclamation issue notifying that the said Act is pursuant to their Excell^{ys} the Lords Justices pleasure repealed & made void; And a Proclamation was prepared accordingly.

Att a Council held at y^e Capitol February 18th 1723

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings
James Blair
Philip Ludwell

Nath Harrison
Cole Digges and
Peter Beverley Esq^{rs}

The Governor laid before the Council an Additional Instruction from their Excellencys the Lords Justices directing the Manner of passing private Acts of Assembly; And the same was read and Ordered to be enter'd in the Council Books.

Whereas their Excell^{ys} the Lords Justices have by their Order in Council, bearing date the 6th day of August 1723, signified their Excell^{ys} pleasure upon an humble Address made to his Majesty by the Council and Burgesses of this Colony for Exempting the Inhabitants of the two new Erected Countys of Brunswick and Spotsylvania from the purchase of Rights and payment of Quitt Rents. And the said Order of the Lords Justices being this day laid before the Board It is the Opinion of the Council, and accordingly Ordered, That their Excellencys pleasure for granting a Remission of paym^t of Quitt Rents for 7 Years, to be reckon'd from the 1st day of May 1721 be notified to the Surveyors of the said Countys to the end such as desire to take up Land in those Countys may be inform'd of the Encouragement thereby granted them. And upon Consideration of the several Restrictions mention'd in the said Order of their Excell^{ys} the Lords Justices upon w^{ch} the Exemption aforesaid is granted; It is the Opinion of the Council, that there is no need to enjoyn the giving Security for payment of Quitt Rents for the Lands formerly patented & possessed by any Patentee, who shall now remove into either of the two said new Countys, because there will always be left sufficient Distress upon the said old patented Lands to satisfy his Maj^{ty} Quitt Rents. But Whereas it appears to this Board, that divers considerable Tracts of Land are included within the Bounds of the said two new Countys, which were granted by Patent & paid Q^{uitt} Rents before the said Countys were erected; It is the Opinion of this Board, That all such Lands ought still to pay Q^{uitt} Rents according to

the Condition of the Grants; And that the Officers of his Majestys Revenue give Directions for demanding & levying the same accordingly.

And on Consideration of that part of the aforementioned Order of their Excellencys the Lords Justices, directing that no person whatsoever be allowed to take up more than a thousand Acres in either of the said new Countys, It is the Opinion of this Board, That all persons who have already taken up greater Quantitys of Land in the said Countys are not entitled to the Benefite of the said Exemption; but ought to pay the Rights for the same, and also the Quitt Rents from y^r time the same first became due after the Date of their patents; And that the Officers of the Revenue, do demand the payments of the said Rights and Quitt Rents accordingly. And

Pursuant to their Excellencys the Lords Justices pleasure it is Ordered That the Surveyors of the Countys of Brunswick and Spotsylvania do not for the future receive any Entrys for more than one thousand Acres for any person whatsoever, nor make any Surveys of the Lands already enter'd exceeding that Quantity.

For preventing any Disputes which may happen concerning the payment of Quitt Rents for the Lands newly patented; It is the Opinion of this Board that the first payment of the Q^uitt Rents reserved to his Maj^{ty} on all such Lands be made at the Feast of S^t Michael the Arch-Angel w^{ch} shall next follow the Expiration of one whole Year after the Date of the respective patents; And that no Quitt Rents be demanded for the intervening time between the Date of such Patents & the begining of the said Year.

On the Petition of Abr Arnold, setting forth, that he had Surveyed for him 400 Acres of Land in King W^m County, and returned a Survey thereof into the Sec^{ry}s Office in Order to obtain a patent; but some time after he was inform'd by the Surveyor, that the said Survey was lost, and thereupon he obtained a new Survey to be made out, and returned into the Secretarys Office; by which means there are two patents made out for the same Land; And praying that the Letter of the said patents be Cancelled, and his Rights returned. It is accordingly Ordered, That the said patent be cancelled, and his Rights returned, according to the prayer of the Petition.

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Warwick, with the Addition of the several persons recommended by the Court.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 16th 1724

Present

The Governor

Edmund Jenings	Nath Harrison
James Blair	Cole [Digges] and
Philip Ludwell	Peter Beverley Esq ^{rs}

The Governor proposing to the Consideration of the Council whether there be any Occasion for the meeting of the General Ass^{bl}y according to its last Prorogation, It is the Opinion of the Council, that the Assembly be further prorogued till Thursday the 9th day of July and a Proclamation was prepared accordingly.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 23^d 1724

Present

The Governour

Edmund Jenings	Nath Harrison
Robert Carter	Mann Page
James Blair	Cole Digges
Philip Ludwell	Peter Beverley &
John Lewis	John Robinson Esq ^{rs}

The Governor was this day pleas'd to communicate to the Board the Doubts which occur'd to him upon the late Order of their Excellencys the Lords Justices for Granting Lands in the two Countys of Brunswick and Spotsylvania; for that by the Words of that Order, it seems to be the intent of the Crown, that none should hold a greater Quantity than one thousand Acres in either of these Countys. And since all those Grants for large Tracts, which have been made since the Erection of the said Countys, appear to be contrary to that Intention, he now desired the Advice of this Board, Whether any Act ought to be done by the Government here, tending to corroborating those Grants untill his Majestys pleasure be further known. The Council taking the same into Consideration, are of Opinion, that according to the Order of their Excellencys the Lords Justices, no person ought to be allow'd to take more than one thousand Acres of Land in either of the said new Erected Countys; And, seeing no Direction is therein given concerning those larger Tracts taken up in those Countys, It is fitt that Application be made to his Maj^{ty} for a further Signification of his royal pleasure relating to those larger Grants. And because it appears to this Board, that many Difficulties are likely to arise by means of the irregular passing of Patents for Land in the new Countys upon Bonds taken with Condition either to pay for Rights or Surrender the Lands; and some patents issued where no Rights

have been either paid or secured to be paid, It is the Opinion of the Council, That a Representation of the whole proceedings relating to the Grants of Lands which have been made in the Countys of Brunswick and Spotsylvania be prepared, and transmitted to the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Com^{rs} for Trade and Plantations; and that their Lordps be humbly desired to lay the same before his Majesty for his Royal pleasure therein, more particularly For an Explanation of that part of the Lords Justices Order which limitts the Quantity of Land to be granted in the said new Countys, & how far those patents are valid in Law w^{ch} have been granted contrary to his Majestys Intentions declared in the s^d Order, and where no Consideration of Rights has been paid for obtaining the same; unto the end their Lordps may be the better inform'd herein, that Lists of the several Grants of Lands in those new Countys, and Copys of the Form of the patents granted and Bonds given for the Rights be transmitted to their Lops; together with the said Representation. And because the Council are humbly of Opinion, that the restraining the Granting of more than one thousand Acres of Land to any one person in the said new Countys will discourage the Settlement thereof, and prove greatly prejudicial to his Maj^{ty} in his Quitt R^{ts}, That therefore their Lordps be requested to interceed with his Majesty, that the same be for the future taken off. and

Whereas the Acceptance of payment of Rights or Q^{ty} R^{ts}, for the Lands granted in the Countys of Brunswick and Spotsylvania, may be construed an Allowance or Approbation of those large Grants, w^{ch} now appear to have been made contrary to his Majestys Intentions; It is therefore Ord^d That the Officers of his Majestys Revenue be directed not to make any Demand of the said Rights or Q^{ty} R^{ts} for any of the Lands granted within the said Countys since the Erection thereof untill his Maj^{ty}s pleasure be further known. And that the Order made the 18th Day of Feb^r last, be hereby reversed, and made void, except so far as concerns the Q^{ty} Rents of Lands heretofore granted by patent before the Erection of the said Countys, and which are now comprehended within the Limitts thereof

Whereas Will^m Bledsoe, Sheriff of Spotsylvania County, hath failed to attend the Officers of his Maj^{ty}s Revenue to make up any Acco^t of his Maj^{ty}s Quitt Rents, and Dues in the said Acco^t, It is Ordered, That the said Sheriff attend this Board the 1st of May next, to show cause why he hath not complied with the Governors Warrant for receiving the said Quitt Rents, and to give an Acco^t of his Proceedings concerning the same.

On reading at this Board a Petition of Zeriechias Flishman, and George Ouds in behalf of themselves and fourteen other high-Germans, now residing in Spotsylvania County near Germana complaining that Col^o Spotswood hath unjustly sued them in the Court of the said County, for non-performance of a certain

Agreement pretended to be made by them in Consideration of money advanced them upon their Transportation into this Colony, altho they have hitherto perform'd, and were always ready to perform any Agreement they made with the said Col^o Spotswood; but tho they have often applyed to him for a Copy of the said Agreement, they made with him he hath refused to give them any such Copy, & therefore praying this Board to commiserate their Condition as being Strangers, and to make such Order as they shall think proper to have the Agreement produced: The Governor, with the Advice of the Council is pleased to Order, as it is hereby Ordered, that (in regard of the Pet^{rs} poor Condition, and their Ignorance of the Laws of this Colony) the person acting as Deputy Attorney for the King, in the said County of Spotsylvania, do appear for the Petitioners in the said Suits brought against them in that Court, that so the Petitioners may have the Benefite of a fair Tryal.

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Spotsylvania with the Addition of the several persons recommended to be Justices in the said County

On reading at this Board a Letter from Col^o Geo Burrington, Governor of N^o Carolina, intimating that the said Government had come to a Resolution to run the Dividing Lines between Virginia and Carolina, according to an Agreement made between Col^o Spotswood, late Governor of Virginia and Col^o Eden, late Governor of N^o Carolina, and desiring that Commissioners may be appointed on the part of this Government for performing the said Agreement, It is the Opinion of the Council. That the said Agreement be enter'd into, upon Condition, that the same should not be executed, without the Approbation of his Majesty; And seeing no such Approbation has been yet notifyed hither, this Government ought not to joine in any such Division; & the Governor is desired to signify this Resolution to the Governor of N^o Carolina.

A Petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of the County of Northumberland being transmitted to the Governor, by the Justices of the said County, praying that Leave may be granted them to sett up a presbyterian Meeting-House in the said County; the said Petition is referr'd to his Majestys Attorney General to consider and report his Opinion what ought to be done by the Petitioners in Order to obtaining a Lycence for such Meeting House.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 25th 1724

Present

The Governour

Edmund Jenings	Nath Harrison
Robert Carter	Mann Page
James Blair	Cole Digges
Philip Ludwell	Peter Beverley
John Lewis	John Robinson and
John Carter Esq ^r	

Pursuant to his Majestys Letter under his Sign manual, bearing date the _____ date of _____ John Carter Esq^r Sec^{ry} of this Colony, this day took the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy the Abjuration Oath, subscribed the Test, and took the Oath of a Councillor, and was admitted to his Place at the Board.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 2^d of May 1724

Present

The Governour

Edmund Jenings	Nath Harrison
Robert Carter	Mann Page
James Blair	Cole Digges
Philip Ludwell	Peter Beverley
John Lewis	John Robinson and
John Carter Esq ^r	

The Governour this Day with the Advice of the Council appointed the following persons Sheriffs for the ensuing Year Viz^t

Henrico.....	Henry Randolph
King Queen.....	Rich ^d Dudley
King Will ^m	Henry Fox
Richmond.....	Charles Grymes
Essex.....	Banj ^s Robinson
York.....	Will ^m Sheldon
New Kent.....	Will ^m Macon
Charles City.....	Drury Stith
James City.....	Benj ^s Welden
Spotsylvania.....	Tho Chew
Warwick.....	Tho Philipson
Middlesex.....	Chr Robinson
Hanover.....	Roger Thomson
Northampton.....	—— Marshall
Eliz ^a City.....	Josh Curle
Accomack.....	Edw ^d Ravell

Surry	Will ^m Edwards
Stafford	Townsd ^d Dade
Lancaster	Geo Heale
King George	Jonath Gibson
Westmoreland	Tho ^o Newton
Northumberland	Phil Smith
Princess Anne	Jonath Bolitho
Gloster	Cha Tomkins
Prince George	Fran ^s Epes
Isle of Wight	John Edwards
Norfolk	Willis Wilson
Nansemond	John Lear

The Acco^t of Contingent Charges for the last half Year was examin'd in Council

Whereas Robert Jourdan Jun^r of the County of Nansemond, was convicted this General Court of Writing and publishing a scandalous Libel reflecting on the Laws of this Governm^t and the established Church, and thereupon is by Sentence of the said Court Committed to the public Goal untill he enter into Bond with Security for his good Behaviour for a Year and a Day; and Whereas the said Jourdan being a Quaker doth alledge, that he cannot in Conscience enter into such Bond himself, nor engage any of his own profession to become bound for him, but is willing to find two sufficient Suretys, being persons of the Church of England to become bound for him; It is the Opinion of this Board, That upon the said Jourdans making such Application to the Governor as his Hon^r shall judge fitt, and paying His Fees a pardon issue for remitting the Sentence of the General Court, and That in lieu thereof the Security offerr'd in behalf of the said Jourdan be accepted for his Good Behaviour.

Christopher Robinson Gent. Naval Officer of Rapp^s River having inform'd the Governor that Will^m Pearson Master of the Ship Globe of Whitehaven at his Entry in the said Port did Produce a Coquet under the hands of the Officers of the Customs in the port of Dublin certifying that there was laden thereon the said Ship seven Casks containing twelve hundred Weight of Head Nails two hundred and twenty seven pounds of Iron and six hatchetts w^{ch} the said Coquet certifies to have been imported into Dublin from Bristol in the Ship Loves increase y^e sixteenth of Jan^r 1722; and the said Naval Officer desiring to be instructed whether the said Goods together with the Ship ought not to be forfeited according to the Act of Parl^t of the 15th King C: 2^d. The Governor was pleased to desire the Advice of the Council therein; who having examin'd the Master of the said Ship, and, it appearing that the said Iron Ware was carried from Bristol to the Custom House of Dublin by the Owners and Freighters of the said Ship because there was not so convenient an Oppertunity of Transporting the same to Whitehaven,

and that the same is but of small Value, The Council are of opinion that there doth not appear any Design of Fraud in this Case and that therefore the said Ship be discharged from any Prosecution on that Account: But forasmuch as it seems doubtful whether according to the Acts of Trade the Manufactures of Great Brittain carried first to Ireland may be exported thence directly to the Plantations, the Council are further of Opinion, that the Case be stated & transmitted to the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lords Com^{rs} of Trade and to the Com^{rs} of his Maj^{ty}s Customs, and their Directions prayed thereon.

John Edwards Sheriff of the Isle of Wight County by his Petition setting forth the great Charge and trouble he hath been at for bringing the Quitt Rents of that County to a convenient Landing occasioned by the remote Scituation of the Lands for which the said Q^{ty} Rents are payable, and the Inconveniency of Transporting the same over two Rivers for which the present Allowance of 15 per ct is not a sufficient Compensation; It is thereupon Ordered That a further Allowance of 6 per ct be for the future allowed the Sheriff of that County to enable him to defray the Charge of making the s^d Tobacco convenient, and that the Officers of his Maj^{ty}s Revenue do allow the same in the said Sheriffs Acco^{ts}.

William Bledsoe, Sheriff of Spotsylvania County this day attending according to Order, and being asked why he did not collect the Q^{ty} R^{ts} of the said County and attend the Officers of his Majesty's Revenues according to the Governors Warrant, he answer'd, that he was advised by Col^o Spotswood not to meddle with the said Collection, & to write a Letter of Excuse to the Aud^r; which Letter the s^d Col^o Spotswood undertook to draw for him, and accordingly delivered him a Copy, which he transcribed, and now produced in Council. And it appearing to the Board, that the said Bledsoe hath not received any part of the Quitt Rents of the said County for w^{ch} he is to account he is thereupon dismiss.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 6th 1724

Present

The Governour

Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell
John Lewis

Nath Harrison
Mann Page
Peter Beverley &
Jn^o Robinson &

John Carter Esq^r

On the Application of his Majesty's Rec^r Gen^l, It is hereby certified, that the Course of Exch^a at present within this Colony is 15 per C^t, and It is Ordered That the said Rec^r Gen^l be allowed

in his Acco^{ts} the said difference on all Curr^t money he hath received in payment of his Maj^{ty}'s Revenues—

The following Warr^{ts} on the Rec^d Gen^l to be paid out of his Maj^{ty}'s Revenue were this day sign'd by the Governor in Council.

To the Governor half a years Salary ending 25 th Ap ^r last	£1000. 0. 0
To the Gentl ^{ns} of the Council for Ditto	175. 0. 0
To the Aud ^r of the Plantations Ditto	50
To the Sollic ^r of the Virginia Affairs Ditto	50. 0. 0
To the Attorney Gen ^l Ditto	20
To the Clerk of the Council Ditto	50
To the Armourer for Ditto	6
To the Gunners at the several Batterys Do	25
To sundry Ministers attending one General Court	6
To the Charge of the Governors House	31. 0. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$
To sundry Expresses & other contingent Charges	69. 19. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$

And out of the Q^{ts} Rents—

To M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair $\frac{1}{2}$ Y ^r Salary to 25 th Ap ^r last	£ 50. 0. 0
To M ^r Attorney Gen ^l Ditto	30. 0. 0

The Acco^{ts} of his Majestys Revenue of Q^{ts} Rents for the Year 1723, and of the 2s per hh^d port dutys and Head money ending y^e 25th of April last together with an Acco^t of certain piratical Effects being exam^d by the Dep^y Aud^r were severally sworn to by the Rec^d General, and Certified by the Governor in the usual Forme

Ordered, That M^r Alexander Parker be continued Gunner and Storekeeper of the Battery at Hobbs Hole on Rapp^s Riv^r.

The Officers of his Majestys Revenue representing to this Board, that the Rights formerly directed to be made out are already disposed of, It is thereupon Ordered That a further number of Rights to the value of £500 Sterl be issued by the said Officers with all convenient Speed.

Whereas Daniel Davis of the County of King W^m Labour^r was in Indicted last General Court for the Murther of a Negro, and found to be a Lunatick and still continues under the same insanity of mind, It is the Opinion of this Board, that for preventing his doing farther mischief he be continued in Goal at the publick Charge, and that some Physician be employed for the Cure of his Lunacy.

Edmund Sike having been at last General Court convicted of Felony, and it appearing upon his Tryal, that he is a fitt Object of Mercy; It is the Opinion of this Board that he be pardon'd.

On Consideration of the present Scarcity of Corn, It is Ordered That a Proclamation issue for prohibiting the Exportation of all manner of Grain, Flower, & Meal made of the same untill the 1st day of August next.

The following Petitions for Land were read and Granted Viz': To Thomas Webster for one thousand Acres lying on Smacks Creek on Appamatox River in Prince George County.

To George Robertson Cler for fifteen hundred Acres of Land lying on Flatt Creek in Prince George County, the same including a former Entry of the Petitioner near the said Land.

At a Council held at the Capitol June y^a 11th 1724

Present

The Hon^{ble} Hugh Drysdale Esq^r L^t Governor

Edmund Jenings

Nath^l Harrison

James Blair

Mann Page

Philip Ludwell

Cole Digges

John Lewis

Peter Beverley and

John Carter Esq^r

The Minutes of Council to this time were read.

The Governor laid before the Council a Representation to the R^t Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations concerning the Grants of Lands in the Countys of Spotsylvania and Brunswick; together with certain Queries prepared in pursuance of the Resolutions of this Board, the 23^d of April last for the better explaining the Order of their Excell^{ty} the Lords Justices, and the said Representation & Queries were read. Ordered, That a Proclamation issue proroguing the Gen^l Assembly to Thursday the 12th day of November next.

New Commissions of the Peace for the Countys of York and Norfolk were this day Ordered in Council, with the addition of several new Justices recommended to be put in those commissions.

On the Petition of Arthur Hopkins Gen^a Leave is granted him to take up one thousand Acres in one Tract, lying on Camp Creek in the County of Hanover.

On hearing at this Board the several pretensions of Thomas Marston and Margaret Dibdall Relict of John Dibdall dec^d to certain Lands in New Kent County found to Escheat to his Majesty for want of Heirs of the body of the said John; The Governor, with the Advice of the Council, was pleased to Order as it is hereby Ordered, That the said Land be granted to the said Margaret Dibdall, and the other Devisees of the said John,

they paying to the said Thomas Marston the sum of Twenty pounds ten shillings and a penny being the Charges expended by him in prosecuting the said Escheat.

On hearing at this Board the Petition and Caveat of Will^m Hamlin for stopping a patent sued out by Nath Corbett Devisee of Randall Platt Gent^o dec^d for Land in the County of Surry It appearing to this Board that the Entry made by the s^d Randall Platt is prior to that of the pet^r Will^m Hamlin; It is therefore Ordered That a patent be granted the aforementioned Nath^l Corbett for the said Land.

William Richardson of the County of King William having complained against James Taylor Survey^r for refusing to return a Platt and Survey of a Tract of Land Ent^d by the said Richardson; And it appearing to this Board upon Examination of Witnesses, that the said Richardson hath not paid for the Survey of the s^d Land, and that by means thereof the same hath since been taken up by George Braxton Gent^o; It is Ordered That unless the said Richardson do pay unto the said James Tayler the Sum of ten pounds Current money for the Fees of the aforesaid Survey, and the Charges occasion'd by this his Complaint, and return a Certificate of such payment to the Secretarys Office together with Rights for y^e Quantity of Land mention'd in the said Survey unless he can make appear by sufficient Testimony that the said Rights are paid for before the 20th of Octo^r next That then a patent be granted to the said George Braxton for the said Land.

The Petition of Peter and John Butts against James Taylor Surveyor of King William County is referred for hearing till next Court of Oyer and Terminer.

The Caveat Entered by William Eddings for stopping a patent sued out by Thomas Tayler for Land in Spotsylvania County is hereby vacated, It appearing to this Board that the said Eddings hath not any pretension to that Land.

The several Caveats Ent^d by John Craddock and W^m Hall ag^t William Russell are by Consent of the parties referred for hearing at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Fran^s Epes having Ent^d a Caveat for stopping a Patent sued out by Richard Chambers for Land on the Southside of Appamatock River at a place called Woodwards Ford, & making nothing appear to invalidate the said Chambers Entry, It is Ordered That a patent be granted the said Chambers for the s^d Land.

On the Petition of John Mitchell praying that no patent may issue to John Davis for one hundred Acres of Land on the East side of Harris Swamp in Surry County, for that the pet^r Entry for the said Land is prior to the said Davis's; and it appearing, that the said patent still remains in the Sec^{ry} Office unrecorded It is Ordered That the same be stopped until the

parties be hear'd at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, And that the pet' give the said Davis due Notice of this Order.

The Caveat Ent^d by Edward Hill Esq' dec^d for stopping a patent to Thomas Brewer for Land in Prince George County is continued for a further hearing at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Lewis Conner having Ent^d a Caveat agst a Patent sued out by Dan^l Pugh for Land in Nansemond County, and not appearing to prosecute the same, It is Order'd That the said Pugh be at Liberty to take out his patent according to his Survey now returned into the Secretarys Office.

The Caveat Enter'd by Michael Holland for stopping a patent to Jacob Robinson for Land on Tuckahoe Creek adjoining Nicholas Cox's in the County of Henrico is Order'd to be hear'd before the Council on the next Court of Oyer and Terminer of which the said Holland is to give due Notice to the said Robertson and others concerned.

William Beverley Gent^e having Enter'd a Caveat to stop the granting any patent to Austine Smith, Lawrence Battle or Robert Slaughter for Land, in the Fork of Rapp' River, it is order'd that the parties be heard thereon in Council at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, And that the s^d Beverley give the other parties due Notice to attend.

John Bush having Enter'd a Caveat to stop the granting a Patent to Edward Franklin in the County of Norfolk It is order'd That the parties be heard thereon at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, and that the said Bush give Edward Franklin due Notice to attend.

On reading at this Board a Letter of sundry of the Justices of the County of Spotsylvania complaining of sundry interruptions given them in the Administration of Justice by Col^o Spotswood, It is Order'd, that the Clerk of the Council do transmitt to Col^o Spotswood a Copy of the s^d Complaint that he may have an Opportunity to answer the Matters therein contained.

Whereas Daniel Pugh of the County of Nansemond Merch^t hath this day made application for an Order to the Rec^r of the Duty on Liquors in the lower district of James River to allow him the Drawback on 1106 Gallons of Rum and one pipe of Madera Wine imported into the s^d District in the Sloop Dove, and afterwards exported to N^o Carolina within the time limited by Act of Assembly; It appearing to this Board that th^e said Liquors were exported without any permit or Oath made as the Act of Assembly doth direct, It is the Opinion of the Council, and accordingly order'd That no Drawback be allowed for the same.

John Simmons of the County of Surry by his Pet^e setting forth, that certain Lands lying at Unety on Maherine River where

the Saponie Indians formerly liv'd, were by Order of Gov' appointed to be sold at the rate of 6^d per Acre, and the Money arising thereby applyed towards making another Settlement at Christanna; That the pet' did agree for two several Tracks of the s^d Land the one containing two hundred and seventy Acres, and the other one hundred and fifty, but hath not as yet paid the price; & praying in regard the said Indians have been long since removed to Christanna, their Settlement, the pet' may therefore be allowed to patent the said Land, paying the Rights to his Maj^{ty} in like manner as other Lands are granted; This Board taking the same into Consideration, and finding no occasion for further Expence on the Settlement of the said Saponie Indians, do therefore Order that the pet' or any other person desiring to take up any part of the Land formerly held by the said Indians be at liberty to survey and patent the same paying only to his Maj^{ty} the Rights due and accustomed in the like Cases.

On the Petition of Benjamin Howard Leave is granted him to Survey and patent five hundred Acres of Land formerly belonging to the Saponie Indians, adjoining the Land he hath already purchased, and that he have liberty to include the whole in one patent.

Robert Munford Gent: by his Petition representing to this Board that some time past he obtained an Order to take up three thousand Acres of Land in the County of Brunswick, but there being no Surveyor appointed for that County he could not obtain a Survey thereof, and that since the appointment of a Survey: divers persons have made Entrys for divers parts of the said Land, and praying relief therein; It is Order'd that the pet' and the other parties interested, be heard before this Board at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, and that the pet' give the parties concerned due Notice to attend.

On the petition of Thomas Randolph Gent, setting forth that Thomas Crook late of the County of Henrico dec^d in his life time did take up and Survey five thousand Acres of Land in the Fork of James River, and made considerable improvements thereon, but dyed before he had obtained any Patent; that by his last will and testament he hath given all his Estate in Virginia to his Executors, to be sold for payment of his Debts & Legacys; that John Conder and Thomas Newson of London Gent: acting Ex^{rs} of the said Crook have by Letter of Attorney bearing date the 8th of March 1722/3 empower'd the Pet' to sell the said Crooks Estate, but in regard no person will venture to purchase the same untill a patent hath past, the Pet' therefore prays that a patent may be granted to him in Trust to be sold, and the money paid to the said Ex^{rs}, This Board taking the same into Consideration are of Opinion, and tis accordingly Order'd That a patent be granted to the said Thomas Randolph for the said Land, he giving Bond in the Sec^{ry} Office to be accountable for

the money arising by the Sale thereof, to such persons as are legally entitled thereto. On the Petition of Edward Curd leave is granted him to include in one patent one thousand five hundred and forty one Acres of Land lying on the Branches of Beaver Dam Creek in Henrico County, and formerly surveyed in four different Tracts contiguous to one another.

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted Viz^t: To Samuel Good one thousand Acres of Land in Henrico County begining at the lower side of the Mouth of Middle Creek on Appamatock River, and runing down the River to Rich^d Womocks Line, and thence up the Lines of the Pet^r own land to the said Middle Creek.

On the petition of Thomas Carr Jun^r W^m Smith, Tho. Dickason, Ambrose Joshua Smith, W^m Mackgee and Anne Arnold of King William County and Thomas Marten of Bristol Merch^t setting forth that James Tayler, Edmund Tayler, Benj^a Arnold, Rowland Thomas & the s^d Ambrose Joshua Smith having obtained a Grant to take up five thousand Acres of Land in the County of New Kent and five thousand Acres more in the said County at Elk Creek, the said James Tayler has made over to the aforementioned Tho^s Dickason his part of the said two Tracts, and the said Rowland Thomas hath made over to the said Thomas Marten and Thos Carr his fifth part of the said two Tracts, and Sarah the Widdow of Edmund Tayler hath made over her part to the said Will^m Smith & W^m Mackgee, and the pet^r therefore pray agreed to divide the said Land amongst them by Lott, and pray that the Surveyor of Hanover County in wch the s^d Land now lyes, may be impowerd to lay off, and divide the said two tracts of Land in distinct Surveys of one thousand Acres each and that Patents may be granted to the respective persons who shall have Right thereto; It is accordingly Order'd that the Surveyor of the County of Hanover do divide the said Land according to the prayer of the above Petition, and that separate patents be granted to the pet^r for the same.

On the petition of William Tayler Leave is granted him to Survey and patent two thousand Acres of Land lying in the County of Henrico on a Branch of Appamatock River called by the name of Wintopack, and joyning to the Land of Francis Epes and Comp^r.

At a Council held at the Capitol October 17th 1724

Present

The Hon^{ble} Hugh Drysdale Esq^r

James Blair

Mann Page

Nath^l Harrison

Cole Digges and

John Carter Esq^r

The Governor advising with the Council and finding no Occasion for the Gen^l Assemblys meeting according to the last Pro-

rogation Ord^d That a proclamation issue proroguing the said Assembly to Thursday the 14th of January next.

On the Petition of Col^o Nth Harrison Leave is granted him to take out a Patent for four thousand two hundred and forty five Acres of Land lying in Surry County, wth was formerly taken up by Col^o Spotswood, the late Governor, and since deserted by him.

At a Council held at the Capitol October y^o 27th 1724

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter	Nath Harrison
James Blair	Mann Page
Philip Ludwell	Peter Beverley
John Lewis	John Robinson &

John Carter Esq^r

On reading at this Board an Order of his Maj^{ty} in his privy Council bearing date the 30th day of April 1724 declaring his Maj^{ty} Disallowance and Disapprobation of an Act passed in 1723 Ent^d an Act for laying a Duty on Liquors and Slaves; It is Ordered that a Proclamation issue declaring the said Act to be repealed.

On a Representation from Gloster County Order'd, that a new Commissⁿ issue for the said County, and that the persons therein recommended be added to the said Commissⁿ

Order'd That a new Commissⁿ of the Peace issue for Princess Ann County, and that the persons recommended by that Court be added thereto

Ordered That a Proclamation issue prohibiting the Exportation of Indian Corn and pease or Meal made of the same from the first of Nov^r untill the 25th of April next

At a Council held at the Capitol October y^o 31st 1724

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter	Mann Page
James Blair	Cole Diggs
Philip Ludwell	Peter Beverley
John Lewis	Jn ^o Robinson and
Nath Harrison	John Carter Esq ^r

Sundry Acco^{ts} for Repairs about the Governors House were exam^d and allowed.

The Acco^{ts} for repairing the Batterys and other Contingent Charges were exam^d and Ord^d to be paid out of his Maj^{ty} Revenue of 2s per hh^d &c.

At a Council held at the Capitol November 5th 1724

Present

The Hon^{ble} Hugh Drysdale Esq^r

Robert Carter	Mann Page
James Blair	Cole Digges
Philip Ludwell	Peter Beverley &
Nath ^l Harrison	John Carter Esq ^{rs}

The Following warrants for the Established Sallarys & Contingent Charges to be paid by the Receiver General out of his Majestys Revenue of 2s per hh^d Port Dutys and Head Money were this day sign'd by the Governor in Council. Viz^t:

To the Governor ½ y ^r Salary ending Oct' 25 th last	£1000. 0. 0.
To the Gent ^s of His Maj ^{ty} s Council d ^o time	175. 0. 0.
To the Aud ^r Gen ^l of the Plantations d ^o time	50
To the Sollic ^r of the Virginia Affairs Ditto	50
To the Attorney Gen ^l Ditto	20
To the Clerk of the Council Ditto	50
To the Gunners of the sev ^l Batteries D ^o	25
To the Armourer Ditto	6
To the Judges and Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held in June last	100
To W ^m Prentis for sundry contingent Charges	6
To D ^o for sund ^r Repairs about the Gov ^r s House	51. 16. 9¾
To D ^o for sund ^r Contingent Charges p ^a last year	42. 4. 0

And out of the Quitt Rents

To M ^r Commiss ^r Blair half a years Salary	£ 50
To the Attorney General half a years Sal.	30

The Accounts of his Maj^{ty}s Revenue of 2s per hh^d Port Duties and Head Money being Examⁿd by the Aud^r was this day sworne unto by the Rec^r Gen^l and certified by the Governor in the usual Forme.

On reading this day at the Board sundry Depositions taken before the Justices of Spotsylvania County against a Saponie Indian nam'd Sawney lately return'd from Canada, whereby it appears that the said Indian did behave himself very insolently threatning the Inhabitants with a speedy Incursion of the French Indians; and the said Indian being examin'd in Council did acknowledge that he was taken by the French Indians, and carried into Canada about two years ago, That he had been with the said French Indians in an incursion on the people of New-England

but that last Summer he was permitted to go to Albany in Company with some of the said French Indians, from whence, by the Favour of Cap' Collins the Officer of the Fort there, he had Liberty to return to Virginia, and the said Indian alledg'd whatever he said at Germanna in the County of Spotsylvania was spoken whilst he was in Drink. And being examin'd if he brought any message from the French Indians to the Saponies or any other of the Tributarys or if he intended to return to Canada as he had formerly given out, he denyed both: But forasmuch as it appears to this Board that the said Indian hath by his Speeches & Actions given just cause of Suspicion of his ill Intentions. It is Ord^d that he be committed to Prison there to remain untill farther Order, unless the Great Men of his Nation shall engage for his good behaviour, and that he shall not depart out of this Government, or hold Correspondence with any Forreign Indians And the Interpreter is directed to signify to the Saponie Nation the Terms upon w^{ch} they may have the said Indian delivered to them.

Charles Kemball Interpreter to the Saponie Indians representing that the frequent Occasions he has to attend at W^mburgh on the Affairs of the said Indians have put him to great Charge, w^{ch} he can no otherwise defray than out of his Sallery, w^{ch} is only levied for him in Tobacco by the General Assembly, and like to be long in Arrear, & praying that the Sum of ten pounds may be advanced him to be repaid out of his first Allowance as Interpreter; It is accordingly Order'd That the Rec^d Gen^l do advance the Sum of ten pounds Current money to the said Kemball out of his Majestys Revenue, taking his Obligation to repay the same out of the first money or Tobacco, w^{ch} shall be levied for him at the next Session of Assembly.

At a Council held at the Capitol December 9th 1724

Present

The Hon^{ble} Hugh Drysdale L^t Governor

James Blair Com^{rs}

Mann Page

Philip Ludwell

Cole Diggs

Nath Harrison

Peter Beverley and

John Robinson Esq^{rs}.

The Minutes of Council from the time of their last reading were now read over and approved.

This Day being appointed for hearing and determining Divers Controversies relating to the Grants of his Maj^{ty}'s Land, on hearing the several parties interested therein; It is resolved & Ordered as followeth Viz^t:

The Complaint of Peter and John Butts against James Taylor Surveyor of King William County for refusing an Entry of

the Pet^r for eight hundred Acres of Land is [in] the s^d County is dismiss, It appearing to this Board by the Oath of the s^d James Taylor that the Land aforesaid was surveyed for Robert Powell before the Pet^r tended any Entry to be made for the same.

Whereas this day was appointed for hearing the Matter in Controversy between Will^m Craddock John Pollard & W^m Russell for stopping the Grant of a Patent for Land in King W^m County to the said Craddock, and neither the said Pollard nor Russell appearing; 'Tis thereupon Ordered that the Caveat of the said parties be dismiss, and that a Patent issue for the said Land to the said Will^m Craddock.

The Petition of Jonathⁿ Clark against the Grant of a patent to Rice Williams for Land in King William County Stands referred to the next Court of Oyer and Terminer neither party appearing, and Ord^d that the Pet^r give the s^d Williams Notice to attend accordingly.

The Petition of George Ward and Will^m Winston for two hundred Acres of Land in Essex County found to Escheat from Mary late the Wife of the said Ward, and for which a Patent is sued out by Benj^a Waggoner in whose Name the s^d Escheat was prosecuted is by consent of the Parties continued till the Meeting of the Council at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer.

Robert Munford Gent having petitioned for Leave to survey three thousand Acres of Land on the S^e side of Roanoak River and beginning at the Mouth of the Upper Creek, and extending down the River Side, pursuant to a Grant thereof made in the year 1721 and that the several Entrys made for that Land with the Survey^r be declared void; This Board having appointed this Day for determining the pretensions of the several persons claiming Interest in the said Land, and none of them appearing except William Davis of the County of Prince George, by consent of the said Robert Munford It is Ord^d That one thousand Acres of Land within his Entry be laid off for the said William Davis beginning at the Mouth of the upper Creek and extending down the River to the Place called the Haw Tree (not to exceed that Boundary) to include that Quantity; And at the Request of the said Robert Munford tis further Order'd That the remaining two thousand Acres lying between the said Haw Tree or the Line which shall be laid off for the lower Bounds of the said Davis's Entry, and extending to the lower Bounds of the said Munfords Entry be surveyed and granted in manner following Viz^t one thousand Acres thereof to John Alexander Gentⁿ and the other one thousand Acres to Rich^d Jones Gentⁿ and that the Surveyor of Brunswick County do survey the said several Tracts accordingly.

On the Petition of John Mitchell for stopping a Patent sued out by John Davis for Lands in Surry County, It appearing to this Board that the Pet^r hath not any Right to the s^d Land It is Order'd that the said John Davis have a Patent for the same.

The Caveat Enter'd by Edward Hill Esq' dec^d ag^t Thomas Brewer is continued to be hear'd before this Board the next Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Sundry Petitions for taking up Land were read & granted viz'

To John Thornton sixteen hundred Acres in the upper parts of Henrico County on the South Side of James River, and two thousand acres in the upper part of Henrico on the North Side of the said River.

To George Alves and John Syme four thousand Acres in Hanover County joyning to the County Line on Deep Creek and Fork Creek.

To Thomas Carr two thousand five hundred Acres of Land lying on little Rockey Creek and the Branches of great Rockey Creek in Hanover County.

To Thomas Eldridge one thousand acres lying on Cocks Creek on Roanoak River in Brunswick County five Miles above Maj' Robert Munfords Land.

To George Booth twelve hundred Acres adjoining and including his Land on Turkey Egg Creek on Nottoway River in Prince George County.

To John Syme one Thousand Acres of Land lying on the Branches of Owens Creek in Hanover County.

To Howel Edmonds five hundred and twenty Acres of Land in the County of Brunswick, the same adjoining to a Tract of Land he has already surveyed, and that Leave be granted him to include the s^d two Tracts in one patent.

To William Edwards one thousand Acres of Land in Brunswick County on the South Side of Maherine River, begining at the Saponie Indian Line, and runing down the s^d River to compleat the Quantity.

To Charles Hudson two thousand Acres of Land in Hanover County begining on Col^o Nicho^o Merriweathers Entry on the South side of the Southanna River thence crossing to the said Camp Creek, and up the North side of the said Camp Creek to compleat the s^d Quantity.

On the Petition of Thomas Randolph Gent Leave is granted him to include in one Patent sixteen hundred Acres of Land lying in four different Tracts in Henrico County called the rich low Grounds, on the North Branch of James River; and also that Leave be given him to survey and patent Eight hundred Acres more lying a Mile above the said Land in the said County of Henrico.

John Wall and Mich^l Wall having joyntly petition'd this Board for Leave to survey two thousand Acres of Land in one Tract begining on the S^o Side of Roanoak River at the old Western path, and it appearing that the said Land is within the County of Brunswick; It is the Opinion of the Council and accordingly Ord^d; That the Pet^r be allowed (if they think fitt) to survey one thousand Acres each at the place afores^d, and to take out distinct patents for the same according to the Directions of the Lords Justices Instructions in that behalf, and in Case his Maj^{ty} shall think fitt to allow a greater Quantity than one thousand acres to be granted in one Tract that then the Pet^r have Liberty to include the s^d two thousand acres of Land in one joint Patent.

On the Petition of John Stewart by John Bolling his next Friend, praying that a Tract of Land formerly surveyed for his Father on Fighting Creek in Henrico County may be granted him without being obliged to seat and Cultivate the same until three Years after he comes of Age, and that the Survey^r of the said County may be directed to return a Platt and Survey without demanding any new Fee for that Service in regard the s^d Survey^r was paid by the Pet^rs Father in his Life time; It is Order'd That Col^o Fran^s Epes Survey^r of Henrico County be heard before this Board as to so much of the s^d petition as relates to his Fee, and that the other part thereof be referred for further Consideration at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer.

Whereas William Hurt Eldest son and Heir of John Hurt late of the County of King William dec^d hath humbly represented to this Board, that his said Father in his life time did take up and Survey four hundred Acres of Land in S^t Johns Parish in the afores^d County of King William, and did return a Survey thereof into the Secretarys Office, and soon after departed this Life, whereby it hath hapned, that the patent for the said Land passed in the Name of the said John Hurt some few days after his Decease; And for as much as the s^d William Hurt hath this day made application to the Governor that for avoiding all Disputes which may arise touching the said patent he would be pleased to accept a Surrender of the same, and grant a new patent for the said Land to him the said William to whom the Inheritance thereof would have descended, in case the Grant thereof had been passed during the Life of his said Father; The Governor (with the advice of the Council) is pleased to order that the patent granted in the name of the aforesaid John Hurt, for the aforesaid four hundred Acres of Land bearing Date the twenty first day of February last past and now surrenderd, be cancelled; and that a new patent for the s^d Land be granted to the said William Hurt, according to the prayer of his petition.

Whereas Information is given to this Board that Cap^t John Phrip of Norfolk County did, contrary to the Directions of a proclamation prohibiting the Export of Corn carry out a considerable Quantity of Indian Corn and other Grain in contempt of the Government; It is Ord^d that his Maj^{ty}s Attorney Gen^l do prosecute the said Phrip for that offence as soon as he returns into this Colony.

Ord^d That a proclamation issue proroguing the General Ass^{bl}y to the 13th day of May next.

Whereas upon the Examination of Sawney a Saponie Indian it does not appear that he is privy to any Design against this Government or its Tributaries; It is Ord^d that the s^d Indian be delivered to Col^o Nath^l Harrison, who is hereby impowerd either to sett him at liberty or to restrain him from any Correspondence with the Tributarie Indians, according as he shall see cause from his future behaviour.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 19th 1725

Present

Robert Carter	Mann Page
James Blair Com ^{ry}	Cole Diggs
Philip Ludwell	Peter Beverley
Nath Harrison	John Robinson &
John Carter Esq ^{ry}	

The Governor laid before the Council a Letter from the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lords Commiss^{rs} for Trade and plantations dated the 19th day of May 1724, and upon reading and considering the last Paragraph of the s^d Letter wherein their Lordps are pleas'd to signify that the Method of selling the Q^{ty} Rent Tobacco by publick Outcry be continued according to his Maj^{ty}'s Instructions in that behalf; It is the Opinion of this Board that the manner of Sale therein prescribed be pursued untill the reasons for altering the same be represented to their Lordps, and their pleasure signify'd thereon.

Whereas there appears no immediate necessity for the holding a General Ass^{ly} according to it's last prorogation It is Order'd that the s^d Assembly be further prorogued to Thursday the 8th day of July next; and a proclamation was prepared and sign'd accordingly.

On the petition of Gawin Corbin Gent^l Ord^d that a patent be granted him for four several Tracts containing in the whole thirteen thousand and five hundred Acres of Land lying in the County of Essex now Spotsylvania three of which Tracts were formerly granted by patent to Larkin and Thomas Chew and by them sold to the s^d Corbin, and the remainder granted to the s^d Corbin according to a former Order of this Board.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 29th 1725

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter	Mann Page
James Blair Com ^{ry}	Cole Diggs
Philip Ludwell	Peter Beverley
John Lewis	John Robinson &
Nath ^l Harrison	John Carter Esq ^{ry}

On reading at this Board a Representation from the Court of Richmond County setting forth that sundry persons calling themselves protestant Dissenters have petition'd that Court for Lycence to have a place recorded for their publick Worship according to the Toleration Act made in England in the first year of the Reign of their late Maj^{ty} King W^m & Queen Mary And forasmuch as the s^d Court was in doubt whether such petition ought to be granted in regard of the Act of Assembly made in the Year 1642, and confirmed by another

Act of Assembly made in the Year 1662 for the preservation of Purity and Unity of Doctrine and Discipline in the Church, It is Order'd that the Subject Matter of the said Representation be referr'd till the next Council, and that in the mean time the Opinion of the Attorney General, and other Council learn'd in the Law be desired thereon.

On reading at this Board a Petition of the Great Men of the Nansmond Indians complaining of the Encroachments made on their Lands by sundry persons pretending Grants from the Government of N^o Carolina; It is Order'd that the s^d petition be referred until his Maj^{ty}'s pleasure be signified on the project for ascertaining the Bounds between the two Governm^{ts} w^{ch} by a Letter from the R^{ty} Hon^{ble} the Lords Com^s for Trade and Plantations of the 19th of May last may be speedily expected.

A New Commissⁿ of the peace for Northumberland County was Order'd in Council; and that John Shapley, W^m Eustall, Sam^l Bonam, Sam^l Heath and Samuel Blackwell be added to the s^d Commission.

John Grymes Esq^r his Maj^{ty}'s Rec^r Gen^l making Application to this Board to certify the Course of Exch^a according to which he is to make up his Acco^{ts} of the money received for his Majesties Q^{ty} Rents; The Governor and Council do hereby certify that the present difference between Current money, and Bills of Exch^a is 15 per c^t and that the Rec^r Gen^l be allowed to charge in his Acco^{ts} so much as will make the money receiv'd by him for the last years Q^{ty} Rents Sterling at the rate of £115 Curr^t money of this Colony for £100 Sterling.

Whereas the Officers of his Maj^{ty}'s Revenue have represented that the Rights appointed to be issued by them are already sold, and there is a further Demand for the like Rights in order to the taking up of Land; It is Ord^d that the s^d Officers be and they are hereby empower'd to make out and issue a further number of Rights not exceeding the Value of £500 sterl for the Conveniency of such of his Maj^{ty}'s Subjects as have Occasion to purchase the same.

On the petition of Hardey Council of the County of Isle of Wight setting forth that by patent dated the 20th day of March 1677 there was granted to Hodges Council Father of the petⁿ nine hundred and forty one Acres of Land lying in the s^d County and that upon a Resurvey of the same there is found to be within the Bounds of the said patent two thousand four hundred acres, and praying that a new patent may be granted him including the same surplus Land, It is Ord^d that a patent be granted accordingly he the pet^r producing Rights for the s^d Surplus Land found to be contained within the Bounds of the s^d Patent.

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted Viz^t

To Henry Anderson for one thousand Acres in Henrico County and two thousand in Prince George County lying between the lands of Smacks Nibs & Deep Creeks.

To John Tallys eight hundred Acres beginning at the Mouth of Deep Creek in Prince George County.

To Robert Hicks one thousand Acres adjoining to the plantation whereon he now dwells on Nottoway River in Surry County, also that an inclusive patent be granted him for the whole.

To Richard Jones Jun^r four hundred and fifty Acres on the South side of Hatches Runn in Prince George County, and adjoining M^r John Bannisters Line.

To John Syme Gent four thousand six hundred Acres of Land in Hanover County, lying upon Little Creek and Owens Creek and also Leave is granted him to include the s^d Land with one thousand Acres adjoining to the same, formerly granted, in one patent.

To John Raybourn eight hundred Acres lying on the N^o Side of Nottoway River in Prince George County, and that he may include the same and this Land adjoining thereto in one patent.

On the Petition of Drury Oliver Leave is granted him to include eight Hundred Acres of Land lying on Hatches Runn in prince George County, and the Land formerly patented by him, in one patent.

The Petition of Timothy Harris setting forth that he hath taken up, and made several Surveys of Land in Prince George County lying on the Southside of Appamatox River containing in the whole Fifteen Hundred Acres, wch adjoyn to his Land already patented in the said County; Leave is thereupon granted him to include the s^d Fifteen Hundred Acres, & his Land already granted him, in one patent.

On the Petition of Charles Chiswell Gentⁿ Leave is granted him to take up and patent three thousand Acres of Land in Hanover County part thereof lying between Newfound River & Little River on the Branches of Locust Creek bounding on the Land surveyed for W^m Neble and Comp^{ys}, and the other part lying on the South side of Newfound River, and bounding on the Land belonging to the Petitioner.

To John Bannister one thousand Acres lying on the N^o side of Hatches Runn in Prince George County; and An inclusive patent be granted him for the whole.

Henry Harrison Gentⁿ having petitiond this Board for Leave to survey and patent two thousand Acres of Land in Brunswick County begining about half a mile below Thomas Sessums his olde path in the Fork of the great Creek, and runing up the Eastern Branch thereof; It is thereupon Ord^d that the said petition be referr'd untill his Maj^{ty}s pleasure be known whether a greater Quantity than one thousand Acres may be granted to any one person in that County And that then the Pet^r be preferred to the Grant thereof according to his present Entry, and the Bounds described in this Petition.

To Henry Harrison one thousand Acres of Land in Brunswick County lying in the Fork of the Great Creek, and bounding on the Northern Fork.

To Fran^s Epes two thousand Acres in Henrico County begining at a Corner of Cap^t Andersons Land upon Andersons Branch thence on Andersons Lines, and thence on his own Lines to complet the s^d Quantity.

Nath^l Harrison Esq^r by his Petition to this Board representing that Valentine Minge late of the County of Charles City dec^d surveyed six hundred and fifty Acres of Land lying in the County of Surry, which s^d Land was possessed by the said Minge during his Life, and has been occupied since his Decease by the Guardians to his Children without suing out any patent or paying Quitt Rents for the same to the prejudice of his Maj^{ty} in his Revenue; And praying that a Grant of the said Land may be made to him he being willing to convey the same to the Heir of the said Minge upon repayment of his Charges and the Arrears of Q^u R^{ts} due to his Maj^{ty}; This Board taking the said Petition into Consideration together with the Orders of the Government heretofore issued whereby such Lands held without Patent are subject to be taken up by any person applying for the same, and adjudging the proposal of the Pet^r to be very favourable; It is thereupon Ord^d That a patent be granted to the said Nath^l Harrison Esq^r for the said Land.

Anne Hamlin Executrix of the last Will and Testament of John Hamlin late of the County of Prince George dec^d by her Petition setting forth, that her said Husband in his life time by the Licence of this Board did survey seven hundred thirty one acres of land in the said County, but died before he obtain'd a patent for the same, and that by his last Will and Testament he divided the said Tract of land to be equally divided between his two sons Hubbard & Will^m Hamlin, and praying that a patent may be granted them for the same according to the will afores^d It is thereupon Ordered that a patent be granted the said Hubbard and Will^m Hamlin for the said seven hundred thirty one acres of land according to the prayer of the pet^r.

Drury Bolling on his petition hath leave granted him to survey two thousand acres in Prince George County lying in the Seller fork of Deep Creek and adjoining to his land formerly patented, and to take out an inclusive patent for the whole.

On the petition of Peter Jones leave is granted him to include one thousand acres of land lying in Prince George County lately surveyed, & his old patented land adjoining the same in one Patent.

John James Flournoy by his petition setting forth that he hath lately made four several Surveys of land in Henrico County containing in the whole one thousand six hundred acres, Leave is thereupon granted the pet^r to include the said Quantity of land together with the land formerly granted him in one Patent, according to the prayer of the pet^r

James Terry on his petition hath leave granted him to survey one thousand acres of land adjoining to his patented land in King Will^m County and to include both tracts in one patent.

James Jones on his pet^r hath leave to take up & survey Six hundred & fifty acres of land in Surry County lying over against Wareek & beginning on Thomas Griffice's Line.

At a Council held at the Capitol May the 4th 1725

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter	Nath ^l Harrison
James Blair	Mann Page
Phil Ludwell	Cole Digges &
John Lewis	John Carter Esq ^r

The following Warrants to be paid out of his Ma^{ty}'s Revenue of 2s per hh^d Port duties and head money were sign'd in Council

To the Gov' ½ years Salary ending Apr 25	£ 1000
To the Council for the same time	175
To the Aud ^r of the planta ^{ns} for the same	50
To the Sollic ^r of the Virginia affairs for y ^e same	50
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the same	20
To the Clerk of the Council for y ^e like Salary	50
To the Armourer for the same	6
To the Gunners of the several batteries for the same time	25
To the Min ^{rs} officiating in Gen ^l Court	6
To sundry Conting ^t Charges	36
To Henry Cary for Repairs about the Gove ^{rns} house	9. 19. 10¾

And out of the Quitt Rents

To M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair ½ years Salary	£ 50
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the same	20

The Acco^{ts} of his Maj^{ty}'s Revenues of Quitt Rents & 2s per hh^d were this day laid before the Gov^r and Council, & being examined & sworn to by the Receiver were then sign'd by the Gov^r as usual.

The following Persons were this day appointed in Council to be Sheriffs of the several Counties for the ensuing year Viz^t

Prince George	Robert Munford
Hannover	Dav ^d Meriwether
Surry	Benj ^m Edward
New Kent	Will ^m Macon
Eliz ^a City	Jo ^s Selden
York	W ^m Shelden
Henrico	Franc ^s Epes
Isle of W ^t	Tho ^s Brewer
Nansemond	Barnab: Kerny
King & Queen	Rob ^t Dudley
Stafford	Townsend Dade
Middx	Roger Jones
Richmond	Cha ^s Grymes
Ja ^s City	Ben. Welden

Norfolk	Will ^m Crawford
K George	Rob ^t Strother
Northumberl ^d	Cha ^s Lee
Cha ^s City	Drury Stith
Essex	Benj ^s Robinson
Princess Anne	Anth Walker
Glouster	Jeffrey Flowers
Spotsylv ^a	Tho ^s Chew
Northampton	Joe Stringer
Westmorland	Jn ^o Elliott
Accomack	Edw ^d Rivell
Lancaster	Geo Heal
Warwick	Rob ^t Philipson
King W ^m	Henry Fox

This Board having considered the representaⁿ of the Justices of Richmond County together w^t the opinion of his Maj^{ty}'^s Attorney Gen^l and of John Holloway and John Randolph Esq^r to whom it was referred to report their opinion how far the Act of Parliament made in the first year of the Reign of their Mat^{ty}'^s King Will^m & Queen Mary Ent^d an Act for exempting their Mat^{ty}'^s protestant Subjects dissenting from the Church of England from the penalties of certain Laws were in force in this Colony, and having also considered his Majesty's Instruction to the Governor for allowing a liberty of Conscience to all Christians except Papists. It is the opinion of this Board and accordingly Ordered that the dissenters in Richmond County and their preacher on their application to the Court of the said County & respectively taking such Oaths and subscribing such Declaration as are prescribed & enjoind^d by the said Act, have the free exercise of their religion at such place of publick worship in the said County as they shall desire to be recorded by the County Court for that purpose. so as they also observe the directions of the said Act of Parliament at their meetings at such place of publick worship set apart as aforesaid.

Ordered that there be paid to M^r Attorney Gen^l John Holloway & John Randolph Esq^r two Guineas each out of his Mat^{ty}'^s Revenue of 2s per hh^d for their trouble in considering & giving their opinion in the Case of the Dissenters in Richmond County.

Will^m Roscow brother & Exc^o of James Roscow Esq^r late Receiver Gen^l of his Mat^{ty}'^s Revenues representing to this Board that in the years 1720 & 1721 the said James Roscow accounted to his Mat^{ty}'^s for a considerable quantity of tobacco then in the hands of the Sheriffs of Westmorland & Richmond & receiv^d for fines & forfeitures due to his Mat^{ty}'^s in those Counties & that upon demanding the said tob^o the Sheriffs refuse to pay the same on pretence that the said fines & forfeitures are due to and Claim^d by the proprietors of the Northern neck by virtue of their letters patents & praying to be relieved therein It is Ordered that the said petⁿ be referred to the

Auditor & Receiver Gen^l of his Mat^r Revenues to consider the subject matter thereof & to report their opinion thereon to this Board.

The Governor communicating to the Council the advices he has receivd that on th 26th of last month divers Indians plundered the Quarter of M^r John Talliaferro near the great mountains in Spotsylv^a County and committed divers other outrages to the persons & goods of sundry of the Inhabitants there; and particularly some of the Guns belonging to & mark'd with the name of Spotsylvania County, and that one John a Nottoway Indian was amongst the said Indians; It is ordered that it be referred to Col^o Harrison to make enquiry which of the Nottoway Indians or other Tributaries have been out a hunting about that time and to give order for a search to be made for the Guns and other goods so carried away, & if he finds any of the said Tributaries to have been concerned therein that he cause them to be secured & sent to W^mburgh in order to their being punished And for the better securing the Inhabitants from the like insults for the future, It is ordered that a Warrant be prepared for the Governor's signing empowering & requiring the commanding Officer of the Militia in Spotsylvania County on notice given to him of the insolencies offered by any Indians to order out parties of the Militia to seize & apprehend all such as shall be found ranging in those parts whither they be Tributaries or foreign Indians And in case any such be of the five nations and have not such passport as is prescribed by the late articles of peace that the said commanding officer cause every such Indian to be conveyed to W^mburgh there to be proceeded against according to the late act of Assembly for enforcing the Treaties made with foreign Indians And in Case any such Indians shall resist, the Officers of the Militia to whom such resistance shall be offered are to subdue them by force.

Whereas it hath been represented to this Board that divers of the County Courts within this Colony neglect to take Bond of the Sheriffs pursuant to the tenor of their Commissions for the due payment as well of all such publick dues & officers fees put into their hands to collect as for the Collection & paym^t of his Mat^r Quitt Rents & other dues, by reason of which ommission and neglect no security is given for the Sheriffs being accountable for the Secretarie's & County Court Clerk's fees, altho' the Sheriffs are bound by law to collect the same if put into their hands, It is Ordered that the respective County Courts be & they are hereby required to take care that in the Condition of the Bond given by each Sheriff at his entring upon his office, a Clause be inserted that such Sheriffs do truly account for and pay all officers fees which shall be put into their hands to collect, that so the publick Officers may have the same security for their payment, as is given by the Sheriffs for the Execution of the other parts of their office.

On the petition of James Baker leave is granted him to survey & patent one thousand acres of land in Brunswick County according to the bounds described in his petⁿ.

Philip Webber on his petition hath leave granted him to take up and survey one thousand & fifty acres of land on the branches of Tuckahee Creek in Henrico County.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 10th day of June 1725

Present

The Governor

James Blair

Philip Ludwell

Nath^l Harrison

Peter Beverley

John Robinson &

Jn^o Carter Esq^r

Ordered that a proclamation issue proroguing the Gen^l Assembly to the third Thursday in November next, there appearing no occasion for its meeting sooner.

For preventing the clandestine obtaining patents out of the Secretaries office It is ordered that no Patent be hereafter presented for the Governors signing, untill the Survey thereof and the Rights have been lodged in the Secretaries Office for one month at least, to the end all persons concerned in interest may have time to make their application if they have any pretensions to the lands thereby intended to be granted.

Whereas divers persons enter Caveats in the Secret^{ry} office for stopping the granting patents for lands, and for want of proper descriptions of the places of Residence of the persons whose patents are desir'd to be stopped, due notice of such Caveats cannot be sent them. It is therefore Ordered that whenever any person shall enter a Caveat against issuing any patent for land, such person shall in convenient time thereafter give notice to the party concerned to appear before this Board at the next succeeding Court of Oyer & Terminer & make out his pretensions to the land desired to be patented & if upon due proof that such notice was given, either party fail to attend, or to shew some reasonable Cause of excuse, this Board will proceed to the granting the said land to the party that shall appear, and make out his pretensions to the same.

Whereas Henry Irby, John Donnet & Pallister Bowles have been suspected of divers Robberies and Felonies, and Warrants have issued for apprehending them in the respective Counties wherein they did reside, and the said offenders have since withdrawn themselves and fled from Justice It is Ordered that a proclamation issue promising a reward of twenty pounds cur^{re} money for apprehending each of the said persons, & delivering them into the publick Goal at Will^mburgh in order to their tryal. And it is further Ordered that a letter be written to the Governor of N^o Carolina desiring him to give directions for securing them, in case they should escape into that Province.

Archibald Richil being convicted of Burglary & Felony before the Court of Oyer & Terminer held yesterday, but upon his tryal there appearing divers favourable circumstances to render him a fit object of his Mat^{ty} mercy, It is the unanimous opinion of the Council that he

be pardoned, & accordingly Ordered that his Ma^{ty} Attorney Gen^l do prepare a pardon for the said Richil.

On the petition of Bowler Cocke & Tarleton Fleming Devises of Charles Fleming dec^d, It is Ordered that a new Patent be granted the petitioners for 1430 acres of land formerly granted by patent to the said Charles according to the bounds surveyed and that they have leave to add thereto 260 acres on one side & 550 on the other being wast land adjoining thereto, and to include the whole in the same patent.

Whereas the Vestries of the respective parishes of Lawnes Creek in the County of Surry & Newport in the County of Isle of Wight have made complaint to the Governor against John Worden & Thomas Baylie Clerks Ministers of the said parishes for many notorious immoralities & other offences, and praying that they may be admitted to bring evidences for proving the said immoralities & offences, & that the said Ministers may be thereupon suspended from officiating any longer in the said parishes.

And Whereas heretofore the like Complaints have been examined by the Lord Bishop of London's Commissary, and tho' the present Lord Bishop of London having declared his intention to constitute the Reverend James Blair his Commissary, yet his Commission not being as yet arriv'd whereby he conceives himself not sufficiently authorized to act in that Capacity, It is the opinion of the Council that the Complainants be admitted to make such proof as they think fit in relation to the behaviour of the respective Ministers before the Governor in Council, and after such examination it will be proper to consider what ought further to be done for the relief of the said Complainants; And accordingly the Gov' was pleased to appoint to morrow morning for hearing as well the said Vestries as the said Worden and Baylie whose witnessses are now attending in Town.

June the 11th 1725

Present

The Governor

James Blair
Philip Ludwell
Nath^l Harrison

Peter Beverley
Jn Robinson &
Jn Carter Esq^r

Whereas upon hearing the matter of the Compl^t exhibited yesterday by the Vestry of New Port Parish against Thomas Baylie Clerk their Minister, It is agreed between the said parties that the said Baylie will not at any time hereafter take upon him to act as Minister of the said parish, but shall forthwith remove himself out of the same, and in some convenient time depart this Colony. And the said Vestry did thereupon agree on their part, to pay the said Baylie his Sallary from the 11th of Nov^r last to this day, at the rate of eighteen thousand pounds of Tobacco per annum; But whereas the said Baylie did insist that he

ought to be paid his full salary for the Cur^t year, both parties did thereupon agree to submit the same to the determination of the Gov^r in Council, as by their submission subscribed with their hands may more at large appear. The Governor taking the said Submission into Consideration and being inform'd that the said Baylie is much in debt, and hath a wife & family in very mean and necessitous Circumstances, therefore to enable him to depart this Colony according to his engagement, and to prevent his, or his familys becoming chargeable to the parish wherein he now resides, the Governor with the advice of the Council is pleased to order & award that the said Baylie's full salary which would have been due in case he had served the Cure to the 11th of Novem^r next, be paid him at the laying of the next parish levy. And it is further ordered that the witnesses attending at the examination be paid their necessary Charges & Expenses, & no more be levied on the Inhabitants of the said parish.

Upon hearing this day the humble petition and Complaint of the Vestry of Lawnes Creek parish against John Worden Clerk their Minister, & divers depositions of witnesses being taken as well on behalf of the said Vestry as of the said Worden, it fully appearing to this Board that the petitioners have made out the Articles of their Complaint, and that the said Worden hath been guilty of many notorious Immoralities & scandalous offences, & thereupon the said Worden acknowledging his guilt, did humbly desire the Governors leave to depart this Colony, promising not to officiate any more as a Minister within the same; upon which the said Worden was dismiss.

At a Council held at the Capitoll the 19th day of October 1725

Present

The Governor

James Blair
Philip Ludwell
John Lewis
Nath^l Harrison

Cole Digges
Peter Beverley
John Robinson &
John Carter Esq^r

The Governor desiring the opinion of the Council if there be any immediate occasion for the Assemblies meeting according to their last prorogation & the Council being of opinion that there is none It is Ordered that a proclamation issue for proroguing the Assembly to Thursday the 12th day of May next.

October the 29th 1725

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter	Mann Page
James Blair	Cole Digges
Philip Ludwell	Peter Beverley
John Lewis	Jn Robinson &
Nath ^l Harrison	John Carter Esq ^r

Ordered that a new Commission of the peace issue for the County of Middlesex, and that Armistead Churchill, Edmund Berkley and Humphry Jones Gent be added to the said Commission

The Gunner at James City being lately dead, & there appearing no further occasion for such an Officer It is Ordered that the Sallary formerly allowed to the Gunner there be from henceforth discontinued.

The following Warrants on the Receiver Gen^l to be paid out of his Mat^{rs} Revenues, were this day sign'd by the Governor in Council.

Out of the 2s per hh^d &c

To the Gov ^r ½ years sallary ending y ^e 25 th instant	£ 1000,—,—
To the Gen ^l of the Council for the same time	175,—,—
To the Aud ^r Gen ^l of the planta ^{ns} for the same. ..	50,—,—
To the Soll ^r of the Virginia affairs for the same time	50,—,—
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the same time	20,—,—
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time ..	50,—,—
To Wm Prentis for so much paid divers Ministers for their attendance on General Court	6,—,—
To Wm Prentis for paying the Gunners of the several Batteries	23,—,—
To Will ^m Prentis for sundry expresses and other contingent Charges	64,12, 1¾
To Henry Cary for sundry repairs about the Governors house	24,, 7,,10½

And out of the Quitt Rents

To M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair ½ years Sallary ending the 25th instant	£ 50,—,—
To the Attorney Gen ^l ½ year salary for y ^e same time	£ 30,—,—

November 5th 1725

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell

Nath^l Harrison
Peter Beverley &
John Carter Esq^r

On reading at this Board the humble petition of John Den- net a prisoner in the public Goal under sentence of death to- gether with a representation in his behalf from the principal In- habitants of the County of New Kent & Hannover humbly repre- senting the steps by which the said Dennet has unhappily been inveigled & drawn into the Commission of those felonies for which he is now condemned and his great penitence for the same, and humbly praying the Governor to extend his Majesties mercy to him, The Council are of opinion and do advise the Governor to grant a pardon to the said Dennet, upon his entring into bond with four sufficient sureties, himself in one hundred pounds sterling, and each of his securities in the like sum for his good behavior for one year after his enlargement out of prison.

Whereas by Orders from their Excellencies the Lords Jus- tices, his Mat^{ty}'s pleasure hath been signified to allow any person desiring the same one thousand acres of land in the Counties of Brunswick & Spotsylv^a free from the purchase of Rights or pay- ment of Quitt Rents for the term of seven years to be computed from the first of May 1721. The Governor with the advice of the Council is pleased to order that the Surveyors of the said Counties be and they are hereby impowered to receive Entries from any person not having taken the benefit of the like indul- gence before any quantity of land, not exceeding a thousand acres to be granted by patent without purchase of Rights, but if any one shall be desirous of a greater quantity in either of those Counties, the said Surveyors are not to receive Entries for the same without the usual licence from this Board and produc- ing Rights for the whole quantity so entred for.

A Form of the patents to be granted for lands in the Coun- ties of Brunswick & Spotsylvania without Rights or payment of Quitt Rents was this day laid before the Board and approved.

Ordered that the Surveyor of the County of Isle of Wight give publick notice to the persons seated on the South Side of Nottoway River above the land lately granted to Col^o John Allen, that they do with all convenient speed survey their several Entries and sue out patents for the same in due time or other- wise that the said Surveyor be at liberty to receive the Entries of any other persons who shall be desirous to take up the same

Sundry petitions for leave to take up wast land were read and granted as follows

To Nathan^l Harrison Esq^r 12000 acres in Surry County between the lines of his own land and those of David Crawley, Will^m Wych, Rich^d Parker, James Vaughan and Ambrose Jackson, and to include the same together with the land formerly granted him at that place in one patent.

To Thomas Randolph Gent 10000 acres near the mountains of Willis's Creek in Henrico County.

To Edward Booker 2000 acres on the fork of Nibs Creek and on Blackwells Island in Henrico County.

To David Walker 1500 acres joining on his patented land on Buckskin Creek in Prince George's County.

To Thomas Randolph 800 acres in Henrico County joining on the lines of Turpin Pleasant & the pet^r's own land between Fine Creek and upper Manican Creek.

To John Parsons 1500 acres in Surry County lying between the lines of his own land, and those of Rich^d Wiggins, William Cooper Washingtons, Edward Scarborough & William Proctor with leave to include the same in one patent with his lands thereto adjoining.

To John Parsons 1000 acres in Isle of Wight County between the lines of his own land and those of John Hill, Rich^d Hill, Robert Hill & Robt Hill Jun^r with leave to include the same in one patent with his other lands thereto adjoining.

To Henry Anderson 1000 acres joining on his patented land on Swem Creek, and on the branches of Deg Creek on Appomattuck River in Henrico County.

At a Council held at W^m'burgh the 15th day
of December 1725

Present

The Hon^{ble} Hugh Drysdale his Mat^{'ty} Lieutenant Governor

James Blair
Philip Ludwell
Nath^l Harrison

Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &
John Carter Esq^r

Richard Fitzwilliam Esq^r producing a letter from their Excellcy['] the Lords Justices directing his being sworn and admitted one of his Mat^{'ty} Council in Virginia, South Carolina and Jamaica. The said Richard Fitzwilliam accordingly had administered to him by the Governor and took the oath appointed by act of Parliament to be taken instead of the oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy, the Abjuration oath, subscribed the Test, and took also the Oath of a Counsellor

Richard Fitzwilliam Esq^r producing his Commission from the Hon^{ble} the Commiss['] of his Mat^{'ty} Customs, constituting him Surveyor Gen^l of the Customs in South America, and having this day taken the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be

taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy, the abjuration Oath, and subscribed the Test, took also the oath of his office for the due observation of the Acts of Trade.

Present Rich^d Fitzwilliam Esq^r

Nathan^l Harrison Esq^r Deputy Auditor of his Mat^{ty} Revenues moving for directions whether he shall now demand the Quitt Rents of all Tracts of land exceeding one thousand acres taken up & patented in the Counties of Brunswick & Spotsylvania It is the opinion of this Board that in regard his Mat^{ty} pleasure upon the memorial sent home concerning the said Lands may be expected in a short time, the Consideration of this motion be referred till the next Council.

On the application of the Court of King William County Ordered that a new Commission of the peace issue for the said County, and that Nathanael West and John Cham be added to the present Justices in the said Commission

On reading at this Board the petition of Anthony Armistead and Simon Hollier Gent in behalf of themselves, and the greater number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the parish of Elizabeth City, complaining of the great hardships & inconveniences under which the Inhabitants of the said parish have long time laboured by means of the scituation of their parish Church, and other proceedings of a pretended Vestry are still endeavouring to increase the grievances of the people by building a new Church at a place yet more inconvenient than the former, and praying that they may be heard before this Board to shew cause why the said pretended Vestry ought to be dissolved, It is Ordered that a Copy of this petition be sent to the said Vestry of Elizth City parish, and that the several parties be heard thereon before this board on the first day of next General Court, and that the said Vestry do not proceed any further in contracting for or building the said new Church untill such hearing.

Thomas Gambrell of the County of Spotsylvania having entred a Caveat for stopping a patent to William Smith Gent for 380 acres of land lying upon East North East River, or Sponsbury Brook in Spotsylvania County, and the said Gambrell having by an instrument in writing this day laid before the Board released unto the said William Smith all his Right and Interest in and to the said 380 acres of land, It is ordered that the said William Smith have a Patent for the same.

Nicholas Meriwether Gent by his petition setting forth that by order of the Governor in Council the 7th of March 1721 leave was granted to Philip Ludwell Esq^r this pet^r and one Christopher Clark to take up 10,000 acres of land in the County of Hannover, beginning at a little mountain on the South side of the River Northanna & extending Southerly along the foot of the little mountains towards the branches of the Southanna &

James River; That the Interest of the said Philip Ludwell & Christopher Clark was soon after transferred to him, who immediately endeavoured to have the said Tract laid off; but upon the Surveyors going to lay out the same, it appeared that the far greater part thereof had been included within the line run for the bounds of the County of Spotsylvania, and that several persons had possessed themselves thereof by virtue of Entries made with the Surveyor of that County, and praying that so much of the said Tract of land as lyes within the County of Hannover may be granted him with liberty to survey in one or more Tracts so much more as will compleat the quantity of 10,000 acres in any other place or places within the said County of Hannover not already granted or entred for by any other person. It is accordingly ordered that leave be granted the said Nicholas Meriwether to survey that part of the aforesaid 10,000 acres which lyes in the County of Hannover; and that he have liberty to compleat the said quantity of 10,000 acres out of any of the vacant lands within the s^d County in as many several surveys as he shall think fitt, provided that within three months from the date of this Order, he make due Entry with the Surveyors describing the particular places where he intends to take up the said lands and the several quantities intended to be included in each survey.

On the petition of Richard Williams setting forth that in the year 1711 he obtained licence from the then Governor to build a Grist Mill on a Tract of land which he had formerly survey'd on the Cypress Swamp supposed then to be within the Province of Carolina and praying that since the said land appears now to ly within the County of Nansemond in this Colony, the Surveyor of that County may be directed and impowered to lay off the same for him, and that he may have a patent granted thereupon. It is Ordered that the pet' have leave to survey the said Tract of land according to the bounds described in his first survey made by the Officer of North Carolina, but that before he obtain any patent for the same, he pay all arrears of Quitt Rents then due from the time of his first seating thereon according to the Conditions of the licence aforesaid by which he hath hitherto possessed the said land.

The following petitions for taking up wast land were read and granted Viz:

To Daniel Stonar 4000 acres of land in the fork of great Guinea Creek on Appomattuck River in Price George County

To Isaac Winston, William Morris, George Alves, John Syme & John Mackie 5000 acres in Henrico County to be taken up in one or more Tracts joining on the County line where it crosses Deep Creek and Fork Creek which run into Pamunkey River & extending upon the head of the said Creeks and branches of James River.

To Charles Hudson & Joel Chandler 2000 acres in Henrico County beginning on the Ridge between James River and Appomattuck River.

John Carter Esq^r by his petition setting forth that there was formerly granted by patent to Edward Hill Esq^r 3000 acres of land in the County of King Will^m which said land is now come and descended to Elizabeth the wife of the pet^r and upon a resurvey appears to contain 4740 acres, It is according to the prayer of the pet^r Ordered that a new patent be granted to the said John Carter and his wife and their heirs for the said land, expressing the true quantity contain'd within the actual bounds as it is now survey'd.

On the petition of John Bacon Gent setting forth that by Patent dated the 23^d of April 1681 there was granted to M^r Frances Izard 1036 acres 5 poles of land in Henrico County, which land is now descended and come to the pet^r, but upon a resurvey of the said patent there is found to be 1600 acres contained within the bounds therein described, and praying that a new patent be granted him for the full quantity contained within the said bounds. It is accordingly Ordered that upon the pet^r returning a survey of the said Tract into the Secretaries office, a new patent be granted him for the same.

John Allen Gent on his petition hath leave granted him to survey and patent 325 acres of land on the South side of Nottoway River in Surry County formerly surveyed by one John Sowel & by him deserted.

John Martin Gent on his petition hath leave granted him to enter for and survey 400 acres of land in Henrico County formerly entred in the name of one John Hughes and by him deserted, and the Surveyor of Henrico County is directed to include the same in one Survey with a tract of 3000 acres entred for by the pet^r, by licence from this Board to which the s^d land is adjoining.

George Robertson Clerk on his petition hath leave granted him to survey and patent 1500 acres of land in prince George County on the upper side of Flatt Creek adjoining to the land of Richard Kennon.

At a Council held the 22d of April 1726

Present

The Governor

James Blair
Philip Ludwell
Nath^l Harrison
Mann Page

Peter Beverley
John Robinson
John Carter &
Rich^d Fitzwilliam Esq^r

The Governor was pleased to desire the opinion of the Council whether it be not for his Mat^{ty} service that the present Col-

lectors of his Majesties Customs in this Colony be appointed Justices of the peace in the respective Counties where they reside, the better to enable them to do their duty in detecting illegall Trade, and seizing prohibited goods, It is accordingly Ordered that the present Coll^{rs} be appointed Justices in the next Commissions of the peace that shall be issued for the Counties where they respectively dwell.

On reading at this Board a letter from M^r Leheup Sollicitor of the Virginia affairs dated the 19th of January last informing the Governor that his Mat^{ty} Attorney and Sollicitor Gen^l were preparing a Report upon the queries transmitted from hence relating to the Grants of land in the Counties of Brunswick and Spotsylvania, It is the opinion of this Board that the demanding Quitt Rents for the lands in those Counties be respited till his Majesties pleasure be further known therein.

On the application of the Justices of the Counties of Henrico and Princess Anne, It is ordered that new Commissions of the peace issue for the said Counties with the addition of the several persons recommended by the said respective Courts.

The Inhabitants of the parish of Elizabeth City petitioning against the Vestry of the said parish this day attended the Board together with the persons deputed by the said Vestry, and the latter moving for Council to be assigned them, and the former for leave to examine witnesses in the County who are ancient and unable to travell. This Board do accordingly assign John Randolph Esq^r Council for the said Vestry, and it is Ordered that such witnesses as the pet^r shall judge material to prove the allegations of their petition be examined on Oath by any Justice of the peace of Elizabeth City County, and their depositions returned to the Council Office to be made use of at the hearing of both parties which is hereby appointed to be on the last Thursday in May next.

On reading at this Board the petition of John Clayton Esq^r his Mat^{ty} Attorney Gen^l setting forth that he hath been resident in this Country for above twenty years last past, in which time many great alterations have happened in his affairs in England, which necessarily require his attendance, and praying leave to be absent from his Office of Attorney Gen^l for one year, he having engaged John Randolph Esq^r to execute that office during his absence. The Governor in Council approving of that nomination is pleased to grant leave to the pet^r to be absent for the time above ment^d according to the prayer of his said pet^r.

William Sumner of the County of Nansemond by his petition setting forth that by Inquisition taken the 9th of May 1702 one hundred acres of land in the said County were found to Escheat from Thomas Hampton Clerk, which land was by the general Court held the 23d of April 1703 ordered to be equally divided between Joseph Ellis & John Lear, that the said Joseph

Ellis long since conveyed his right & title to one moiety of the said land to one Daniel Sullivan who is since dead, leaving a Widow and two daughters the eldest of which is now the wife of the pet', that the said land has been possessed by the said Ellis and Lear and those claiming under them ever since the said 23^d of April 1703, who have constantly paid the Quitt Rents for the same and that the petitioner hath but lately discovered that no patent hath issued on the said Inquisition, therefore praying that the Surveyor of the said County of Nansemond do survey and return a plott of the said land, and that the pet' may have a grant thereof, he being ready to pay the composition, and to secure the right of the widow & youngest daughter of the said Daniel Sullivan to their part therein. The Governor with the advice of the Council is pleased to order as it is hereby ordered that the Surveyor of the said County of Nansemond do survey and return a plott of the said land, and that upon the pet'" producing Certificates of his having paid the Composition due to his Majesty, and secured to the Widow and youngest daughter of the aforementioned Daniel Sullivan their Right to one moiety of the said Tract to their satisfaction, a patent be granted him for the said land.

On reading at this Board a petition of David Bray Gent setting forth that in the year 1724 William Todd of King and Queen County, John Taliaferro of Spotsylvania County, and John Battail of Essex County severally entred with the Surveyor of Spotsylvania County for 4675 acres of land each in the said County, and had the same surveyed & the Survey and plott of each of their Dividends was delivered them in the month of June 1724 but no patent sued out thereon pursuant to the orders of Government in that behalf made, and praying that he may be admitted to enter for the same land being willing to produce Rights for the same, and to pay the Quitt Rents, It is Ordered that the said Todd, Taliaferro & Battail be summoned to attend the Governor in Council at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, to show cause why the said lands shall not be granted to the pet'.

April the 28th 1726

Present

The Governor

James Blair
Will^m Byrd
Peter Beverley

John Robinson
John Carter &
Rich^d Fitzwilliam Esq["]

The Governor was pleased to acquaint the Council that he called them together at this time to advise upon supplying the place of Naval Officer and Receiver of the Virginia Duties in the lower District of James River in the room of M' Henry

Irwin whose Securities had apply'd to him to be discharged and that M^r Irwin's circumstances were such as he was credibly inform'd no man would be bound for him, he therefore proposed M^r Wilson Cary as a fit person to execute that office, and the Council declaring they know no objection against him. The Governor was thereupon pleased to appoint the said Wilson Cary Naval Officer and Receiver of that District.

A new Commission of the peace for the County of Spotsylvania was this day Ordered to issue with the addition of such persons recommended to be Justices of the said County.

Present Nathan^l Harrison Esq^r

The Accompts of contingent Charges and for repairing the Governor's house were this day examined in Council and passed.

On the Motion of John Grymes Esq^r Receiver Gen^l of his Mat^{ty} Revenues, it is hereby certified that the Common difference between Virginia Currency and Bills of Exchange is fifteen per Cent. And the said Receiver Gen^l is hereby allowed to charge so much in his acco^t for all the sums received by him for his Mat^{ty} Quitt Rents the last year.

May the 3^d 1726

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell
Mann Page

Peter Beverley
John Robinson
John Carter &
Rich^d Fitzwilliam Esq^{ty}

His Majestie's letter under his Royal sign Manual dated the 4th of February 1725/6 signifying his Mat^{ty} Royal Will and pleasure to the Governor for admitting & swearing John Grymes Esq^r one of his Mat^{ty} Council of this Colony was presented & read, and thereupon the said John Grymes took the oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy the Abjuration oath, subscribed the Test, and took the oath of Counsellor.

Present John Grymes Esq^r

The Governor communicated to the Council a letter from M^r Leheup Sollicitor of the Virginia affairs inclosing a Copy of the Report of the Attorney & Sollicitor Gen^l on the Queries sent from hence relating to the grants of land in the Counties of Brunswick & Spotsylvania, and the same were read, together with an account of sundry Charges expended by the said M^r Leheup on the public affairs of this Colony, It is ordered that

his Mat^{ty} Receiver Gen^l do discharge the said Acco^t out of the Revenue of 2s per hogshead in his hands.

The Governor in Council was pleased to appoint the following persons to be Sheriffs of the several Counties for the ensuing year Viz^t

Henrico	Jn ^o Bedford
Surry	Benj ^a Edwards
Isle Wight	Thos Brewer
Prince Geo.	Will ^m Harrison
Nansemond	Barnaby Kearney
Norfolk	Jn ^o Hare
Princess Anne	Willoug: Merch ^t
Eliz ^a City	Ja ^s Selden
Warwick	Wm Cole
York	Graves Packe
James City	Robt Goodrich
New Kent	Jn ^o Sclater
Hannover	Dav Meriwether
Cha ^s City	Fran Hardyman
King Wm	Jn ^o Butts
King & Qn	John Leigh
Glocester	Francis Willis
Midd ^l	Chr. Robinson
Essex	Thos Waring
Spotsylv ^a	Goodrich Lightfoot
K. George	Wm Strother
Richmond	Ja ^s Belfield
Lancaster	James Ball
Northumberl ^d	Chas Lee
Westmorl ^d	John Elliot
Stafford	Wm Stork
Accomack	Jn ^o Kendall
Northampton	Jacob Stringer

On the motion of his Mat^{ty} Receiver Gen^l It is ordered that a number of new Rights not exceeding £500 Sterling be made out for supplying such of the Inhabitants as shall be desirous to take up new land.

The following Warrants on the Receiver Gen^l to be paid out of his Mat^{ty} Revenues were this day signed by the Governor in Council Viz^t.

Out of the 2s per hh^d &c

To the Gov ^r for ½ years Salary ending y ^r 25 Apr	£ 1000,,,—,—
To the Gent of the Council for the same time.	175,,,—,—
To the Judges of the Court of Oyer & Ter- miner held in Dec ^r last	100,,,—,—

To the Aud' Gen ^l of the Planta ^{ns} ½ years Salary	50,,—,—
To the Sollic ^r of the Virginia affairs for the same	50,,—,—
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the same	20,,—,—
To the Clerk of the Council for the same	50,,—,—
To Wm Prentis for ½ years salary to y ^e sev ^l Gunners	20,,—,—
To the Armourer for the like Salary	6,,—,—
To sundry Mine ^r for their attendance on Gen ^l Court	6,,—,—
To Wm Prentis for sundry contingent Charges.	62,, 7,, 11¾
To the same for sundry repairs about the Gov ^{rs} House	13,, 9,, —

And out of the Quitt Rents

To M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair ½ years salary ending the 25th of April	£ 50,,—,—
To the Attorney Gen ^l ½ years additional Salary	30,,—,—

At a Council held June y^e 3^d 1726*Present*

The Governor

Robert Carter
Philip Ludwell
Peter Beverley

John Carter
Rich^d Fitzwilliam &
John Grymes Esq^r

The acco^{ts} of his Mat^{ty} Revenue of Quitt Rents and 2s per hogshead having been examined by the Auditor were this day sworn to by the Receiver Gen^l and certified by the Governor as usual.

Ordered that new Commissions of the peace issue for the Counties of Prince George and York, and that the several persons recommended by those Courts be appointed Justices therein respectively.

Present M^r Commissary Blair

The Governor acquainted the Council that the ill state of his health obliged him to the resolution of going for Engl^d in a short time, and since by the Governor's Commission, the administration of the Government is in his absence to devolve on the first of the Council who is Col^o Jenings & for two years past has been incapable of attending this Board, and is said to be so far decayed in his understanding as to be unfit for the execution of that Trust, he desired the advice of the Council if it be for his Mat^{ty} service that he leave the administration in

the said Col^o Jenings's hands. Whereupon the Council being desirous to consider more maturely before they deliver their opinion in a matter of this weight, It is therefore Resolved that the consideration hereof be referred till the 24th instant, and that all the members of the Council have notice to attend at that time.

June the 7th 1726

Present

The Governor

James Blair	Peter Beverley
Philip Ludwell	John Robinson
Cole Digges	John Carter &
Rich ^d Fitzwilliam	Esq ^r

The Governor was pleased to acquaint the Council that he intended this day to put an end to the present Session of Assembly, and having called for the several bills prepared this Session to be passed into laws, desired the opinion of the Council if there be any matter cont^d in those bills unfit for him to give his assent unto; the Council thereupon did declare their opinion that the several Bills prepared this Session are well suited to the circumstances of this Colony, and contain nothing derogatory from his Majesties prerogative, prejudicial to the trade of Great Britain, nor disagreeable to his Mat^{ty} Royal Instructions.

The Governor was pleased to take notice of a representation prepared by the Council and Burgesses relating to a Judgment given on an appeal to his Mat^{ty} in his privy Council in a suit between the Exc^{ts} of Micajah and Richard Perry of London Merchants and the Exc^{ts} of William Randolph Gent, and desired to know the opinion of the Board if it be proper for him to concern himself in the transmitting the said Representation to his Mat^{ty}. Whereupon the Council do humbly represent that by his Mat^{ty} Instructions all Addresses & representa^{ns} from any of the plantations, are directed to be transmitted to his Mat^{ty} by the hands of the respective Governors; that the General Assembly hath no other liberty of Conveying this Representation, unless the Governor thinks fit to refuse the transmitting it; in which case it may be presented to his Mat^{ty} by an Agent appointed for that purpose; but as the General Assembly have not presumed in this representation to offer any thing but with the greatest duty and submission to his Mat^{ty} and such as they conceive absolutely necessary for the good of his subjects here. The Council are therefore of opinion that it is proper for the Governor to transmit the said Representation in the usual manner directed by his Instructions, and that the Sollicitor of the Virginia affairs be desired to attend the Secretary of State, and

wherever else it shall be necessary for obtaining his Mat^{ty} most gracious answer thereto .

James Torse Gent Naval Officer of the Eastern shore desiring to be discharged from that office, the Governor with the advice of the Council was pleased to appoint Edmund Scarborough Gent to be Naval Officer of that District

Ordered that a new Commission of the peace issue for the County of Hannover with the addition of sundry persons recommended to be Justices of the said County.

Upon Consideration of a proper time for the next meeting of Assembly, It is the opinion of the Council that this Assembly be prorogued to thursday the 17th of November next.

At a Council held at the Gov^{rs} House
The 14th day of June 1726

Present

The Governor

James Blair
Philip Ludwell
Will^m Byrd
Mann Page
Cole Digges

Peter Beverley
John Robinson
John Carter
Rich^d Fitzwilliam &
John Grymes Esq^r

The following petitions for leave to take up & survey his majesties lands were read and granted to the persons after-mentioned Viz^t.

Richard Jones Jun^r 1000 acres on the south side Hatches Run, and adjoining to John Bannister's line in Prince George County.

John Paterson 1000 acres joining to his plantation in Isle of Wight County, provided the same doth not come within the limits assigned for the Nansemond Indians, nor the controverted bounds between this Colony and Carolina

Sam^l Brown 900 acres adjoining to his patented lands in Isle of Wight County, provided it doth not come within the controverted bounds, nor the limits assigned for the Nansemond Indians.

Robert Bolling Gent 2000 acres adjoining to the lines of his patented lands on Namasine Creek in Prince George County

Edmund Berkley Gent 6000 acres joining on the land of Capt John Martin between the Rivers Byrd and Northanna in Henrico County.

George Booth 100 acres adjoining to his patented lands between Stonie and Saponie Creeks in Surry County with liberty to take an inclusive patent for the whole.

Drury Stith Gent 2500 acres adjoining to his patented land on Saponie Creek in Prince George County, with liberty to take an inclusive patent for the whole.

Thomas Harris 2000 acres on Appomattuck River in Prince George County adjoining to his patented lands there, with liberty to take an inclusive patent for the whole.

William Bridger 1000 acres in Isle of Wight County, on the south side Nottoway River, beginning on the County line, and the line of Richard Williams, and running down the said line, & the line of Colo John Allen to Nottoway River, and down the same to Bean Creek, and up the said Creek to the said Williams's land where it begins, provided the same be not within the bounds of the lands formerly assigned for the Nansemond Indians.

Silvanus Stokes 2000 acres adjoining to his plantaⁿ in Surry County with liberty to take an inclusive patent for the whole.

Nathan^l Malone 1000 acres adjoining to his patented and purchased lands on Stonie and Saponie Creeks in the County of Surry, with leave to take an inclusive patent for the whole.

Stith Bolling Gent 500 acres adjoining to his patented land on Buckskin Creek in Prince George County, with liberty to take an inclusive patent for both Tracts.

John Vasser 500 acres adjoining on the land of Sam^l Brown in Isle of Wight County, provided the same doth not fall within the limits assigned for the Nansemond Indians, nor within the controverted bounds.

Bartholomew Crowder 2000 acres, adjoining to his patented lands on the branches of Mahuponnock Creek in Prince George County, with liberty to have an inclusive patent for both tracts.

Gawin Corbin Gent 3000 acres adjoining to the lands now held by him on the River Po in Spotsylvania County, with liberty to have an inclusive patent for both tracts, upon his producing Rights for the same, and subject to the payment of Quitt Rents as other lands in this Colony.

Alex^r Atree [or Acree] Jun^r 550 acres on the Cypress swamp and on the head line of Col^o John Allen's land in Isle of Wight County, provided the same be not within the limits assign'd for the Nansemond Indians nor within the controverted bounds.

Arthur Whitehead 1300 acres in Isle of Wight County in three several Tracts, the first lying along Col^o John Allen's line from the miry branch to the Cabbin branch, the second on the line of the said Allen on the lower side of the great meadow & up the same to Doctor's branch, and the third beginning at Braswell's path on the south side of the aforesaid Cabbin branch, and up the same into the woods.

William Mayo Gent 3000 acres on Fine Creek in Henrico County.

Thomas Randolph Gent 1200 acres on both sides the north branch of James River at a place called Buck Island in Henrico County.

John Bolling Gent 800 acres on the back of a tract called Rock Castle on James River in Henrico County.

John Woodson 1250 acres on Mill Creek at Dover in Henrico County.

John Woodson 1150 acres at Deep Creek in Henrico County.

Bowler Cocke 1200 acres beginning at David Lisle's upper corner near Muddy Creek in Henrico County.

Bowler Cock and Will^m Mayo 3000 acres on the north side the western branch of the great fork of Deep Creek in Henrico County, & running down & crossing the said Creek to compleat the said quantity.

James Keith 750 acres on the north side of Stonie Creek in Prince George County, including the land purchased by him of Edward Colwell.

John Woodson on his petition hath leave granted him to enter for 2234 acres of surplus land found within the bounds of a patent granted John Woodson father to the pet' called Dover, and to take out a new patent for the true quantity contain'd within the courses of the said patent, he producing Rights for such surplus land.

On hearing this day in Council the matter in dispute between David Bray Gent & William Todd of the County of King and Queen Gent concerning a Grant of two tracts of land each containing 4675 acres surveyed for the said Todd and John Battail whose Entry hath been since transferred to the said Todd. It appearing to this Board that the said Todd did in due time make application for a patent, and that the same was delayed in expectation of receiving his Mat^{ty} Commands, It is the opinion of this Board that the said William Todd have a patent for the said two tracts of land, and the aforesaid petition as to him be dismissed.

At a Council held June 15th 1726

Present

The Governor

James Blair
Philip Ludwell
William Byrd
Mann Page

Peter Beverley
John Robinson
John Carter &
John Grymes Esq^r

On hearing this day at the Board the petition of David Bray Gent for a grant of 4675 acres of land in Spotsylvania County formerly surveyed for John Taliaferro the 31st of March 1724, and no patent sued out thereon pursuant to the orders of Government, and a counter petition exhibited by Thomas Beale the elder, Thomas Beale the younger and Dan^l Hornby claiming by Entries made by them for the same lands upon the said Taliaferro's resigning his entry and survey. This Board, having fully heard & considered the arguments of both parties by their Coun-

cil, and the several circumstances of the case, are of opinion that the Entry of John Taliaferro and the Claim of the said Beale and Hornby under him are void for not sueing out patents thereon according to the orders of Government, and that therefore the pet^r David Bray be admitted to enter for the said whole tract of 4675 acres formerly surveyed for the said John Taliaferro, but forasmuch as it appears to this Board that Thomas Beale the elder and Daniel Hornby have seated and made divers Improvements on those parts of that Tract surveyed for them, the benefit of which will accrue to the said Bray, It is the further opinion of the board, that the Charge of the seating & improvements afores^d be repaid to the said Beale and Hornby, And it is accordingly Ordered that upon the said Brays returning a Survey of the said lands to the Secretaries office, producing Rights for the same, & paying the Charges & value of the Improvements aforesaid, a patent be granted him for the same; but if any Controversie shall arise between the parties touching the value of the said Improvements, the same be determined by this Board.

And it is further Ordered that the patent prepared for Thomas Beale the younger for part of the said land be cancelled, the same having not yet passed the seal, and it appearing that the said Beale endeavoured to obtain the same by surprize, and to defraud his Mat^r of the Rights due for the land therein contained.

Present Rich^d Fitzwilliam Esq^r

William Jones and George Woodroof having entred a Caveat for stopping a patent sued out by George Homes the elder and George Homes the younger for 3100 acres of land in Hannover County, the said Homes this day attended the board, and a letter was produced in behalf of the said Jones & Woodroof that the hearing may be put off till further time, but it appearing by a Certificate from the survey of the said County of Hannover that the Entry of the said Homes was prior to that of the said Jones & Woodroof, and that the reasons urged by them for stopping the said patent are frivolous, It is Ordered that the said Caveat be dismist, and that a patent issue to the said Homess for the land surveyed for them as aforesaid.

Thomas Jones Gent on his petition hath leave granted him to survey 6000 acres of land adjoining to and including the lands lately by him taken up & purchased on the main branch of Taylor's Creek, and about the Bever-dam fork thereof in Hannover County, and that he have leave to include the whole in one patent.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 24th of June 1726

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter
James Blair
Philip Ludwell

Cole Digges
Peter Beverley
John Carter &

John Grymes Esq^r

This day being appointed pursuant to the Resolutions of the Board on the 3^d instant for considering in whose hands the administration of the Government shall be lodged, during the Governors absence from this Colony. The Governor was pleased to inform the board that he had this day sent the Clerk of the Council to notifie to Col^o Jenings the present meeting of the Council, and the occasion thereof, who reported, and now again repeated at the Board that upon his delivery of that message Col^o Jenings fell a weeping and continued in that Condition a considerable time without making any answer; but upon his being urged by M^r Jenings to give an answer to that message, he at last said he would wait on the Governor in Council if he was able, and thereafter M^r Jenings told him that her husband had prepared a letter to the Governor which he intended to send this day & showed him the superscript^a of it w^{ch} he took to be Coll^o Jenings's hand writing, but the Governor was pleased to inform the Board that no such letter had yet been sent him, and added that since by the Commission to the Governor the administration is to devolve (in the absence of the Governor and Lieut Governor) on the first in the Council, who in the common opinion of all who have lately seen him is so far declin'd in his understanding as to be incapable of executing that trust, he was desirous to know the opinion of the Council as to Col^o Jenings's capacity, and in what manner the administration of the Government shall be settled in case the said Jenings be found unfit for the exercise thereof; Whereupon it was thought fit that John Randolph Esq^r his Mat^{ty} Attorney Gen^l should repair to Coll^o Jenings's house, and there acquaint him that the Governor and Council had under Consideration the Settlement of the Government, and his Capacity to act any longer as a member of his Mat^{ty} Council, that he should desire to know what he had to offer why he ought not to be suspended from acting any longer as a member of that Board, and that if he attempt to return any answer in writing, that the Attorney Gen^l should insist to be present at the preparing such answer; and generally that he do observe in what condition of memory and Judgment the said Coll^o Jenings is, and make report to this Board to morrow.

Ordered that a new Commission of the peace issue for the County of Middlesex, and that M^r Matthew Kemp be appointed

one of the Justices in the same rank he held before he quitted the office of a Justice of that County.

Francis Willis Gent by his petition praying a Grant of 6000 acres of land or thereabouts surveyed for M^r Nicholas Meriwether in Hannover County the said survey having become void for not suing out a patent thereon pursuant to the orders of the Government. It is ordered that the said M^r Meriwether be heard thereon before this Board at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Henry Willis petitioning for a grant of 10000 acres of land in the County of Spotsylvania surveyed for Edm^d Jenings Esq^r, and the said survey become void for not suing out a patent thereon according to the orders of the Government. It is ordered that the said Edmund Jenings be heard thereon before this Board at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer.

On reading at this Board the petition of Harry Beverley praying that the Governor would be pleased to order the Seal of the Colony to be affix'd to two patents sign'd by Col^o Spotswood the 20th of July 1722 for two Tracts of land taken up by the pet^r in Spotsylv^a County, and afterwards stopt in the Council office by Order of the said Col^o Spotswood whereby the pet^r is like to lose the benefit of the Improvements he has made on one of the said Tracts. It is Ordered that the said Harry Beverley do attend this Board, and make out the alligations of the said petition, to the end the Governor may be the better informed what relief is proper to be given the pet^r therein.

June the 25th 1726

Present

As Yesterday

John Randolph Esq^r his Mat^{ty} Attorney Gen^l this day attended the Board, and pursuant to the Order of Yesterday, presented a report of his conversation with [Edmund Jennings] Esq^r which Report is as follows.

May it please yo^r Hon^{ty}

In obedience to your Order I waited last night upon Coll^o Jenings, & told him I was come from you to acquaint him that the Governor thought it advisable for the recovery of his health to repair speedily to Great Britain, and that as the administration of the Government in his absence would devolve upon the Counsellor first named in the King's Instructions, you had then under your Consideration the mischiefs and inconveniences which might ensue to his Mat^{ty} service, in case the Government should come into his hands, in respect of an incapacity you were inform'd he was, and for a long time had been under in point of understanding & memory, which he had given you occasion to believe by his long absence from Councils, and the answer that was

given to the summons he had that day received to attend. I further acquainted him that I was sent to receive his answer to this matter, and that you were desirous to have all the satisfaction that might be had concerning his present Circumstances.

To which for some short time he made no answer, and seem'd as if he had not understood what I said; but M^r Jenings saying he was best able to write in a morning, he said he would write an answer in the morning, which he uttered with so great difficulty and hesitation that I could hardly understand him

I told him if he wrote any thing it was expected I should be present; he answered with the same difficulty he hop'd no body thought he would make use of a forged hand, and I said, I believed no body entertain'd such thoughts of him, but you judg'd that the best expedient to satisfy you that whatever answer should be sent to you in his name, was his own. Then he wept, & said he was sorry his long indisposition should occasion any baulk in the Government.

M^r Jenings showed me a letter, which she said he had written with a design to have sent it that day to the Governor, but that he intended to make some alterations in it; and after I had read the letter I asked him if he intended to send it to the Governor, he said he had some thoughts about the matter and had written that letter.

Then I desired to know whether he would have me come again in the morning, and whether he understood what I had said to him, he said yes. So I left him.

And this morning I waited on him again, and told him I was come to receive his answer to the message I delivered to him yesterday from the Governor and Council, he told me he had written a letter to the Governor, which was all he could say, & that he thought himself not well used in some things mentioned in my memorandums. I acquainted him again that yo^r Hon^{rs} were desirous that I should be present when he wrote his answer, but he said he should write nothing that was not fit to be laid before the Governor, & he was not obliged to write in my presence, and after a long pause, he said he could not dictate so well as he could formerly & he might tire my patience. I told him I was obliged to wait till he could write his mind, if he thought it proper.

Then he desired M^r Jenings to give him a letter which lay upon the table, and delivered it to me, desiring me to deliver it to the Governor.

I asked whether it was the same letter I read last night, he told me it was. I asked him whether he remembered or could tell me the substance of it: he said, yes, That he hop'd by the assistance of the Council—But could go no further, & said it was drove out of his head last night.

M^r Jenings tolde me she believed he could not remember the substance of the letter, because he was two or three mornings

about it. Then he said he did not know the reason of so many Queries, for he though himself as capable to exercise the power of the President with the assistance of the Council, as before when he was President for three years. I told him, he ought not to take it ill of me that I proposed those questions to him, seeing the Governor and Council had sent me to him for that purpose, and that they Judged this the best method of enquiring into his present circumstances. He said he did not know whether he ought to take it amiss or not, but he thought this Scrutiny showed a diffidence in his conduct, as if he would be guilty of a false trick, or any dishonest thing.

M^r Jenings said the Council might do what they pleased, but Coll^o Jenings would insist on his Right, and he said, yes, either here or in England, and that he would write to his friends in England.

I can't say that he spoke all these words distinctly or in the order in which they are here set down, but this is the substance & sense of what I could collect from the half words and broken sentences which he uttered with the greatest difficulty & incoherence imaginable, which it is impossible to describe.

And upon the matter it appears to me, that he is able to give a rational answer to a plain familiar question, provided it may be done in the Compass of four or five words, but if it requires more he seems confounded and to forget the Subject: And I am of opinion that his understanding and memory are so impaired by his disease, which I take to be a palsie, that he is not capable of forming any Judgment or collecting his thoughts, if he has any, upon any subject whatsoever; nor do I think he can be made to understand any question concerning the affairs of the Government.

I am Yo^r Hon^{rs} most obedient Serv^t

John Randolph

He also presented the letter mentioned in the above Report, which letter is *literatim* as follows.

Sr

I am informed that the Council is to meet this day to advise where the admiration of the Government must be settled during your absence, For altho I have by Sickness & for some time bin disabled from attending the Gen^l Court att Councils yett I hope I am not soe much incapacitated either in body or Mind as to be shutt out of thatt post of Presid^t of the Council wherein his Ma^{ty} has bin pleased to place mee & I doubt not but by the assistance of the Council to continue the Country in the same peace & tranqunilley you leave itt

I am S^r

Your most humble Servant

E. Jenings

24th of June 1726

Directed on a Cover

To The Hon^{ble} Hugh Drysdale Lieut Govern^r
of Virginia

After reading of which letter & Report the Council thought fit for their further satisfaction to direct John Holloway Esq^r & William Robertson Gent who have been principally concerned in the affairs of Coll^o Jenings's Estate, to give an account what they know of his being in a Condition to manage his private affairs, and accordingly the said John Holloway Esq^r attending the Board, and at the desire of the Governor and Council gave in the following Narrative.

Virg^a W^mburgh June 25th 1726.

I the Subscriber being this day called by the Hon^{ble} the Lieut Governor in Council to give an account of what I know and believe & have observed in relation to Coll^o Edmund Jenings and his Judgment & Capacity of management of his own private affairs, do therefore hereby humbly Certify, That for these five or six years last past untill the 4th or 5th of Nov^r last, I believe I was the the person in whom he confided chiefly (whilst he had his senses & understanding) for advice and assistance how to manage his affairs as to his law business, as to his borrowing of money, & as to his disengaging himself from the many great debts and incumbrances he was under, I do verily believe that since June or July 1724, or about that time, untill November last, he was not ever at any time capable of discoursing with me or giving a rational answer on any of these subjects, and the reason of this my opinion & belief is, because during that time, I did frequently wait on him and have sate in his company at several times an hour, more and less, and have proposed questions to him and have had others to propose to him, but could not find that he could give any answer or make any Judgment of things proposed. I conclude it to be his want of Capacity & Judgment, because he never did make me any answers to any of those matters, and they did absolutely require answers from him: and whatsoever business I did transact since October 1724, has been by the directions of his Lady, and by my own opinion without one word from him. The occasion of my desisting in November from further acting in his affairs was, because I thought my self not well treated by some of his family, and I have been informed & do believe that M^r William Robertson Clerk of the Council hath ever since I desisted managed his law affairs, so he M^r Robertson is best capable to speak his Judgment & understanding in these affairs since the beginning of November last, from which time I have not seen him untill this day, and this morning I was by the mediation of a worthy Gentleman prevailed upon to go and visit Col^o Jenings. He was sitting in his

Chair, and when I came up to him, he rose up and took hold of my hand, and said he was glad to see me; so that I believe he did know me. He sat down again immediately, and fell a weeping and continued so sometime I sat with him at least half an hour, and he did not say any thing to me, only, I think, when I ask'd him if he had a good stomach, he said yes. I do think he did appear to me this day to be something more in his sense, than he was at any time I have seen him before since Oct' 1724; And my reason for this is because this day he was able to speak that sentence viz: That he was glad to see me, which I think he was not able to do at any time when I did see him in the last two years. But I am of opinion, & must believe that if he had Judgment, and was capable of managing, or discoursing of his own private affairs, he would have said something of them to me, they being now in the greatest disorder, and absolutely requiring his consulting with me if he was capable to do it

Jn^o Holloway

And then William Robertson Gent pursuant to the order of the Board delivered in an account of his observations during the time he has been concerned in the management of some of Coll^o Jenings's affairs in the words following.

In humble obedience to the Commands of the Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council, I do hereby certifie, that being concerned in the management & transacting of several affairs, relating to the Estate of Edmund Jenings Esq^r, particularly in two law suits brought against him in the County Court of James City, I have frequently waited on him since last Oct', and endeavoured to obtain of him such informations as I judged were necessary for my conduct, but I never received any directions from him, nor do I believe he was then, or is yet capable of giving any directions in any business whatever.

Wil Robertson

June 25th 1726

The Council taking the whole matter into Consideration, and being fully convinced as well from the answer and letter received from Coll^o Jenings on occasion of the present meeting of the Council, from the foregoing reports and narratives, as from his long absence from Councils and General Courts and the knowledge and observation of several members of the Board, that the said Coll^o Jenings is, by reason of the insanity of his mind & memory a person altogether incapable of administering the Government of this Colony, and are therefore unanimously of opinion, that for preventing the Inconveniences which may accrue to his Mat^{'ty} Service & the safety of this Colony by the Governments devolving on a person so unfit to execute that trust. It is absolutely necessary for his Mat^{'ty} Service that the said Edmund Jenings Esq^r be suspended from the place of a member of his

Mat^{ty} Council, and do advise the Governor to suspend him accordingly, & that notice of such Suspension be given the said Jenings by an Instrument under the Governor's hand & the Seal of the Colony.

Upon which advice, as well as his own knowledge of the Incapacity of the said Edmund Jenings Esq^r, the Governor was pleased to declare the said Edmund Jenings suspended from acting as a member of his Majesties Council.

A Letter to the Governor and Council of Maryland in answer to one received from them relating to the laws made here for regulating the manufacture of Tobacco, was read & sign'd by the Governor and Council.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 1st day
of August 1726

Present

The Hon^{ble} Rob^t Carter Esq^r President

Philip Ludwell
Mann Page

Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &

John Carter Esq^{rs}

Robert Carter Esq^r acquainted the Board that upon the death of the late Lieut Governor he had thought it necessary to call this Council in order to his taking upon him the administration of this Government, which he conceives is devolved on him by the suspension of Col^o Jenings. he being now the first named in his Mat^{ty} Instructions to whom the power of executing the Kings Commission in case of the death or absence of the Governor & Lieut Governor is committed, and desired the opinion of the Council whether he is not fully authorized to act as President of the Council.

Whereupon the Board having read and considered the minutes of last Council whereby Edm^d Jenings Esq^r is for incapacity suspended from being any longer a member of his Mat^{ty} Council, are unanimously of opinion that the said Robert Carter is thereby become the first named in his Mat^{ty} Instructions and is duly authorized to take upon him the Governm^t and to execute the several powers contained in his Mat^{ty} Commission to the Right Hon^{ble} the Earl of Orkney his Mat^{ty} Lieut and Governor General of this Dominion. And then the President took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy the Abjuration Oath appointed to be taken by the Act of Parliament made in the sixth year of her late Mat^{ty} Queen Anne, subscribed the Test and took the Oath for the due observation of the acts of Trade.

A Proclamation continuing all Officers in the execution of their several Trusts was prepared and sign'd by the President in Council

The President was pleased to inform the Board that having an opportunity by the Carter Frigate bound for London, he had notified the death of the late Governor to his Grace the Duke of New-Castle his Mat^{ies} Principal Secretary of State, and to the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Commiss^{rs} for Trade & plantations.

This Board being informed that the late Governor did not (pursuant to the advice of the last Council) make known to Coll^o Jenings his suspension. It is Ordered that the Clerk of the Council wait on the said Coll^o Jenings, and acquaint him that on the 25th day of June last the late Governor did with the advice of the Council suspend him the said Col^o Jenings from acting any longer as a member of his Majesties Council; and that if he desires it a Copy of the whole proceedings upon which that suspension was grounded be delivered to him.

August the 2^o 1726

Present

The Hon^{ble} Robert Carter Esq^r President

Philip Ludwell
Mann Page
Cole Digges

Peter Beverley
John Carter &
John Grymes Esq^{rs}

It is Resolved that a Message be sent to the late Govr^t Lady in the name of the President and Council expressing the just sense they have as well of the public loss, as of hers in particular by the death of the said Governor; that they heartily condole with her on this occasion; that they desire she will please to continue in the Governor's house, and make use of any other Conveniences about it during her stay here; and to assure her of the Council's readiness to do her Service, and that John Holloway Esq^r and Archibald Blair Gent who manage her affairs be desired to deliver this message.

Ordered that M^r Richard Hickman be and he is hereby appointed to have the care and inspection of the Gov^t house & Gardens after M^r Drysdale's removal thence, and for the better keeping the said Gardens in order John Grymes Esq^r is desired to purchase of M^r Drysdale the remainder of the present Gardiner's time, and that he be employ'd in taking care of the said Gardens under the direction of M^r Hickman

Whereas Francis Willis Gent was by the late Governor appointed Sheriff of the County of Gloucester, but not having received his Commission before the said Governors death, now scruples to act thereby. For preventing any obstruction of Justice which may happen in this and the like Cases, It is the opinion of this Board that M^r President issue his Commission to the said Francis

Willis, and to any other Sheriffs who are not already sworn into their offices by virtue of the late Governor's Commissions.

It being represented to this Board that there are divers pieces of furniture belonging to the late Gov' which are not only convenient, but ornamental to the Governor's house, His Mat^{ty} Receiver Gen^l is desired to buy such of the said household furniture as he sees fit & for the purpose aforesaid to be paid out of his Mat^{ty} Revenue of 2s per hh^d.

October the 15th 1726

Present

The Hon^{ble} Robert Carter Esq' President and
Commander in Chief

Cole Digges

John Carter

Peter Beverley

Richard Fitzwilliam &

John Grymes Esq^r

A Warrant under his Mat^{ty} Royal Sign manual and Signet bearing date the 20th day of July 1726 authorizing & impowering Robert Carter Esq' (during the absence of the late Lieut Governor who had then obtained leave to repair to England for the recovery of his health) to execute all the powers and authorities in his Mat^{ty} Commission to the Earl of Orkney was this day read at the Board, and the Council being thereupon of opinion that the said Warrant giving a new authority to the President, he ought to qualify himself of [a] new to execute the same. M^r President accordingly took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy together with the abjuration Oath, subscribed the Test, and took the Oath for the due observation of the Acts of Trade.

October the 18th 1726

Present

The President

William Byrd

John Carter

Peter Beverley

Rich^d Fitzwilliam &

John Grymes Esq^r

Whereas the General Assembly stands prorogued to the 17th of the next month, and it being this day debated in Council whether the same be not dissolved by the death of the late Governor, It is ordered that the Consideration hereof be referred till next Council, and that the Attorney Gen^l be directed to report his opinion thereon.

A Letter from the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Commiss^{rs} for Trade and Plantations dated the 30th of June 1726 was this day read at the Board, and upon Consideration of that part thereof which requires an account of what money has been collected by virtue of the Act made in the year 1723 for laying a duty on Liquors & Slaves. & how the same has been applied, It is Ordered that a Copy of that part of the said letter be delivered to John Holloway Esq^r Treasurer of the said duties and that he be desired to prepare such acco^t as is therein required.

A Letter from the Governor and Council of Maryl^d dated the 25th of July last was this day read in Council being in answer to a letter from the late Governor and Council relating to the Acts of Assembly of this Colony for improving the Staple of Tobacco.

October the 20th 1726

Present

The Hon^{ble} the President

William Byrd
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley

John Robinson
John Carter &
Rich^d Fitzwilliam Esq^r*

On Consideration of the Question moved last Council concerning the Continuance of the Gen^l Assembly, It is the opinion of the Council that the Gen^l Assembly is not dissolved by the death of the late Governor, and therefore Ordered that a proclamation issue proroguing the same to Wednesday the 15th of February next.

This Board having had under Consideration the settling the Commission of the peace for the County of Spotsylvania, and having nominated such persons as seem most fit for the office of Justices, and most like to attend their duty; It is ordered that a new Commission of the peace issue for the said County, according to the list of Justices this day nominated by the Board.

October the 25th 1726

Present

The Hon^{ble} the President

William Byrd
Nath^l Harrison
Cole Digges

Peter Beverley
John Robinson
Rich^d Fitzwilliam &
John Grymes Esq^r**

Whereas divers Controversies have arisen among the Justices and Inhabitants of Essex County (more especially since their late Court house was accidentally burnt) touching the removal of

their Court from the place where it has usually been held to some other place nearer the Center of the County. For the ending of which differences application was made to the last Session of Assembly for a division of the said County, and after the proposed division was rejected, it was resolved by the house of Burgesses that the Justices of the said County of Essex ought not to build a new Court house before the next Session of Assembly; and whereas Complaint is now made by divers of the Justices and Inhabitants of the said County, that the major part of the Justices which met at Court on the 18th of this month have made an order for building a house to hold Court for the said County, and have levied Tobacco for that purpose, and appointed the next Court to be held there; which order is represented to be contrary to an agreement entred into by the said Justices to make no alteration in the place for holding Court in that County untill the next Session of Assembly as well as contrary to the forement^d Resolve of the House of Burgesses, under which all parties had agreed to acquiesce This Board having heard and considered the several representations of the respective parties, as well as what was this day offered by M^r Benj^r Robinson in behalf of the upper Inhabitants, and by M^r William Dangerfield in behalf of the lower Inhabitants of the said County, and having also taken into Consideration the Commissⁿ whereby the Justices are impowered to hold Court It is the unanimous opinion of this Board that the said Justices have not any power to change the place for holding Court without the previous licence and aurtority of the Government, and it is ordered that this be forthwith notified to the Court of the said County of Essex.

The petⁿ of Henry Cary praying to be allowed a Salary as Gunner is rejected, but forasmuch as it appears to this Board that the said Cary hath perform'd the service of firing the great Guns on his Mat^{ty} accession day, and at the funeral of the late Governor, It is Ordered that he be paid for the same forty shillings, and it is further Ordered that the Keeper of the Magazine at W^mburgh for the time being be enjoin'd as part of the duty of his office to serve as Gunner at W^mburgh without any additional allowance of Salary for the same.

Whereas the Clerk of the Secretaries office hath prayed the directions of this board whether he ought to affix the seal to such patents as were sign'd by the late Governor, and could not be sealed before his death It is the opinion of this Board & accordingly Ordered that the said patents be sealed the Governors signing and causing the same to be lodged in the Secretaries office being a sufficient warrant for that purpose.

M^r President acquainted the Council that divers applications have been made to him for the office of Keeper of the Magazine now vacant by the resignation of M^r Henry Cary, and that he had upon the good character he had received of M^r Samuel Cobbs,

thought fit to appoint him Keeper of the said Magazine & Armorer, the Council approving of the said Cobbs as a fit person for the said office, it is ordered that he give security for the due discharge of that office, and that he take an Inventory of all the arms & Stores of war belonging to his Mat^y, and therein particularly note in what condition the said Arms and Stores now are.

A patent being offered to be sign'd for granting to David Bray Gent the land lately adjudged to him as forfeited from Dan^l Hornby & Thomas Beal, It is Ordered that the said patent remain unsigned untill the next Court of Oyer & Terminer at which time the said Hornby and Beal are to attend, & make out their account of the Charges of their Improvements on the said land, to the end this Board may be enabled to determine how much the said Bray to pay them upon the signing his said patent.

On the petition of Bowler Cocke Gent leave is granted him to include in one patent two several tracts of land of 400 acres each lying contiguous on Deep Creek in Henrico

On the petition of W^m Randolph & Rich^d Randolph Gent leave is granted them to survey in one tract ten thousand acres of land heginning two miles below the lower fork of Appomattuck River thence up the River on both sides thereof including that fork & up the second fork and on both sides the branches thereof to a Creek that falls into the said River on the N^o side thereof to include the aforesaid quantity.

October the 28th 1726

Present

The President

W^m Byrd
Nath^l Harrison
Mann Page
Peter Beverley

John Robinson
John Carter
Rich^d Fitzwilliam &
John Grymes Esq^r

The Receiver Gen^l laid before this Board an acco^t of furniture bought of M^r Drysdale for the use of the Governor's house according to the directions of this Board, and the said acco^t was allowed.

Ordered that Thomas Crease be paid for his Service & labourers in assisting in putting in order the Gardens belonging to the Governor's house.

The Acco^t of contingent Charges, and an Acco^t for sundry repairs about the Governor's house were severally examined & allowed.

His Mat^{ty} Receiver Gen^l desiring directions for framing the Warrant for the Governor's Salary, It is Ord^d that the said Warrant be made payable to the President one moiety for him-

self, and the other moiety for the use of the R^t Hon^{ble} the Earl of Orkney Governor Gen^l of this Dominion

Upon the application of the Officers of his Mat^{ty} Revenue, It is Ordered that they be impowered to make out a number of Rights not exceeding five hundred pounds Sterl value for the Conveniency of such persons as want the same for taking up his mat^{ty} lands

Whereas Henry Irby late of the parish of Westover in the County of Charles City hath been indicted of Felony, and upon his flying Justice is now outlawed, and whereas notwithstanding the proclamation issued heretofore for apprehending him, the said Irby continues to live in N^o Carolina near the Confines of this Dominion and frequently comes into the same threatning the lives of divers of his Mat^{ty} Subjects, It is Ordered that a Proclamation issue promising a reward of £30 to any person or persons that shall apprehend and bring the said Irby to the publick Goal at Will^mburgh, and that a letter be sent to the Governor of N^o Carolina desiring him to give orders for the said Irby's apprehension & delivery to the officers of this Government & promising the same reward for taking & bringing him hither.

Ordered that a new Commission of the peace issue for Gloucester County and that Dudley Digges and Peter Whiting Gent be appointed Justices therein.

At a Council held November 2^a 1726

Present

The President

Nath^l Harrison
Mann Page
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley

John Robinson
John Carter
Rich^d Fitzwilliam &
John Grymes Esq^r

The following Warrants on the Rec^r General to be paid out of his Mat^{ty} Revenues were this day sign'd by the President in Council Viz^t

To M ^r Drysdale Executrix of the late Governor for his Salary to the 23 ^d of July last	£ „483,,11,, 2
To the President for the rest of this ½ years Salary due to the Earl of Orkney & himself to y ^e 25 th Oct ^r last	„516,, 8,,10
To the Gent ^l of the Council ½ years Salary ending the same time	„175,,—,,—
To the Judges & Off ^{rs} of the Oyer & Terminer	„100,,—,,—
To the Auditor Gen ^l ½ years Sallary	„ 50,,—,,—

To the Solicitor for the same time	„ 50,,—,,—
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the same	„ 20,,—,,—
To the Clerk of the Council for the same	„ 50,,—,,—
To the Armourer for the like Sallary	„ 6,,—,,—
To Rich ^d Price for the Gunners Sallary this ½ year	„ 20,,—,,—
To the same for sundry Min ^{rs} attending on Gen ^l Court and Assembly	„ 16,,—,,—
To the same for sundry repairs about the Gov- ernor's House	„ 7,,12,, 2
To the same for sundry Contingent Charges	„ 85,, 4,,—

And out of the Quitt Rents

To M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair ½ years Sallary	„ 50,,—,,—
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the same time	„ 30,,—,,—

The acco^t of his Mat^{ies} Revenue of 2s per hh^d &c ending the 25th of Oct^r last being examined by the Deputy Auditor were sworn to by the Receiver Gen^l & Certified by the President in the usual form.

Sundry patents for land were sign'd by the President in Council.

Several Petitions for land were read and granted as follows.

To John Bolling 3000 acres beginning at the mouth of the Horse pen branch upon Flatt Creek in prince George's County.

To Larking Chew. Thomas Chew, John Chew, Rob^t Martin, Larkin Chew Jun^r, Wil^m Johnson Rob^t King & Geo Goodloe 12,000 acres lying in Hannover County, and on the west side the little mountains joining on the land of George Holmes.

To Thomas Lockett 800 acres joining on the land he now lives on being 100 acres he had of Arthur Moseley on Butterwood in Henrico County.

To Thomas Lewis 500 acres lying on the branches of Ric W^m mill swamp in Isle Wight County

To Thomas Chew 1600 acres above the little mountains in Spotsylvania County.

To John Mitchell 1500 acres lying on the North side of Nottoway River in Surry County, including the said Mitchells plantation upon the said River & the wast land adjoining.

Coll^o Will^m Cole hath leave granted him to include in one patent 2000 acres purchased of John Woodson & 2000 acres thereto adjoining on the Byrd Henrico County.

To Henry Maynard 1000 acres adjoining to his land purchased of Bressy on Chamberlayne's bed P George County.

To Sam^l Cobbs 3000 acres lying upon the branches of Nibbs and Flatt Creek in Prince George County

To Lazarus Whitehead 600 acres in Isle Wight County on Rice Will^m Mill Swamp beginning at the mouth of Reedy branch, & so up the Swamp to include the said quantity

To Stephen Evans 1500 acres joining to his patented land on Stonie Creek in Prince George County.

To William Bass 2000 acres lying on the South side of Appomattuck in prince George County beginning about half a mile below the mouth of Kirks branch.

To Barth Cox 2000 acres on Mahock Creek in Henrico County beginning on the land of Jacob Michaux.

Whereas divers murders have been lately committed on the Frontiers of this Colony wherein the Nottoway Indians are greatly suspected to have been the actors and the said Indians by their late behaviour rendring it highly necessary that a strict watch be kept on their motions to prevent the like mischiefs for the future this board have therefore thought fit to order that none of the said Indians do hereafter depart out of the bounds of the lands appropriated for them without a pass from Nathan^l Harrison Esq^r who is hereby impowered to grant such passes from time to time to such number and with such limitation of time and place as he shall judge fit, and he is hereby further authorized & impowered to appoint a proper person to repair once a week or so often as as shall be thought convenient to the Nottoway Town, & there examine whether any of the said Indians be absent from thence without such pass as is herein before directed, and also to enquire whither the said Indians are gone, & if those that have passes do keep within the bounds prescribed therein; of all which the person so appointed is to make a true report to the end that if any murders shall be hereafter committed by any of that nation, the same may be the better detected & punished.

At a Council held at W^mburgh the 14th day of
December 1726

Present

The Hon^{ble} Robert Carter Esq^r President

Will^m Byrd

Mann Page

Peter Beverley

Jn^o Robinson

Rich^d Fitzwilliam &

Jno^o Grymes Esq^r

Thomas Beal & Dan^l Hornby having according to the Order of this Board presented their several acco^{ts} of disbursements in seating the lands lately found forfeited by them & granted to David Bray Gent the same is referred to be examined tomorrow.

On reading at this board the petⁿ of Mary Gresham widow of Charles Gresham late of the County of Essex deceased praying a Grant of 100 acres of land lying in the said County which upon a Warrant sued out by the petⁿ husband in his life time is lately found to escheat to his Mat^r, and on hearing the pretensions of Edm^d Bagg Gent Devisee and Exe^r of John Bagg

Clerk deceased in whose behalf the said Warrant of Escheat was, as the said Bagg alledges, prosecuted, and the fees and charges thereof paid by the said John Bagg the Testator, & by the said Edm^d since his decease. This Board taking the whole matter into Consideration, and it not appearing that the said Escheat was prosecuted in trust for the said John Bagg deceased the President with the advice of the Council was pleased to order that a Grant of the said land (being now found to contain 75 acres) be granted to the pet^r Mary Gresham, she paying unto the said Edm^d 500 pounds of Tobacco for the survey of the said land and 4 £ 10S being so much laid out by him for purchasing the Right of Dower of the widow of W^m M'Kenzie from whom the said land is found to escheat and also paying the Composition due to his Mat^r.

On the petition of John Holloway Esq^r liberty is hereby granted him to enter for survey and patent 5000 acres of land in the County of Henrico formerly entred for by Will^m Dandridge Gent and by him never survey'd pursuant to the orders of the Government the said land being bounded & described as follows Vizt 1500 acres thereof on the first low grounds above Skelton's land, 1500 acres on the next large low grounds above them both these tracts on the North side the south River, and two thousand acres the residue on the north side the North River taking its length under the mountains & breadth downwards for the Complement and the Surveyor of the said County of Henrico is hereby directed to lay off the said several Tracts observing the former Orders of Government in proportioning the length to the breadth

On the petition of Anne Major widow praying leave to examine ancient witnesses for proving her right to a certain tract of land lately found to escheat to his Mat^r from Mark Warkman deceased, It is accordingly Ordered that leave be granted the pet^r to take the affidavits of such witnesses as she shall think proper before any Justice of the peace of the Counties wherein they respectively reside, giving notice of the time of such examination to John Meux Gent the person who prosecutes the said Escheat; and the Justices before whom the said witnesses shall be brought are hereby directed to take their examinations and to certify the same to this Board, And it is further ordered that as well the said pet^r as the said John Meux be heard before this Board at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, and in the mean time that no patent be granted upon the Inquisition now return'd into the Secretaries office for the land aforesaid.

Sundry petitions for taking up wast land were this day read and granted under this restriction that the same be severally laid out in such proportion of length & breadth as is directed to be observed by the former Orders of Government which pet^r and grants are as follow.

To John Tabb 2500 acres joining on his patented land in Prince George County.

To Henry Power W^m Kenney & Will^m Morris 5000 acres in Hannover County beginning on Col^o Thomson's line on the south side the S^o fork of Camp Creek and up the said Creek as far as convenient & crossing the said fork to the main or Sycamore fork of Camp Creek, and over the said fork to Bunches Camp Creek & to join on the land of Cap^t Hudson, Jn^o Bunch Coll^o Meriwether Cap^t Clark and the said Thompson.

To Thomas Randolph 1200 acres on both sides the north branch of James River in Henrico County beginning at the broken Islands & running down the River two miles to dog-point including the said point in his Survey.

To Peter King 1600 acres on both sides the S^o Anna River below the mouth of Deep Creek Hannover County.

To Charles Hudson 1000 acres in Hannover County beginning at the mountain path, & running down on both sides Rocky Creek to the River S^o Anna & cross the same, and including so much land on the north side y^r of [thereof] as will make up that quantity.

To Dennett Abney Jun^r Rich^d Hickman & Edwin Hickman 20000 acres on the N^o side of the north fork of James River, & on the S^o side of the lower mountains in the County of Henrico.

To James Skelton 400 acres in Henrico County adjoining to a tract of 1200 formerly granted him by patent and lying on the north side of the S^o branch, of James River, and to have an inclusive patent for the whole; leave is also granted him to survey 400 acres lying in the same County & adjoining to his patented lands on the second fork of the said S^o branch of James River and to include that and his said patented lands there in one other patent.

To Thomas Carr 2000 acres adjoining to his former Grant of 2500 acres on little Rocky Creek on the S^o side the N^o Anna in Hannover County & to have an inclusive patent for both Tracts.

To Christopher Clark 2000 acres lying on both sides the S^o Anna above Deep Creek in Hannover County

To Rich^d Williams 900 acres beginning at the upper end of his former survey, & running down his Mill Swamp to the Mill to include the said quantity in Nansemond County.

To Rich^d Fitzwilliam, Will^m Robertson & Larking Chew 8000 acres lying on the branches of Pamunkey River, & beginning on a Survey of M^r Aug^t Moor's in Spotsylvania County

To Thomas Randolph 10000 acres in two tracts one consisting of 6000 acres lying on the great low grounds of Willis's Creek, the other which consists of 4000 on the great fork of Willis's Creek at Cannons upper horsepen in Henrico County.

To Matthew Cox 1200 acres lying on the S^o side of Ja^r River against Bolling's Island in Henrico County.

To Will^m Dandridge & John Holloway 12000 acres in Henrico County lying below Maj^r Thomas Randolph's land which joins on an Entry formerly made by M^r Dandridge and running along the N^o River for length and on the mountain for breadth.

To Will^m Dandridge 3000 acres beginning on the back of and adjoining to the land formerly survey'd by him on the N^o side of the north River along the mountains in Henrico County

On the petition of Thomas Randolph setting forth that about two years ago he entred with the Surveyor of Henrico County for 2400 acres of land on the great fork of the north branch of James River & on both sides that fork in six several Entries, and being now minded to survey the same as soon as the Surveyor can be ready to go out with him, and praying leave to include the said six Entries in two distinct Surveys & that patents for the same may be granted him, Leave is accordingly granted him to include the said six Entries in two distinct Surveys, & to take out patents for the same.

Ordered that the matter in dispute between Benj^a Waggoner and the Exe^r of Will^m Winston deceased be referred till the next Council.

Sundry patents for land were this day sign'd by the President in Council.

The petition of Francis Willis ag^t Nicholas Meriwether Gent, the pet^r not prosecuting the same, Ordered that M^r Meriwether have a patent for the land therein mentioned.

Ordered that new Commissions of the peace issue for Lancaster & Hannover Counties.

December the 15th 1726

Present

The President

Will^m Byrd
Mann Page

Peter Beverley
Jn^o Robinson &
John Grymes Esq^r

This Board taking into Consideration the acco^t exhibited by Thomas Beal the elder & Daniel Hornby of the Charges expended by them for seating the land lately petitioned for and granted to David Bray Gent together with the buildings erected & other improvements made thereon and having thereupon valued the said buildings & Improvements, It is Ordered that the said Bray pay them for the same or so much thereof as shall be delivered into his possession according to the respective rates now set thereon by this Board in pursuance of the former order made the 15th of June last

On the motion of the said Beal and Hornby that a time may be appointed for their delivering possession of the premises,

and for payment of the money awarded them It is agreed that a time be appointed accordingly

Will^m Byrd Esq^r Absent

Ordered that the first wednesday in Feb^r next be appointed for receiving the Improvements & payment of the money awarded the aforementioned Beal & Hornby and that if M^r Bray or some person in his behalf do not then attend to take possession, that then the buildings & Improvements afores^d shall from thenceforth remain at his risque, and the said Beal & Hornby shall no longer be answerable for any accident that may happen thereto.

Rich^d Fitzwilliam Esq^r present

A petition of James Taylor Surveyor of the County of Spotsylvania setting forth that the dividing line between that County and Hannover is very much confused by the cutting down of the trees which were mark'd by the pet^r when he run the said line & praying the directions of this Board therein is referred till next Council.

A petition of W^m Parks printer & Stationer praying he may have a privilege to print the laws of this Colony, read & referred till next Council.

At a Council held at W^mburgh the 1st day
of February 1726

Present

The Hon^{ble} Robert Carter Esq^r President

Will^m Byrd
Mann Page
Cole Digges

Peter Beverley
John Carter &
John Grymes Esq^{rs}

Ordered that the General Assembly w^{ch} now stands prorogued to the 15th of this month be further prorogued to Thursday the 11th day of May next, and that proclamations issue accordingly.

The President laid before the Council a letter from his Grace the Duke of New-Castle his Mat^{ty} principal Secretary of State dated the 12th day of Sept^r last signifying his Mat^{ty} approbation of the Presidents taking upon him y^e administration of this Government on the death of the late Gov^r & the suspension of Edmund Jenings Esq^r which letter was read at the board.

On reading at this Board a letter from his Excell^{ty} Will^m Burnet Esq^r Governor of New York together with a transcript of the late Conference between him and the Sachims of the five nations touching a Complaint made from hence of a murder

committed by some of their nation on one of the Inhabitants of this Colony last summer, at which Conference the said Sachims acknowledged that the said murder was committed by some of their people in conjunction with some French Indians and Tuscaruroes, who they pretend were in pursuit of certain Indian enemies who fled towards the house of the person murdered, and that thereupon their Indians in fring killed the said person by mistake, and hop'd that this Government would excuse it The Council taking the same into Consideration are of opinion that the Treaty of peace made with the said Northern Indians will be rendred altogether ineffectual if such excuses as this shall be accepted for the murder of his Mat^{ty} subjects, since these Indians may always find the like pretence for coming into this Government contrary to the express words of the Treaty and that therefore it is fit that the Governor of New York be desired to interpese [interpose] his authority with the said Indians for obliging them to deliver up the person or persons guilty of the said murder in order to be punished as the Crime deserves, and it is ordered that a letter be prepared accordingly.

Whereas the Ship Tayloe of Bristol John Herd Master bound for this Colony was in December last drove ashore in North-Carolina and the said Master with divers of the mariners not heard of whereupon those of the Crew who escaped the said shipwreck have been taken up on suspicion of murthuring the said Master, It is ordered that the several persons who were present at the examination of the Boatswain & Carpenter of the said Ship at York Town be summoned to attend this board tomorrow to testify their knowledge in the matter aforesaid.

February the 2^a 1726

Present

As Yesterday

A Letter from Nathan^l Harrison Esq' to the Presid' was this day read at the Board signifying that the Saponie Indians had complain'd to him that a party of their Indians being lately hunting on Roanoke River were attacked in the night by the Tuscaruro Indians who live in the province of North-Carolina, and seven of the said Saponie kill'd or taken prisoners and that the Saponies desire the same satisfaction to be made to them as this Government obliged them to make to the Tuscaruroes on the like occasion by delivering up the murthurers.

It is the opinion of this Board that a letter be written to the Governor of N^o Carolina requesting him to cause the desired satisfaction to be given to the Saponie Indians our Tributaries, and that he order his Interpreter to accompany to the Tuscaruro Town the messenger sent by this Government to demand the delivery of the Indians concerned in this murder, and Coll^o Harrison is desired to employ a proper person to go on this message.

New Commissions of the peace for the Counties of Westmoreland & Charles City were this day ordered to be made out pursuant to the application of the Justices of the said Counties.

This Board having examined divers witnesses touching the Piracy & murder wherewith the Mate & others of the Crew of the ship Tayloe of Bristol have been accused, and having considered the pretended evidence given to the Court of Richmond County with the examination of Jesper Parsons the Mate there taken are of opinion that the Commitment of the said Jesper Parsons by the Justices of the Court of Richmond is illegal and void, since the Crime for which he stands committed, if it had been proved, is not tryable at Common law, but by the Com^{rs} appointed for tryal of Piracy, and there appearing no evidence to charge the said Mate or any other of the Crew with piracy or other offence, It is ordered that the said Jesper Parsons be discharged out of custody, but whereas divers pieces of plate and other things of small value were found upon some of the said crew, and own'd by them to have been taken out of the said Ship for their necessary subsistence in their journey over land to this Colony, It is ordered that the same remain in the hands of the under Sheriff of York County untill further directions from this Board, to the end the persons claiming a property in the same may have time to make out their right.

On the petition of William Robertson setting forth that John Baylor late of the County of King & Queen deceased sometime about the year 1709 surveyed 1500 acres of land in the said County adjoining to a tract entred for by Richard Buckner & Larkin Chew Gent and afterwards purchased out of their Entry 3000 acres more, but never sued out any patent for the same, & praying that he may have leave to enter for the said Lands, It is Ordered that Robert Baylor & Aug^{ts} Moor Gent Guardians to the son and heir of the said John Baylor deceased have notice to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to show cause why the pet^r ought not to be admitted to an Entry for the said lands.

David Bray Gent by his petition setting forth divers undue practices of Dan^l Hornby & Thomas Beale to deceive this Board in the valuation of the improvements pretended to be made on the land taken up by them in Spotsylvania County, and since granted to the said Bray, and praying relief therein, It is ordered that the said Hornby and Beale do attend this Board on the sixth day of the next Gen^l Court, till which time the Consideration of the s^d petition is referred.

The following petitions for taking up land were read & granted Viz^t

To Charles Chiswell 4000 acres in Hannover County on the S^o side the north River opposite to Duglasses run, & running up and down the river to include that quantity.

To George Robertson Clk 1500 acres in Prince George County adjoining to a former survey of his consisting of 600 acres on Flatt Creek.

To Will^m Mayo 10000 acres extending from Dan^l Thomas's line to Deep Creek on James River including the former order for three thousand acres in Henrico County.

At a Council held at W^mburgh the 1st
day of March 1726/7

Present

The Hon^{ble} Robert Carter Esq^r President

Mann Page
Cole Digges

Peter Beverley
John Carter &
John Grymes Esq^r

M^r Christopher Robinson Naval Officer of Rapp^a River being lately dead, the President was pleased to inform the board that he intended to appoint Robert Carter Jun^r to succeed in that office, if the Council have no objection to him, and the Council declaring they have no objection to that appointment the said Robert Carter Jun^r is accordingly constituted Naval Officer and Receiver of the Virginia Duties within the s^a district.

Oliver Seager Gent is appointed Sheriff of the County of Middlesex in the room of Christopher Robinson Gent lately deceased.

A new Commission of the peace for the County of Middlesex with the addition of sundry new Justices was this day Ordered to be prepared for the Presidents signing.

Hilary Moseley Gent was nominated Sheriff of Princess Anne County in the room of Willoughby Merchant who hath made oath of his incapacity to find security for his discharge of that office

His Mat^{ty} Receiver Gen^l communicated to the Board a Warrant under his Majesties Sign Manual dated the 18th of April 1726 directing the payment of £5512 out of the Revenue of Quitt Rents to Peter Leheup Gent, and he also produced a Receipt whereby it appears that the said sum was paid accordingly on the 11th of Novem^r last past.

A Letter from the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Com^{rs} of Trade dated the 26th of October acknowledging the receipt of the President's letter on occasion of the late Governors death was read at the Board.

At a Council held at Williamsburgh
the 21st of April 1727

Present

The Hon^{ble} Robert Carter Esq^r President
William Byrd
Nathan^l Harrison
Rich^d Fitzwilliam Esq^{rs}
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley &

It is the opinion of this Board & accordingly ordered that the General Assembly (which now stands prorogued to the 11th day of May) be further prorogued to wednesday the 6th day of Sep^r next, and a proclamation was prepared accordingly.

Whereas the Inhabitants of this Colony have for divers months past been visited with a violent sickness & very great mortality, and considering that such publick Calamitys require solemn humiliation and intercession with almighty God. the President with the advice of the Council was pleased to order as it is hereby ordered that wednesday the 10th day of May next be set apart & kept as a day of solemn fasting & humiliation throughout this Colony, & that a proclamation issue accordingly.

The President in Council was pleased to nominate & appoint the following persons to be Sheriffs of the several Counties for the ensuing year.

Henrico	John Radford
P. George	W ^m Harrison
Surry	Howel Edmunds
Isle Wight	Hardy Council
Nansemond	Dan ^l Pugh
Norfolk	John Hare
Pr ^e Anne	Tho ^s Haynes
Eliz ^a City	Anth Armistead
Warwick	W ^m Cole
York	Graves Packe
Ja ^s City	Rob ^t Goodrich
Cha ^s City	Fran Hardyman
Hannover	W ^m Fleming
New Kent	Jn ^o Sclater
King Will ^m	Jn ^o Butts
King & Queen	Jn ^o Leegh
Glocester	Francis Willis
Middlesex	Oliv. Seager
Essex	Thomas Waring
Spotsylvania	Goodrich Lightfoot
King George	Jo ^s Strother
Richmond	Jo ^s Belfield
Lancaster	James Ball
Northumberl ^d	Jn ^o Shopleigh

Westmorl ^d	Aug ^r Washington
Stafford.....	
Accomack.....	Jn ^o Kendall
Northampton.....	Ralph Pigot

Present Mann Page & John Carter Esq^r

On reading at this Board a letter from Alured Popple Esq^r Secretary to the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Com^{rs} for trade bearing date the 2^o of November 1726 and inclosing a state of the Case of the ship John & Betty of Bristol which imported into this Colony a quantity of Rum for which the duty of 4^d per Gallon was demanded & taken by Christopher Robinson late Naval Officer of Rappahanock River together with the opinion of S^r Philip York his Mat^{ty} Attorney Gen^l on the said Case, It appearing to this Board that by reason of some disputes arising between the Importers of the said Rum and the said late Naval Officer, the money received for the duties thereof was never paid over to the Treasurer of the said Duties but retain'd by the said Naval Officer untill he should be secured against the prosecution with which he was threatned by the Importers of the said liquors, This Board are therefore of opinion that although it appears by the Custom house books that the said Ship John & Betty was not entred at the Custom-House in Rapp^a untill the 15th day of June, (which is four days after the duty aforesaid commenced) yet if they can make due proof that the Ship was within the District of Rappahannock on or before the 10th day of June as is suggested in the State of their case, This Board will give directions to the Exc^o of the said Naval to return the money paid for the duty of the afores^d liquors, and in case of their refusal will give all necessary assistance for the recovery thereof.

On reading this day at the Board a representation from divers of the Justices of Essex County complaining of the great delays in the administration of Justice in that County by the neglect of several of the persons nominated in the Commission of the peace to attend the Courts, & on hearing John Lomax Gent one of the Justices complain'd of, It appears to this Board that the obstructions which have happened in the administration of Justice in the said County have been principally occasioned through the heats and animosities arisen among the said Justices of the peace touching the place of holding Court since the time their late Court-house was burnt, for remedying whereof for the future It is this day Resolved & Ordered that a new Commiss^o of the peace be made out for the said County, & that the Gentlemen recommended by the Court together with others nominated by this Board being the principal Inhabitants of the s^d County be put to the s^d Commission as Justices of the said County & that every of them be personally summoned by the

Sheriff to meet at the place where the Court is now held on the next Court day appointed by law for the said County and that they or the major part of them who shall then appear and take the Oaths as Justices of the peace do proceed to appoint a fit place as near as conveniently may be to the Center of their County for holding the Courts hereafter until further provision be made by law therein, or that by the common consent of the said Justices or the major part of them so sworn such place be agreed upon and approv'd of by the Governor or Com^{dr} in Chief of this Dominion for the time being as may be for the Gen^l ease & conveniency of the Inhabitants of the s^d County

April the 25th 1727

Present

The Hon^{ble} the President

Will^m Byrd

Nath^l Harrison

Mann Page

Cole Digges

Peter Beverley

Jn^o Robinson

Jn^o Carter

Rich^d Fitzwilliam &

Jn^o Grymes Esq^r

On the application of Will^m Fantleroy Gent & oath made that he sent some plate by Capt Herd of the Ship Taylor of Bristol to be changed and made into other kinds of plate and finds by Cap^t Herd's books that it was changed and marked with the initial letters of his name, & it appearing that the broken plate found on the Tayloe's Sailors was so mark'd, It is ordered that the same be delivered to him on his Order

April 26th 1727

Present

The President

William Byrd

Nathan^l Harrison

Mann Page

Cole Digges

Peter Beverley

Jn^o Robinson

Jn^o Carter &

Jn^o Grymes Esq^r

On hearing this day the matter on the petition of David Bray Gent against Dan^l Hornby & Thomas Beale the Council having examined the allegations of the petⁿ and heard the several parties and it appearing to the Board that the said Beale & Hornby had at the last hearing concealed the advantages they made of the land in controversy, and had deceived the Board in some other particulars of their pretended Improvements, It is now ordered that there be paid to the said Hornby in full for his improvements and seating as given in to this Board the sum

of £41.,7.,6 And to the said Thomas Beale in full of his demand the sum of £48.,15.,6 Cur' money and no more. And whereas the said Thomas Beale & Dan' Hornby have their Slaves on the land, and have prepared for making a Crop. It is ordered that they continue there till the finishing the said Crop; and that the plantations and Improvements be delivered in the like good order as contained in their Estimate. to the pet' or his order on the 20th of Novem' next, and that the money aforesaid be paid by the said, Bray within eight days thereafter to the said Beale and Hornby or their order in Williamsburg, and upon such payment M^r Bray is to have a patent for the said land, but in Case he refuses to pay the said several sums, then the said land shall be granted to any other that will pay the money hereby directed to be paid for the Improvements made thereon

The great men of the Saponie Indians this day attending the President in Council made complaint that whilst some of their people were ahunting on Roanoke River last winter they were surprized in the night by a party of Tuscaruroes living within the Province of N^o Carolina who killed four and carryed off prisoners three of their nation, they said that they had always continued faithful to the English, and had hitherto declin'd taking their revenge of the Tuscaruroes least they should thereby disoblige this Government, and hoped that as they had been made to give satisfaction to the Tuscaruroes by delivering up one of their nation who killed a Tuscaruro some time ago, the Tuscaruro's should now be obliged to give the like satisfaction to them: Thereupon the Presid' caused to be interpreted unto them the letter he wrote last February upon their Complaint made to Coll^o Harrison concerning this injury done them by the Tuscaruro's wherein he had insisted upon the satisfaction they now proposed; and also the letter he received from the Governor of North-Carolina in answer thereto together with the answer made by Blount the Chief man of the Tuscaruroes to the Governor & Council of N^o Carolina the 4th day of this month wherein Blount denies that any of the Tuscaruro's belonging to his town were concerned in the murder of the Saponies whereof they complain, but that it was committed by the Tuscaruroes now living under the protection of the five nations; and that he was sure if those Indians were tax'd with it they would not deny it. To which the great men of the Saponies answered that these were but excuses framed by Blount for that they had good proof that the Indians of his town and none other committed this murder; that the Saponies who escaped had followed the tract of the party that attacked them two days march towards Blounts town, that an Indian Slave then at the said town had seen one of the Saponie prisoners brought thither & put to death, and that they can make appear by several of the English Inhabitants on Roanoke that the same Tuscaruroes were seen about that time

with divers scalps which they were carrying home to their town, and which could be none other but those of the Saponies, and prayed that if this Government could not obtain from them the satisfaction they desired, they may have liberty with the assistance of the Indians their Confederates to take their revenge in their own way

The Council taking into Consideration what hath been now offered by the Saponie Indians, It is Resolved by this Board that no further application be made to the Governor of N^o Carolina, since he has acknowledged that the Tuscaruroes are not Tributaries to his Government and that it appears he has very little authority over them; but that since Blount their chief man at his late Conference with the Governor of N^o Carolina declared in the presence of Rich^d Fitzwilliam Esq^r one of the members of this Board that he should have been ready upon a message from this Government to have come in & justified himself & his nation from what is charged on them by the Saponies a messenger be dispatched to the said Blount requiring him and his great men to attend at this Board on the second Tuesday in June next, in order to the examinaion of the truth of what is alledged against his Indians by the Saponies, and the great men of the Saponie Indians are also ordered to attend at the same time to make out their Charge; and it was further declared to the Saponies that in case Blount shall not come, in upon this message, or if upon his coming in he shall not sufficiently clear his Indians from the fact whereof they are accused, the Saponies shall then be at liberty to commit what hostilities they think fit upon the said Tuscaruroes wherein this Government will not interpose to restrain them, provided they forbear doing any injury to the English Inhabitants on that Frontier.

Whereas the great men of the Saponie Indians have this day made Complaint to the board that one John Prowse of Hannover County being sometime ago at a horse-race on Maherine River where a Saponie Indian was present & very much in drink, the said Prowse as the Indian lay asleep set fire to his Cloathes whereby the said Indian was so grievously scorched and burnt that in a few days thereafter he died, it is ordered that a proclamation issue for apprehending the said Prowse, and conveying him to the publick Goal at Williamsburgh in order to his tryal for the death of the said Indian, and that a reward of £10 be promised for apprehending & bringing him to the publick Goal.

Complaint being this day made by the Saponie Indians that one Martin Lyon frequently brings Rum into their town, and sells the same to their young men whereby great disorders are committed among them, It is ordered that the said Martin Lyon do attend this board on the second Tuesday in June next to answer the said Complaint, and that the Sheriff of Prince George County serve him with this Order.

May the 2^d 1727

Present

The President

Will ^m Byrd	Peter Beverley
Nath ^l Harrison	Jn ^o Robinson
Mann Page	Jn ^o Carter
Cole Digges	Rich ^d Fitzwilliam &
Jn ^o Grymes Esq ^r	

New Commissions of the peace for the Counties of Stafford, Northumberland, Spotsylvania, Hannover & James City were this day ordered in Council, and several persons appointed to be Justices in the room of those lately deceased

The following Sheriffs were this day nominated in Council in the room of those who have desired to be excused from that office Viz^t. For

Glocester	Peter Whiting
Warwick	Jn ^o Langhorn

Edwin Thacker Gent is appointed one of the Coroners of Middlesex County

Whereas the Justices of Stafford County have neglected the recommendation of Sherriffs for the ensueing year & the person now in that office refusing to serve any longer, the President is desired to grant a Commission to such Justices of the said County as shall be willing to serve in the said office, and if none will voluntarily accept the same that he appoint such person as he shall think fit (being in the Commission of the peace for that County) to be Sheriff for the ensueing year.

On the petition of Richard Pearson late Master of the Ship Fortune of Whitehaven setting forth that in the year 1724 he came into this Colony & entred the said Ship in the District of S^o Potomack where after he had purchased and taken on board a considerable part of her lading of Tobacco, the said Ship & lading was unfortunately burnt in the said District, that notwithstanding thereof the Naval Officer of the said District hath now demanded of him the Port duties & other Charges which would have been payable if the said Ship had been Cleared & praying relief therein, It is the opinion of this Board & accordingly Ordered that in Consideration of the great loss the pet^r sustained by the burning of the ship, the duty of Tunnage be remitted him, and that the Naval Officer do not demand the same.

The Acco^t of contingent Charges from the 25th of Oct^r last together with the expence of keeping in repair the Governor's house were this day examined & allowed in Council.

Ordered that Henry Cary and John Tyler Gent be appointed to view the Governor's house, & report what reparations are

necessary therein, & the Charge thereof, and that the same be forthwith set about; and It is further ordered that the great dining room and parlor thereto adjoining be new painted, the one of Pearl colour the other of Cream colour; that the window frames outer doors and eaves be also new painted, that the pasture fence be put in repair, and that labourers be hired to assist the Gardiner in putting the garden in good order.

On the petition of Giles Cook setting forth that one George Parker late of the County of Essex deceased in the year 1720 obtain'd an order of this Board for ten thousand acres of land in the fork of Rappahanock River in the County of Spotsylvania joining upon the Entry of Robert & Humphry Brooks, Augustin Smith and George Braxton Jun', & sometime afterwards surveyed 4000 acres thereof, but never sued out any patent for the same; that the said George Parker is since dead, and Maj' W^m Dangerfield of Essex County now lays Claim to the said land or some part thereof, but without having yet sued out or obtained any patent for the same whereby the pet' conceives that the entry of the said Parker and the claim of the said W^m Dangerfield under him are according to the orders of the Government become void, and praying that leave may be granted to him the pet' to enter for, survey and take out a patent for the said land; It is Ordered that unless the said Will^m Dangerfield being duly serv'd with a Copy of this order do appear before this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer, and make out his pretensions to the said land and show Cause why he hath not hitherto sued out a Patent, the same be granted to the pet'.

On the petition of Henry Willis Gent setting forth that about seven years ago there was surveyed for Richard Yarborough of King W^m County 400 acres of land lying in the Fork of Rappahanock River in Spotsylvania County; that the said Richard Yarborough nor any person for him hath hitherto sued out any patent for the said land, neither is the survey thereof returned into the Secretaries office, whereby the pet' conceives that the Entry & Survey of the said Yarborough is become void, and praying leave may be granted him the pet' to enter for, survey and take out a patent for the said land. It is Ordered that unless the said Yarborough being duly served with a Copy of this Order, do appear before this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer and make out his pretensions to the said land, and show cause why he hath not hitherto sued out a patent, the same be granted to the pet'.

Whereas Henry Willis Gent did on the 16th of June last past exhibit his petition to this Board praying leave to enter for ten thousand acres of land in Spotsylvania County surveyed about three years ago for Edmund Jenings Esq^r W^m Jenings & James Taylor, & no patent sued out for the same, and the said Edmund Jenings W^m Jenings and James Taylor having had no-

tice of the said petition and not appearing to make out their Claim to the said Tract of land. It is ordered that the said Henry Willis have leave to enter for and survey the said land, and that upon the return of such Survey a patent be granted him for the same upon his entring Rights for the quantity of land aforesaid.

At a Council held at the Capital the 6th
day of May 1727

Present

The President

Nathan^l Harrison
Peter Beverley
John Robinson

John Carter
Rich^d Fitzwilliam &
Jn^o Grymes Esq^r

Whereas Capt Vincent Pearse Commander of his Mat^{ty} ship Tartar is now bound out with divers merchant ships under his Convoy, and hath signified his readiness to give the like Convoy to such other Ships as shall join him upon his return, It is ordered that the Naval Officers do give notice to the Masters of Ships in their respective Districts that if they intend to take any benefit of this Convoy, they are to repair to the mouth of York River before the 10th day of next month, which is the place appointed for their joining his Mat^{ty} said Ship and the said Naval Officers are further to signifie to such of the said Masters whose Ships cannot be ready by that time, that as this Board judgeth it highly necessary for the safety of the trade that the ships should go hence from time to time in Fleets, wherein they may not only be better provided for mutual defence, but have also the guard of his Majesties ship of war to protect them off this Coast, they may expect a further notification of the time when and the place where another Fleet is to be formed; that so they may not run themselves into danger by going out singly, when by a short delay they may be secured from the danger of Privateers on this Coast.

The following Warrants on the Receiver Gen^l to be paid out of his Mat^{ty} Revenues were this day sign'd by the President in Council Viz^t Out of the 2s per hh^d &c

To the President for the Earl of Orkney and himself ½ years Sallary ending the 25 th of April	£ „1000 „— „—
To the Gent of the Council ½ years Sallary ending the same time	„ 175 „— „—
To the Auditor Gen ^l of the plantat ^{ty} ½ years Sallary to the same time	„ 50 „— „—

To the Sollic ^r of the Virginia affairs ½ years Sallary to the same time	„	50,,—,—
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the like Sallary	„	20,,—,—
To the Clerk of the Council for the like Sallary	„	50,,—,—
To Will ^m Prentis for ½ years Sallary to the Gunners of the several Batteries	„	20,,—,—
To the Armourer ½ years Sallary	„	6,,—,—
To W ^m Prentis for sundry Min ^{rs} attending this Gen ^l Court	„	6,,—,—
To W ^m Prentis for sundry expesses and other contingent Charges	„	19,, 5,, 8¾
To the same for sundry expences in repairing the Governor's House	„	45,, 5,, 5½

And Out of the Quitt Rents

To M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair ½ years Salary	£,,	50,,—,—
To the Attorney Gen ^l ½ years additional Salary	„	30,,—,—

John Robinson Esq^r absent

The acco^{ts} of his Mat^{ies} Revenues of Quitt Rents Port Duties and head money being examined by the Deputy Auditor were this day sworn to by the Rec^r General & Certified by the President as usual

Sundry patents for land were this day sign'd by the President in Council.

Whereas divers Caveats for stopping patents have been entered in the Secretaries office, and were this day laid before the President in Council, it is ordered that the several persons entering the said Caveats do attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer, and that they notifie to the persons whose patents are desired to be stopped to attend at the same time, to the end this Board may proceed to determine the pretensions of the several parties

The Commission of the peace for the County of James City which was ordered on the 21st of last month not being yet issued, It is ordered that the several persons this day nominated at the Board be added to the Justices in the former Commission, and that a new Commission issue accordingly.

On reading at this Board the petition of James Taylor Surveyor of Spotsylvania setting forth that the dividing line between the said County and that of Hannover which he run some years ago for his own satisfaction being for want of due assistance but slenderly mark'd out, is since by the new Settlements made thereon cut down in many places, and praying that for perpetuating the said boundary, & avoiding the confusion that must arise by interfering Entries with the respective Surveyors

as well as the disputes which may happen touching the payment of Levies, and other publick dues, this Board may give proper directions as they think fit for ascertaining the bounds between the said Counties, It is ordered that the Courts of the respective Counties of Hannover & Spotsylvania do appoint Com^{rs} for settling y^e said dividing line, between the two counties, & to direct the Surveyors of the said Counties to mark out the same pursuant to the directions of the Act of Assembly, & to make report thereof to the respective County Courts to be entred of Record.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 14th
day of June 1727

Present

The Hon^{ble} Robert Carter Esq^r President
& Com^{dr} in Chief

William Byrd

Nathan^l Harrison

Mann Page

Peter Beverley

John Carter

Rich^d Fitzwilliam &

John Grymes Esq^r

Whereas by the publick prints as well as divers private letters lately received from Great Britain there is unquestionable intelligence that hostilities are already begun between his Ma^{ty} and the Crown of Spain, whereby there is great ground to apprehend this Coast will soom be infested by Privateers from St Augustine and other parts of the Spanish dominions in America; And whereas for the better security of the Trade of this Colony Cap^t Vincent Pearse Commander of his Mat^{ies} Ship the Tartar hath offered to convoy off this Coast from time to time all such ships as shall be ready to sail in Fleets: It is the opinion of this board that it is for the general safety of the Trade of this Colony that the Ships bound for great Britain wherein his Mat^{ies} interest and the property of his subjects of Great Britain as well as of this Colony is greatly concerned, be not permitted to depart this Colony wth out Convoy off this Coast where the greatest danger seems to be, and to that end that a general Embargo be laid on all Ships and Vessels outward bound untill the last day of this present month; and the Naval Officers of the respective districts are to notify the same to the several Masters of Ships, and to clear no Ship or Vessel in the mean time untill the Master shall have entred into Bond according to law not to depart this Colony before the said last day of June; and also that he will on or before that time join the said Convoy at the mouth of York River, or such other place as Capt Pearse shall notify for the Rendezvous of the Fleet: And that from and after the said last day of this present month of June the like Embargo be con^{td}

on all Ships and Vessels not then Cleared, untill the 25th of July, of which the Naval Officers are to give the like notice to the Masters of Ships & Vessels in their respective Districts, and to observe the order above prescribed in taking Bond not to depart during the said Embargo, and for joining the Convoy as aforesaid. And it is further Ordered that notice hereof be sent to the Government of Maryland, to the end the Masters of Ships in that Province may take the benefit of the intended Convoy if they think fit.

After long hearing the matter in dispute between the Saponie Indians and the Tuscaruros touching an assault said to be made by the latter on the Saponies about Christmas last, the one strongly affirming & the other as vehemently denying their being any way concerned in the said attack and murder of the Saponies

Whereupon for a further proof of the innocence of the Tuscaruros, their Deputies now attending here offered to remain hostages till a reasonable time be assigned the Saponies for proving their charge and in Case they shall bring sufficient proof to convict the Tuscaruros of the aforesaid murder, they the said Deputies will then voluntarily undergo any punishment themselves, or be obliged to deliver up the persons ag^t whom proof shall be made, to be punished as this Government shall think fit. Whereupon the President in Council taking the said proposal into consideration, and judging it an indication of the innocence of the said Tuscaruros hath thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, to order that without exacting the hostages offered by the Tuscaruros, a full hearing of this matter be had before this Board on the 15th of October next, at which time Blount the Chief man of the Tuscaruro Indians is ordered personally to attend, and the Saponies are enjoined to bring with them whatever proofs they pretend to have either from the testimony of the English, or the relations of Indians as of their own knowledge and observation, that a final determination may be put to this quarrel.

The Nottoway Indians being suspected of the murder of two English men on Appomattuck River last year, It appearing that no other Indians were in those parts during that season except the Nottoways, that the murdered persons were not stripped as it usual when killed by foreign Indians, that notwithstanding the said Nottoways positively denying their knowledge of the said fact, and their being none other but circumstantial proof it is not thought fit to proceed further against them than by continuing the former restraint on their hunting untill they find out the murderers, and thereby give fresh testimony of their inclination to live hereafter peaceably with the kings subjects, and in a due obedience to the rules & orders set them by this Government

On reading at this Board a letter to the President from six of the Justices of the County of Hannover desiring they may be excused from sitting as Justices of the peace while M^r John Syme is continued in that Commission, It is the opinion of this Board and accordingly ordered that the Clerk of the Council do write to the said Justices intimating to them that this Board being well satisfied of M^r Syme's affection and loyalty to his Mat^{ty} person and Government, as well as of his capacity & qualifications to serve the County as a Justice of the peace, they do not think fit to remove him from that office

M^r President informing the Board that a great number of Patents are now prepared in the Secretaries office ready for his signing, and desiring to know whether it be necessary that the same should be sign'd in the presence of the Council, It is the opinion of this Board that according to a resolution of the same in the year 1716, the said patents be sign'd out of Council.

June the 15th 1727

Present

The Hon^{ble} the President

William Byrd
Nathanael Harrison

Peter Beverley &
Rich^d Fitzwill^m Esq^r

The Caveat entred by William Winston against Benj^t Waggoner is dismiss^d, and a patent ordered to be granted for the land therein ment^d to the said Benjamin Waggoner.

The Caveat entred by Mark Bannerman Gent against John Davis for land found to escheat to his Ma^{ty} in Essex County, the said Bannerman not prosecuting the same, It is ordered that a patent be granted for the land therein mentioned to the said John Davis, he paying the Composition & other Charges accruing thereon.

William Westwood is hereby appointed one of the Coroners of Eliz^a City County.

Present John Carter & Jn^o Grymes Esq^r

On hearing at this Board the Case of the owners of the ship John and Betty of Bristol recommended by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Commiss^{rs} for Trade & plantations; it appearing upon the whole matter by a state of the case made by the late Naval Officer and put into the hands of John Randolph Esq^r his Mat^{ty} Attorney Gen^l that the said Ship was actually at anchor in Rappahanock River within the limits of the Port on the 10th day of June and that as a further confirmation thereof the said ship was early in the morning of the 11th of June before the President's house which is about ten miles up the river and nearer to the office of the Collector and Naval Officer, this Board are

therefore of opinion that the Rum imported in the said ship is not liable to any duty by virtue of the Act laying a duty on Liquors which commenced from and after that day; that the same ought forthwith to be restored to M^r Pitman Scanderet Agent for the owners of the said Ship of which John Robinson Gent Admin^r of the Goods & Chattels of Christopher Robinson late Naval Officer of that District who received that money is to take notice, and to conform himself accordingly.

On a petition of Bowler Cocke and Tarleton Fleming Devises of Charles Fleming deceased for a new patent for a certain tract of land taken up by the said Charles and devised to the pet^{rs} wherein there appears a manifest mistake in the first course of the said patent which instead of N^o West ought to have been N^o East, It is Ordered that the pet^{rs} have leave to resurvey the said tract according to the true courses taken up by the said Charles Fleming, and that they have also leave to add there to 260 acres on the one side and 150 on the other to be included in the same patent.

On hearing this day in Council the several petitions of Mark Bannerman and Katharine his wife & Thomas Simpson for a grant of 270 acres of land in Accomack County found to escheat to his Mat^r from Charles Campleston dec^d It is the opinion of this Board that the said Katharine Bannerman hath the most equitable pretensions to his Majesties favour, and therefore ordered that a patent be granted to her and her heirs for ever for the said escheat land, the said Bannerman paying the charges of prosecuting the said Escheat to be settled by the Council on both sides together with five pounds for the said Simpson's personal trouble and attendance

Whereas Hannah a Negro woman belonging to George Walker of Eliz^a City County was by a Commission of Oyer and Terminer convicted of murder and execution awarded against her, but before the day of the said execution the Sheriff died, whereby the said Negro remains still in prison the sentence aforesaid not executed, It is the opinion of this Board that a Warrant be prepared for the President's signing directing the execution of the said Negro pursuant to the former sentence, and a Warrant was prepared accordingly.

On the petition of William Dangerfield Gent and a Counter petition of Henry Willis praying for a grant of three thousand acres of land formerly taken up by William Parker Gent in the County of Spotsylvania, and no survey thereof returned into the Secretaries office pursuant to the Orders of the Government, and it appearing that the said Henry Willis is the first pet^r and hath prosecuted the same with effect, It is therefore Ordered that the said Willis be preferred to a Grant of the said land, he making it appear that he gave due notice to the said Dangerfield of his application for the said land according to the direction of the last Council.

On the petition of Larkin Chew, Tho^s Chew, John Chew, Rob^t Martin, Larkin Chew Jun^r, W^m Johnson, Robt King, and George Goodloe setting forth that on the 2^d of Novem^r last they obtain'd an order of this Board for surveying 12000 acres of land on the west side of the little mountains in the County of Hannover, that upon application to the Surveyor of the County for that purpose, they have been informed that by an agreement between the said County and that of Henrico the bounds of Hannover is circumscribed by the branches of James River, and doth not extend so far as the land pray'd for by the pet^{rs}, and therefore praying that their entry may be received by the Surveyor of Henrico and their Tract laid off by him according to their former order; It is ordered that the pet^{rs} be at liberty to enter for the same tract with the Surveyor of Henrico, who is hereby directed to cause the same to be surveyed for them preferable to any other Grant posterior to the date of their first order

The following petitions for land were read and granted as follows viz^t

To Will^m Randolph two Tracts of land the one consisting of 700 acres the other of 1250 adjoining to a tract of 4400 acres of land formerly granted the pet^r on Appomattuck River in Henrico County

To Henry Willis 3000 acres beginning at Battle mountain in Spotsylvania County.

To John Scott, Stephen Hughes & Edward Scott 4000 acres of land joining on Bowler Cocke's line on Muddy Creek on the South side James River, and running into the fork of the said Creek and up the Maple swamp on both sides thereof including the ridges to compleat that quantity in Henrico County.

To Daniel Stonar 4000 acres on great Guinie Creek which runneth into Appomattuck River in Henrico County.

To Daniel Stonar 1400 acres adjoining to his patented land in Henrico County

To Francis Epes, Littlebury Epes, Charles Hudson, Eliz^a Randolph, James Thompson and Amos Lad 12000 acres beginning on the N^o side of Hardwares River within three miles of the mountains, being a branch of the south River of James River, thence up on each side of the said Hardwares River to compleat that quantity.

To Thomas Carr 1200 acres in King William County lying between the lines of W^m Terrel, Rich^d Mauldin, Joel Terrel, Will^m Mcgehee, Philemon Hawkins, Aug^t Moor, Jacob Burros, John Hawkins, Will^m Biggars, William Porters, Rob^t Chandler, and Rob^t Holmes.

To James Powell Cock 3000 acres lying in the fork of Nibbs Creek where his plantation now is in Prince George's County

To James Skelton 1000 acres to be included with 1600 acres patented land on Hardware Creek in Henrico County.

To Francis Epes 5000 acres joining on his patented land on Winterpoke on Appomattuck River in Henrico County, and to have an inclusive patent for the whole.

To Arthur Moseley Jun^r eight hundred acres adjoining to his patented land on fighting Creek in Henrico County, & to have an inclusive patent for both.

To James Akin one thousand acres beginning on Pride's line on Batterwood Creek in Henrico County, and to extend toward the branches of Swift and Ship-quarter Creeks.

To Sam^l Good 2000 acres beginning on Appomattuck River on Rich^d Womack's line, and up the river to Maj^r Kennon's line in Henrico County

To John Woodson 1050 acres lying on Deep Creek on the S^o side of James River in Henrico County.

To Thomas Randolph 4000 acres under the mountains on the S^o side of the N^o fork of James River in Henrico County.

To Thomas Massie and Jn^o Woodson 4000 acres of land beginning at the south corner of the land sold by Woodson & Hughes to Col^o W^m Cole, and joining on the said tract on the North and East sides in Henrico County.

To John Fitzgerald 1000 acres joining on a tract of land already surveyed for him on Namazine Creek in Prince George's County, with an inclusive patent for the whole

To James Keith 2000 acres adjoining to his old land on both sides of Stonie Creek in Prince George's County, and to have an inclusive patent for both tracts.

To Henry Anderson 4000 acres lying on Appomattuck on Swan's Creek, the branches of Deep Creek & Cetalones branch in Henrico County.

To Joshua Turner 1000 acres adjoining to the land whereon he lives on Stonie Creek in Prince George's County, and to have an inclusive patent for his old & new land.

To Alex^r Marshall 1600 acres joining upon the land granted him by patent being 628 acres on the great Swamp of Swift Creek in Henrico County with an inclusive patent for both Tracts.

On the petition of Nathan^l Harrison Esq^r leave is granted him to take up 3000 acres of land or thereabouts, lying within the following bounds Viz^t beginning at the head of Cold water, thence up to the Saponie Indian line, along that line to Maherine River, thence down that River till it is opposite to the lower line of the said Nathan^l Harrison's land called New hope, thence up that line to the upper or outer corner tree of the said land, thence to the pet^r's own land ag^t Brandy quarter and over the River bounding on the upper line of Brandy quarter aforesaid, thence to the beginning. Leave is also granted the pet^r to include in one patent the land aforesaid with his other lands thereto adjoining in Brunswick County.

At a Council held at the Capitol August 17th 1727

Present

The President

Nath^l Harrison

Peter Beverley

Cole Digges

John Carter &

John Grymes Esq^r

M^r John Randolph being admitted to execute the office of Clerk of the Council upon the occasion of the sickness of M^r Robertson. He took the Oath for the faithful Execution thereof during the time of his acting therein.

The President asking the advice of the Council what was to be done in respect to the meeting of the General Assembly which stood prorogued to the sixth day of Sept^r next It is the opinion of the Board that it be further prorogued to Thursday the 16th of November.

Ordered

That Proclamation do issue accordingly.

Whereas a letter was this day laid before the Board by the President wrote to him by S^r Richard Everard Baron^t Governor of the Province of North Carolina concerning the Transactions in that Government in the apprehending, examination and conveying into this Colony several Pirates, wherein S^r Richard desires that the expenses of that Business, which were considerable should be repaid to the Province of North Carolina by this Government; It is the opinion of the Council that all Expences of the said Prisoners until they were brought into Virginia ought to be defray'd by the Government of North Carolina, and the President is desired to signify the opinion of the Board to Sir Richard. And whereas it appears that Roger Kenyon, Andrew Frazer, George Hull, Jonathan Howard & John Cocke pursuant to their several recognizances taken for that purpose in Carolina, had travelled from thence and attended and given Evidence on the tryal of the said Pirates. It is Ordered that the Receiver Gen^l do pay unto the said Roger Kenyon, Andrew Frazer, George Hull, and Jonathan Howard Six pounds fifteen shillings apiece for their travelling & attendance Unto John Cocke for the same £2^{''}2^{''}2, and unto Michael Griffin for the same £1^{''}10^{''}0, and unto Edward Howcott for attending as a Guard upon the prisoners £1^{''}19^{''}0 and that he do also pay to the prisoner Martha Farlee who was acquitted £1^{''}10^{''}0, to defray her expences in travelling home again.

Whereas the Board was inform'd that the Inhabitants of this Colony near Roanoak had lately been infested with a Company of the Cattabaw Indians who had committed sev^l Robberies upon them, and that they expected they would return soon with a more considerable number and do more mischief, not only to

the English Inhabitants, but to the Tributary Indians; and that there was some reason from their insolent behaviour of late, to apprehend they design'd to take possession of Christanna Fort, in which there are several Cattabaws at this time, and that they will do other Acts of Hostility. Collonel Harrison is desired to take such measures as he shall think most expedient for protecting the Frontiers against the Incursions of those Indians.

On reading at this Board the petition of John Cosby and Charles Barret setting forth that Benjamin Brown of the County of Hanover some years ago made an Entry for Sixteen hundred acres of land in the said County, and sometime in the beginning of March MDCCXXV made two Surveys the one for eight hundred acres of land lying on one or both sides the South Fork of little River and the other for eight hundred acres more lying on one or both sides the North fork of the said River, and hath or might have had plats of the said Surveys delivered to him which he hath neglected to lodge in the Secretary's office, and hath taken no measures to obtain a Patent thereon in Contempt of the Orders of the Government; and praying the said land may be granted to them according to the usage in such Cases, It is accordingly Ordered that the said Brown have notice to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to shew cause why the said land should not be granted to the Petitioners.

At a Council held at the Capitol September
the 11th 1727

Present

The Hon^{ble} William Gooch Esq^r his Majesty's Lieut Governor
& Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion
of Virginia

Robert Carter
James Blair
William Byrd
Mann Page

Cole Digges
Peter Beverley
John Carter &
John Grymes Esq^r

A Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain bearing date at Westminster the 10th day of March in the Thirteenth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the first constituting the R^t Hon^{ble} George Earl of Orkney his said late Majesty's Lieut and Governor General of this Colony and Dominion

Also a Commission under the Signet and Sign Manual of his said late Majesty bearing date at the Court at S^t James's the 23^d day of January 1726/7 In the Thirteenth year of his said late Majesty's Reign constituting and appointing The Honourable William Gooch Esq^r (in case of the death or absence of the said Earl of Orkney) to be Lieut Governor of the said Colony and authorizing and requiring him to execute and perform all and

singular the powers & Authorities contain'd in the aforementioned Commission granted to the said Earl;

Together with a printed Proclamation issued by his present Majesty King George the Second declaring that all persons in any office at the Demise of his late Majesty within the Kingdoms of Great Britain, Ireland, or any of the plantations shall continue in the Execution of their respective Trusts and Employments.

And a Commission under the Great Seal of the High Court of Admiralty of Great Britain bearing date the 24th day of March 1726/7 constituting the said William Gooch Esq^r Vice Admiral of this his Majesty's Colony & Dominion of Virginia.

Were severally read and published in the place where the General Court is usually held.

From whence the Lieutenant Governor with the Council repaired to the Council Chamber where his Honour took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy the Abjuration Oath mentioned in the Act of Parliament made in the sixth year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne, subscribed the Test and took the Oath for the faithful discharge of the office of Governor, and due observation of the acts of Trade; which said Oaths were administred to him by Robert Carter, James Blair & William Byrd Esq^r three of the members of his Majesty's Council.

And then the said Lieutenant Governor administred to the several and respective members of the Council here present the said several Oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy the Abjuration Oath & the Test, together with the Oath of a Counsellour.

John Carter Esq^r Secretary of this his Majesty's Colony & Dominion took the Oath for the due execution of that office.

The Reverend M^r Commissary Blair producing a Commission under the hand and Episcopal Seal of the R^t Reverend Edm^d Lord Bishop of London constituting him the said James Blair Commissary of Virginia, with power to execute the several authorities granted to the said Bisop by his late Majesty's Letters Patents under the great Seal granted to the said Bishop bearing date the day of a Copy whereof is annex'd to the said Commissary's Commission.

Which Patent and Commission being severally read M^r Commissary thereupon took the Oath for the due execution of the said office.

John Grymes Esq^r his Majesty's Receiver Gen^l took the Oath for the due execution of the said office.

William Dandridge Esq^r pursuant to a Warrant under the Sign Manual of his late Majesty bearing date the 1st day of June 1727 In the Thirteenth year of his Reign directed to the Commander in Chief of this Colony for the time being, having

first taken the Oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy together with the Abjuration Oath, and subscribed the Test, was sworn and admitted one of his Majesty's Council of this Colony.

John Custis Esq^r pursuant to a Warrant under the Sign Manual of his late Majesty bearing date the 2^d day of June 1727 in the Thirteenth year of his Reign directed to the Commander in Chief of this Colony for the time being having first taken the Oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy together with the Abjuration Oath, and subscribed the Test, was sworn and admitted one of his Majesty's Council of this Colony.

Whereas upon the Demise of our late Sovereign Lord King George the first of glorious memory, the Imperial Crown of Great Britain, France and Ireland together with the supreme Dominion and sovereign Right of this Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and all other his late Majesty's Dominions in America, are rightly come to the High and Mighty Prince George Prince of Wales our present most gracious Sovereign; It is Ordered that his said Majesty be publickly and solemnly proclaimed at the Capitol, the Market place, and the College of William & Mary; and that a Proclamation do also issue commanding the High Sheriffs, Justices of the peace and other Officers to cause his present Majesty to be proclaimed in the respective Counties within this Colony with all convenient speed.

Whereas his Majesty hath been pleased by Order in his privy Council the 19th of June 1727 to declare that in all the prayers for the Royal Family, instead of the words [His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, the Princess and their Issue and all the Royal Family] be inserted [Our Gracious Queen Caroline, the Royal Issue, and the rest of the Royal Family]

It is Ordered that the same alterations be observed in the prayers throughout this Colony, and that M^r Commissary Blair be desired to signify the same to the Clergy.

Ordered

That a Proclamation be prepared and issued for publishing his Majesty's Royal Proclamation for continuing in their respective offices all such persons as at the time of the Demise of our late Sovereign were duly possessed of or invested in any office or employment

Resolved

That an humble Address be prepared to his Majesty to be signed by the Governor and Council condoling the death of our late most gracious Sovereign, and congratulating his present Majesty's happy accession to the Throne, and that the said Address be prepared and brought in by M^r Commissary Blair, William Byrd and John Carter Esq^r

John Randolph Esq^r being by Commission from the late Governor constituted his Majesty's Attorney General during the absence of John Clayton Esq^r and also admitted to officiate as Clerk of the Council in the room and during the Indisposition of M^r Robertson, took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy together with the Abjuration Oath and subscribed the Test, and also took the oaths of those respective offices during his continuance therein.

At a Council held the 12th day of
September 1727

Present

The Hon^{ble} The Lieut Governor

Robert Carter	Cole Digges
James Blair	Peter Beverley
Will ^m Byrd	John Carter
Nath ^l Harrison	John Grymes
Mann Page	Will ^m Dandridge &
John Custis Esq ^r	

Nathan^l Harrison Esq^r took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy, the Abjuration Oath, subscribed the Test, and then took the usual Oath of a member of his Maty's Council,

And also as Deputy Auditor of his Majesty's Revenues of this Dominion took the Oath for the due execution of that office.

M^r Commissary Blair reported that the persons appointed had prepared an humble address to His Mat^y; which was read at the Board and agreed to and

Ordered

That the same be fairly transcribed and signed by the Lieut Governor and all the members of the Council now present, and that a Duplicate thereof be also prepar'd and sign'd in like manner.

His Majesty's approbation declared in Council the 28th of March 1727 of the proposals made by Collonel Spotswood and M^r Eden late Lieutenant Governors of this Colony and North Carolina for settling the Boundaries between the said Governments; which proposals have also been agreed to by the Lords Proprietors of North Carolina, was this day read at the Board, and thereupon it is the opinion of the Council that the Governor be desired to send a Copy of his Majesty's said Order in Council to the Governor of North Carolina, and to desire him to appoint two Commissioners in behalf of that Province to meet some time in the month of March next William Byrd and Nathanael Harrison Esq^r who are hereby nominated and appointed Commiss^{rs} on

the part of this Colony, and then jointly to proceed in running the dividing line between the two Governments according to the proposals aforesaid.

And it is further Ordered that John Allen Gen' and M' Mayo Surveyors be, and they are hereby appointed assistants to the said Commissioners for the better performing the services aforesaid, and that they be paid for their trouble and expence out of his Majesty's Revenue.

His Majesty's Approbation declared in Council the 16th day of June 1727 of an Act passed in this Colony the last Session of Assembly Entituled An Act for laying a Duty on Liquors was read, and ordered to be entered on the Council Books.

Also his Majesty's approbation declared in Council the same 16th day of June 1727 of an Act passed the same Session Entituled an Act to confirm the Title of Richard Randolph to certain entailed Lands, and to settle other lands of greater value and two Negro Slaves to the same uses, was this day read at the Board, and ordered to be entered on the Council Books.

The Lieutenant Governor being informed that John Vidal a prisoner in the public Goal in Williamsburgh has been lately convicted and attainted of Piracy, & is to be executed on the 6th day of October, was pleased to ask the advice of the Council, whether in their opinion the said Vidal be a fit object of the King's mercy; upon debating whereof, it is the opinion of the Council that in respect of his Majesty's Succession to the Throne, and the arrival of the Governor, it is very fit to begin his adminⁿ with an Act of mercy, and therefore they do advise his Honour to grant unto the said John Vidal his Majesty's most gracious pardon.

At a Council held the 16th day of October 1727

Present

The Governor

James Blair
Nathan^l Harrison
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley

John Carter
Rich^d Fitzwilliam
Will^m Dandridge &
John Custis Esq^r

Richard Fitzwilliam Esq' Surveyor General of his Majesty's Customs this day took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, subscribed the Test, and took the Oath as one of his Majesty's Council of this Colony, together with the Oath of his office as Surveyor General.

October the 17th 1727

Present

The Governor

James Blair	Peter Beverley
William Byrd	John Robinson
Nath ^l Harrison	Rich ^d Fitzwilliam
Cole Digges	William Dandridge &
John Custis Esq ^r	

John Robinson Esq^r took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, the Abjuration Oath, subscribed the Test, & took the Oath as one of his Majesty's Council of this Colony.

At a Council held October the 27 1727

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter	Peter Beverley
James Blair	John Robinson
Nath ^l Harrison	William Dandridge &
Cole Digges	John Custis Esq ^r

The Governor laid before the Board a Petition of Rob^t Jordan Jun^r in behalf of himself and several other people called Quakers, residing in the Counties of Henrico Charles City and Nansemond, complaining of divers fines levied upon them for not attending at the Musters of the Militia appointed by Law in the said Counties; and praying redress therein: It is the opinion of this Board that the said fines being imposed on them for their refusing obedience to the Law, they ought therefore not to be relieved.

The Governor also laid before the Board a Letter lately received by him from S^r Richard Everard Baronet Governor of North Carolina, dated the 3^d instant promising to take speedy measures with the advice of his Council for the appointment of Commissioners, and the time and place where they shall meet the Commissioners appointed by this Government for settling the Boundaries between this Colony and the said Province pursuant to the Order of his Majesty in Council, and that in the mean time no patents shall be granted for any Lands lying within the contraverted Bounds, which letter was read

Present William Byrd, John Carter & Richard Fitzwilliam Esq^r

Whereas John Vidal lately convicted of Piracy, and by the Governor pardoned for the said offence, is still detained in the

public Goal, and there like to continue, as well for the prison fees as the fees due to other Officers; It is Ordered that the said fees be paid out of his Majesties Revenues of 2s per hogshead & c; and that the said Vidal be forthwith discharged out of Prison.

Ordered that the General Assembly which stands prorogued to the 16th day of November next, be dissolved, and that proclamations issue for notifying the said Dissolution.

An Acco^t of contingent Charges from the 25th of April 1727 to the 25th of this present month; also an account of Work done to the Governor's House, and other disbursements upon the same for the like time, together with an acco^t of the Charges in the apprehending Vidal and execution of certain Pirates were this day laid before the Governor in Council by Nathanael Harrison Esq^r Deputy Auditor, and being examined, divers of the articles of the said account were allowed, and others to be re-examined and regulated by the said Auditor.

The Officers of his Majesty's Revenue on their application are authorized and impowered to sign and issue Rights to the Value of £500 for the use of such as shall require the same for the taking up his Majesty's Lands.

On the application of the Justices of Elizabeth City County, It is Ordered that Edward Jones, William Hunter, John Brodie and William Westwood Gent be added to the Commission of the peace for the said County.

Whereas sundry Inhabitants and the majority of the Vestry of Elizabeth City parish have represented to the Governor, that the Church of the said parish is so ruinous that it is dangerous for them to repair thither for the performing Divine service; and that great differences have arisen between the Inhabitants of the said parish concerning the place where a new Church should be built in the said parish, and upon the occasion of the said differences an Order was made by the last House of Burgesses that the present Vestry should not proceed to the building of a new Church before the next session of Assembly, which is complain'd of as a great grievance to the Petitioners and other Inhabitants who have petitioned the Governor for relief therein, The Gov^r this day in Council took the matter of the said petition into consideration, and upon hearing of all parties by their Council, It is the opinion of the Board that the new Church ought to be built in the Town of Hampton as the most convenient place in the said parish, and that the Vestry be at liberty to proceed to the building of the same accordingly.

At a Council held at the Capitol
November the 2^d 1727

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter
James Blair
William Byrd
Nath^l Harrison
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley

John Robinson
John Carter
Rich^d Fitzwilliam
John Grymes
Will^m Dandridge &
John Custis Esq^r

The Governor laid before the Board a letter from M^r Leheup Sollicitor for the Virginia affairs dated the 24th of June 1727 together with an account of sundry fees and other Charges expended by him in the solliciting and obtaining of his Majesty the Order for settling the Boundaries between this Colony and the Province of North Carolina, & in obtaining his Majesty's approbation of the Act for laying a Duty on Liquors, amounting to £59,,9,,6 Which sum he desires may be reimbursed to him and likewise that he may have a suitable recompence for his extraordinary trouble in negotiating the business of the Duty Act and other affairs of this Government during the administration of the late Governor; And the said letter and account being read at the Board, It is the opinion of the Council and accordingly Ordered that the Receiver General do pay out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2s per hogshead & c. the said sum of £59,,9,,6 expended by M^r Leheup for the service of this Government, together with fifty Guineas as a Gratuity for his extraordinary trouble and care therein; and that it be recommended to the next Assembly to reimburse that expence to the Revenue.

The Governor was pleased to inform the Board that the Nottoway Indians having complained to him that they were threatned by the Maherines upon a suspicion of their being concerned with the Cattabaws in their late attack on the Maherines, and being assured by Coll^o Harrison who had been desired by the President to examine into the Conduct of the Tributary Indians upon the Cattabaws arrival on our Frontiers, that the Nottoway Indians were altogether unconcerned in the mischiefs committed by the Cattabaws with whom they had not the least correspondence, he had thereupon written to the Governor of North Carolina in justification of the Nottoways, and desired him to interpose his authority to divert the Maherines from prosecuting their revenge upon a Jealousy which appeared to be entirely groundless; that he had received from S^r Richard Everard the Governor of North Carolina a Letter dated the 30th of last month acquainting him that the Maherines declared they have not any suspicion of the Nottoways being concerned in the late

attack on their nation, and that they have not any quarrel with those Indians, but charge the mischief done them on the old Occaneeche King and the Saponie Indians, expecting that as they had twelve persons killed and a Boy carried away prisoner, the like number of the Saponies shall be delivered up to them to be put to death, and that the prisoner be restored to them. Whereupon Colonel Harrison acquainted the Board that he had strictly examined the conduct of the Saponies in the affair where-with they are now charged and was well assur'd that only three of that Nation join'd the Cattabaws in their march to the Maherine Town, and that their so doing was contrary to the express Orders of their great men who were very willing to have delivered them up had they returned to the Saponie Town, but one of them dying at Roanoak, the other two for fear of being punished fled away with the Cattabaws; and as to the Maherine boy taken prisoner the Chief man of the Cattabaws had promised to restore him as soon as he got back to his own Town.

And thereupon this Board delivered their opinion that this account of the part the Saponie Indians had in the attack made on the Maherines be signified to the Governor of North Carolina to the end he may satisfy the Maherine Indians what endeavours have been used to procure them satisfaction as well in regard to their people killed, as to the boy carried away prisoner, and that neither the Saponies nor the Occaneeche King had any hand in the injury done them, nor can be accountable for the same.

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue were this day sign'd by the Governor in Council Viz^t

Out of the 2s per Hogsh^d Port Duties & Head money.

To the Governor for 44 days Sallary from the 11 th of Septem ^r to the 25 th of October inclusive	£,,245,,18,, ¼
To The President for his Sallary from the 25 th of April to the 11 th of September	„754,, 1,,10½
To The Gent of the Council one half years Salary ending the 25 th of October	„175,,—,,—
To the Judges & Off ^{rs} of the Oyer & Terminer held last June	„100,,—,,—
To the Auditor Gen ^l of the Plantations one half years Sallary ending the 25 th of October	50,,—,,—
To The Sollicitor of the Virginia affairs for the like Sallary	20,,—,,—
To The Clerk of the Council for the same time	50,,—,,—
To the Armorer for the same time	6,,—,,—
To Will ^m Prentis for money paid the Gunners of the sev ^l Batteries	20,,—,,—

To The same for money paid the Ministers who preached before the Gen ^l Court....	4,,—,—
To the same for money paid for Repairs upon the Governors House	85,,10,, 5
To William Prentis for money paid for expenses and contingent Charges.....	70,,14,,—
To The same for money paid for the Charges and Execution of several Pirates apprehended in North Carolina	96,, 8,, 5¼

And out of the Revenue of Quitt Rents

To M ^r Comiss ^r Blair one half years Salary ...	,, 50,,—,—
To The Attorney Gen ^l one half years additional Salary	,, 30,,—,—

The Account of his Majesty's Revenue of 2s per hogshead Port Duties and Head money ending the 25th of October last being examined by the Deputy Auditor was exhibited by the Receiver General, who made Oath thereto, and Certified by the Governor in the usual form the Ballance whereof being

£6304,, 6,,11¼

November the 4th 1727

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter	John Robinson
James Blair	John Carter
William Byrd	Rich ^d Fitzwilliam
Nath ^l Harrison	John Grymes
Cole Digges	Will ^m Dandridge &
Peter Beverley	John Custis Esq ^r

A petition of Joseph Smith of the County of Essex Gent complaining of Salvator Muscoe one of the Justices of the said County being read at the Board, It is Ordered that a Copy of the said petition be given to the said Muscoe, and that he have notice to attend this Board to answer the same at the Council to be held after the next Court of Oyer and Terminer.

The Council taking into consideration the great and extraordinary expence which the Governor hath been put to by a long attendance in London after his appointment to his office, before he could find an opportunity of his passage to this Colony, and by being obliged at last to transport himself and his family in a Merchant Ship; and considering also the Charge he must be at in passing two Commissions for his said office occasioned by the Demise of his late Majesty, are unanimously of opinion & do

accordingly Order that towards defraying the expences aforementioned the sum of Three hundred pounds Sterling be paid to the Governor by the Receiver General out of the Ballance of his Majesty's Revenue of 2s per hogshead remaining in his hands, and that the same be placed among the contingent Charges of this Government.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 14th
day of December 1727

Present

William Gooch Esq' his Mat ^{ty} Lieut Governor	
M ^r Com ^{ty} Blair	John Robinson
William Byrd	John Carter
Mann Page	Richard Fitzwilliam
Cole Digges	John Grymes
Peter Beverley	William Dandridge &
John Custis Esq ^r	

His Majesty's Proclamation bearing date the 5th day of July 1727 declaring his Royal pleasure for continuing the Officers in his Majesty's plantations till his Majesty's pleasure shall be further signified was read and Ordered to be published throughout this Colony.

The Governor having laid before the Council a Letter from S^r Richard Everard Governor of North Carolina dated the 6th instant notifying his appointment of four persons to be Commissioners on the part of that Province for settling the Boundaries between both Governments, and proposing that a Conference be held between the Commissioners on both sides some time before the last of January for settling such preliminaries as may be necessary for the better expediting the said work; the Council are thereupon of opinion that there is no necessity for any such previous Conference as is desired, since the Proposals approved by his Majesty and agreed to by the Proprietors of Carolina are so plain as to leave no room for dispute in the Execution thereof, nor any liberty for the Commissioners to depart from the Rules therein laid down, but if any thing is necessary to be provided on either side towards enabling the Commissioners to proceed with the greater ease and expedition when they meet to settle the boundaries, the same may in the meantime be concerted by letters. And 'tis Ordered that this Resolution of the Board be communicated to the Governor of North Carolina.

Nathanael Harrison Esq' formerly appointed one of the Commissioners for settling the boundaries between this Government and North Carolina being lately dead

Richard Fitzwilliam & William Dandridge Esq^r were this day nominated and appointed to be join'd in Commission with

William Byrd Esq' for the same purpose and 'tis Ordered that a Commission be prepared constituting and authorizing them or in case of the death or disability of either the Survivor or Survivors Commissioners on the part of this Government for determining and settling the said Boundaries. And it is further Ordered that the 5th day of March next be appointed for their meeting the Commissioners of North Carolina at the mouth of Corrituck Inlet in order to proceed from thence to lay out the bounds in controversy of which the Governor is desired to give the North Carolina timely notice.

Ordered

That a Tent belonging to Richard Fitzw^m Esq' be purchased by the Receiver General and paid out of his Majesty's Revenue for the use of the Commissioners appointed on the part of this Government for settling the Boundaries with North Carolina, and whereas it has been represented that the said Commissioners are like to be for several Weeks employed in this service, and in passing through a Country where there is not any Minister or established worship, it is Ordered that Peter Fountaine Clerk be appointed to attend the said Commissioners as their Chaplain.

The Governor desiring the advice of the Board what time will be most proper for holding a General Assembly, It is thereupon Resolved that a General Assembly be called to meet on Thursday the first day of february next, and that Writts for the election of Burgesses be prepared and issued accordingly.

William Robertson Gent having since his recovery from his late Indisposition before the Governor taken the several Oaths appointed by Law to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy together with the Abjuration Oath and subscribed the Test, this day took the Oath of his office as Clerk of the Council.

Mann Page Esq' absent

On the recommendation of the Court of Warwick County, It is Ordered that Henry Cary, Anthony Armistead Jun' John Jones and Henry Scasbrook Gent be added to the Commission of the peace for the said County, and that the said Henry Cary be placed in the rank he formerly held in the said Commission

On hearing this day at the Board the Complaint of Joseph Smith Gent against Salvator Muscoe one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Essex, It is Ordered that the further examination thereof be referred till the 6th day of February next, at which time both the said parties together with such witnesses as they think necessary for proving their respective allegations are directed to attend this Board, and the Sheriff of the said County is Ordered to summon such persons as either party shall desire to give evidence in the matter of the said Complaint.

David Bray Gent having by his petition represented to this

Board that in order to obtain a Grant for the Tract of land in Spotsylvania County possessed by Daniel Hornby and Thomas Beal, he did in pursuance of a former Order of this Board send his overseer to receive possession of the said lands, and was ready according to the direction of this Board to have paid the money at the time appointed, but that the servants of the said Hornby and Beal did refuse to deliver possession; and that the said Hornby and Beal have not hitherto sent to receive the said money, and praying that his patent for the said Land may be no longer delayed: This Board having examined upon Oath Robert Talliaferro the petitioner's overseer, and it appearing thereby that he did in behalf of the petitioner demand possession of the plantations of the said Beal and Hornby on the 10th day of November last, and waited there until the 20th of the said month, when by reason of his own indisposition he sent another person to make the same demand, but received in answer from the Overseers of the said Beal and Hornby that they had no Orders therein from their Employers. It is thereupon Ordered that the petitioner have a patent for the aforesaid Tract of Land he agreeing that the money formerly Ordered for the improvements of the said Beal & Hornby thereon shall still be ready, and subject to the further directions of this Board.

On the petition of William Cradock Gent. for stopping a Patent sued out by Richard Philips for one hundred acres of Land in King William County It is Ordered that the parties attend this Board on the 6th day of February next in order to a hearing of their several pretensions to the lands in Controversy.

Richard Long having entered a Caveat for stopping a Patent sued out by William Beverley Gent for Lands lying in King and Queen and Essex Counties and not appearing to prosecute the same, the said Caveat is dismissed, and it is Ordered that a patent be granted for the land therein mentioned to the said William Beverley.

George Woodrooff having petitioned for a Grant of Three Hundred and Eighty acres of land in the County of King William surveyed for Benjamin Arnold deceased in the year 1715 which said Benjamin did devise the said land to his daughter Rachel now the wife of Francis Arnold, but no patent ever sued out for the same, and it appearing to this Board that Anne Arnold the widow of the said Benjamin hath surreptitiously obtained a Copy of the aforesaid Survey and returned the same into the Secretary's Office with intent to take out a Patent thereon; It is Ordered that no patent issue to the said Anne, but that as well the said Anne as the said Francis Arnold and the petitioner do attend this Board on the 6th day of February next to make out their several pretensions to the said Lands.

On the application of Anne Major Widow for hearing and determining her pretensions to a Tract of Land in New Kent

County lately found to escheat and petition'd for by John Meux late of the said County dec^d. It is Ordered that the said Anne Major give notice to the heir or heirs at law of the said Meux to attend this Board on the 6th day of February next in order to a determination of her and their pretensions to a grant of the said land; and that the said Anne have leave to examine in the Country such ancient witnesses as she shall think proper for the proof of her title giving due notice to the heirs of the said Meux to attend at such examination which any Justice of the peace of the County of New Kent is hereby impowered & required to take upon Oath and to certify into the Council Office before the said 6th day of February.

On the petition of Henry Willis setting forth that by patent dated the 5th day of November 1673. One Thousand four hundred and sixty five acres of Land lying in the County of Rappahannock (now Spotsylv^a) on the south side Rappahanock River in the freshes thereof, on the head of a Creek called Nassaponax were granted to John Bowsey;

That the said Bowsey not cultivating the said land according to the condition of the said patent Augustine Smith Gent petitioned for the said land as lapsed according to the form of an Act of Assembly made in the year 1705, and obtain'd an Order of the General Court dated the 25th day of October 1709 for a Grant of the said Land as lapsed, he having produced Rights for the said Land according to the said Act;

That the said Augustine ever since hath neglected to sue out a Patent for that land, and keeps the same under the said Order without paying any Quitt Rents to the King for the same; It is Ordered that the said Augustine Smith who now lives in the County of Essex be summoned to attend this Board on the 6th day of February next to shew cause why the said Orders should not be made void, and the said land granted to the petitioner.

Mann Page Esq^r Present

Ordered

That a new Commission of the peace issue for the County of Gloucester, and that John Lewis Gent be put in his former place, and that John Armistead Christopher Todd and Thomas Perrin be added to the said Commission.

On hearing this day at the Board the petition of Richard Randolph Gent for stopping a patent sued out by Arthur Moseley Jun^r for Four hundred acres of land on Fighting Creek in the County of Henrico, It appearing to this Board that three hundred acres of the said land is within the bounds of a Tract granted by Order of Council to Nathan^l Harrison Esq^r and by him assign'd to the pet^r and by the negligence of the Surveyor left out of the pet^r's survey; It is the opinion of the Council and

accordingly Order'd that the said Surveyor be as he is hereby required to lay off the Three Thousand acres mentioned in the petitioners grant so as to include the three hundred acres aforementioned out of the Entry of the said Moseley, and that he compleat the said Survey to the petitioner without any further charge than would have been due if the whole three Thousand acres had been included in his first survey: And whereas it appears to this Board that the said Moseley hath made divers Improvements on the aforementioned three hundred acres of land; It is Ordered that the petitioner satisfy him for the same; and that the said Arthur Moseley have leave to take out a patent for the remaining one hundred acres contained in his said Entry; to which purpose the Surveyor is hereby required and directed to deliver a survey and platt for the fee he hath already received and that he also repay to the said Moseley the money he received for the purchase of Rights for the three hundred acres above mentioned, and in case the said Surveyor shall refuse to comply with what is hereby enjoin'd him It is Ordered that he attend this Board on the 6th day of February next to answer for his misbehaviour in his office by which as well the pet' as the said Arthur Moseley have been put to trouble and expence, and delayed in obtaining their patents.

February the 3^d 1727

Present

The Governor

James Blair
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley

John Carter
Rich^d Fitzwilliam
Will^m Dandridge &

John Custis Esq^r

On reading at this Board the petition of Abram Spencer praying that a fine imposed on him by King Wiliam County Court in July last may be remitted It is ordered that the Justices of the said Court be required to certify the manner of the prosecution, and the proofs of the fact for which the petitioner was fined to the end this board may be satisfied whether the allegations of the pet' concerning the Court proceeding be true

The Governor communicated to the Council a letter from Sir Richard Everard Governor of North Carolina proposing that before the dividing line be run between the two Governments it be agreed and declared that all Grants made by either Government for lands within the contraverted bounds shall be confirmed to the present possessors in which soever of the Colonies the said lands shall happen to fall; and the said letter being read together with the Governor's answer thereto dated the 23^d of January It is the unanimous opinion of this Board that the said

proposal ought not to be agreed to, and that the answer given by the Governor to the aforesaid letter is conformable to the repeated declarations of this Government concerning the disposing of the lands within the contraverted bounds whenever the same should come to be determined.

On reading at this Board a letter from the right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for trade and plantations together with the opinion of his Majesty's Attorney and Sollicitor General on the case transmitted from hence relating to the fines and forfeitures claim'd by the Proprietors of the Northern Neck within the Territory granted to them by Charter It is ordered that the said opinion be entred on the Council books and in the Secretary's office, to which all parties concerned may have recourse.

February the 5th 1727

Present

The Governør

James Blair
Peter Beverley
John Carter

Rich^d Fitzwilliam
John Grymes
Will^m Dandridge &

John Custis Esq^r

The Governør was pleased (with the advice & consent of the Council) to constitute and appoint John Blair Gent Naval Officer of the Upper District of James River in the room of Francis Lightfoot deceased Naval officer of that District.

The minutes of Council from the Governør's arrival to the 14th of December last inclusive were this day read and approved.

For preventing disputes and controversies which may arise by allowing Entries immediately to be made for lands lying within the contraverted bounds between this Colony & North Carolina; It is this day ordered by the Governør with the advice of the Council that no Entries be admitted for any of the lands lying within the bounds heretofore in controversy until upon the Report of the Commissioners appointed for the determination of the boundaries, rules shall be established for the more regular entring for the said lands and publick notice thereof given throughout the Colony; and the Surveyors of the several Counties next adjoining to the said contraverted bounds are to take notice hereof and conform themselves accordingly.

February the 6th 1727*Present*

The Governor

M ^r Commiss ^{ry} Blair	John Carter
Peter Beverley	Rich ^d Fitzwilliam
John Robinson	John Grymes &
W ^m Dandridge Esq ^r	

This day being appointed for hearing & determining divers controversies arising on the pretensions of several persons to grants of his Majesty's lands the Governor and Council proceeded thereupon &

The matter in dispute between William Cradock Gent and Richard Philips Planter touching the grant of one hundred acres of land in King William County by consent of both parties is appointed to be heard at the Council to be held the next Court of Oyer & Terminer.

John Custis Esq^r present

On reading at this Board the humble petition of Anne Major widow in behalf of herself and the Children and Devisees of William Major her deceased husband setting forth that her said husband about thirty five years ago for a valuable consideration purchased of one Daniel Workman a certain tract of land in New Kent County containing by estimation 280 acres, and was immediately possessed thereof but no conveyance ever acknowledged or recorded, that some years after the said Workman departed this life, and the said William Major and the pet^r have been in peaceable possession of the same lands ever since; That one John Meux now deceased sued out an Inquisition of Escheat, for the said land, by which it is found that the same is escheated, and that tho' the pet^r conceives she has a right thereto yet she is willing to take a patent on the said Escheat for strengthening her title, and praying this Board to consider the equity of her pretensions, it appearing by affidavit that pursuant to the order of this Board the 14th of December last, due notice hath been given to M^r Farrall the Executor of the last Will and Testament of the aforesaid John Meux and Guardian to his heir at law to attend this Board and make out his pretensions, and that he hath refused to concern himself any further in prosecuting the said Escheat; It is ordered that a patent be granted for the land aforesaid to the said Anne Major, or to such of the Children and Devisees of the said William Major dec^d as shall be agreed upon to take the same and to make the division according to the Will of their deceased father they paying the fees and charges expended by M^r Meux in prosecuting the said Escheat, and also the Composition due to his Majesty.

On hearing this day at the Board the several pretensions of George Woodrooff and Anne Arnold widow in behalf of herself and of Rachel her daughter now the wife of Francis Arnold to 380 acres of land lying on East N° East River in the County of Spotsylvania survey'd in the year 1715 for Benjamin Arnold deceased, but no patent ever since sued out; It is the opinion of this Board and accordingly ordered that the said George Woodrooff have a patent for the said land upon his giving Bond to convey the same to Anne the daughter of the said Rachel Arnold when she shall come of age or marry, according to his intention this day signified to this Board.

February the 8th 1727

Present

The Governor

Cole Digges
Peter Beverley
John Robinson

Rich^d Fitzwilliam
John Grymes
W^m Dandridge &
John Custis Esq^r

Several petitions for leave to take up and survey his Mat^{ty} Land were read and granted as follows Viz:

Thomas Bott for two thousand acres in Prince George County beginning on the south side of Appomatus River below Smack's Creek and extending downwards to the line of Essex Bevils on Saponie Creek.

Henry Anderson for two thousand two hundred acres joining on the lands of Henry Randolph and George Robinson on the branches of Smack's Creek in Prince George County.

Henry Anderson for 2,000 acres called the Beech tree joining James Powell Cocke's land on Nihb's Creek in the same County.

John Anderson for 1200 acres on both sides of Nibbs Creek joining to the land of Edw^d Booker in the same County.

Henry Anderson Jun^r for 2000 acres joining on the lands of John Anderson and James Powell Cocke on Nibbs Creek in Prince George County.

William Kennon for 1,000 acres in the same County joining on the land of W^m Pride on the south side of Appomatus River.

Henry Wood for 3,000 acres between Willis's & Randolph's Creeks in Henrico County.

Seth Ward for 5000 acres on the North side of Appomatus River in the same County beginning at a hickory mark'd on four sides and running up the said River to Green Creek

Thomas Randolph for 3000 acres in the same County beginning about a mile above Henry Cary's upper survey on Hatcher's

Creek and extending on both sides of the Said Creek to complete that quantity.

Renela Force for 900 acres in Henrico County joining on the lands of Chastain and Dulcit and to include the same in one patent the same being already survey'd in two distinct surveys.

Henry Cary for 3,000 acres beginning on the great mountains of Willis's Creek in Henrico County and extending over the said mountains to the two great branches which encompass the same, and so down the Creek to a white oak mark'd H. C. to include that quantity.

John Syme, John Anderson, Thomas Anderson & Richard Clough for 6,000 acres in one or more tracts on the branches of the River Byrd in Hannover County and joining on the land formerly granted to the said Syme.

Ralph Crutchfield for 1500 acres in Hannover County including 400 acres survey'd for John Whately and assign'd to the pet' with leave to include the whole in one patent.

Thomas Tyler for 3000 acres beginning on the south fork of Terry's run adjoining to the land of James Taylor & Joseph Hawkins in Spotsylvania County.

Christopher Clark for 2500 acres on both sides of the Southanna above Deep Creek in Hannover County.

Peter King for 1700 acres lying below deep Creek in Hannover County.

Michael Holland for 2,000 acres in Hannover County 400 acres thereof being already granted by patent to Richard & Thomas Watson and 400 acres survey'd for John Woody and Benjamin Johnson and assign'd to the pet' with leave to include the whole in one patent

David Walker for 1,000 acres in Prince George County on Turkey egg and Reedy Creeks and on Nottoway River including the land formerly granted to Solomon Wynne.

George Booker for 2000 acres in Prince George County bounding on Nibbs Creek and the lines of William Kennon and on Flatt Creek

William Mayo for 6,000 acres between Appomatus River and Flatt Creek in Prince George County adjoining to the Lands of Abraham Burton, Joshua Stevens and William Pride and the same to be laid off in one or more tracts.

James Pitillo for 1,000 acres in Prince George's County between the lines of John Kerby, Edmund Irby, Jn^r Tillman, Richard Cook, James Williams and Rowante road.

Rich^d Randolph for 2,000 acres in Prince George County beginning on a great branch on the head of Flatt Creek

John Dandridge on his petition hath leave granted him to include in one patent three several Entries each for 400 acres of land lying on the North side the Southanna a little above Cubb Creek in Hannover County.

Thomas Randolph on his petition hath leave granted him to include in one patent four thousand acres of land survey'd in ten several surveys lying on the north side the north branch of James River, and at the foot of the mountains in Henrico County

Thomas Jones Gent by his petition setting forth that Benjamin Brown of Hannover County long since entered for and survey'd 1600 acres of land in the said County but hath never returned the survey nor sued out any patent for the same whereby the said Entry is become void and praying a grant thereof it is ordered that the said Brown be summoned to appear at the next Council held after the Court of Oyer and Terminer in June to shew cause why the said land should not be granted to the pet^r

Thomas Jones by his petition setting forth that Joseph Powell of King William County some years since entered for two tracts of land the one containing 1500 and the other 400 acres on Elk Creek now in Spotsylvania County, but never sued out any patent for the same; and that James Taylor of King and Queen County also entered for and survey'd 1500 acres on the same Elk Creek without suing out any patent for the same, that the said land hath been long since survey'd, & praying grants for the said Lands; It is ordered that the said Powell and Taylor be summoned to appear at the next Council after the Court of Oyer & Terminer in June to shew cause why the said several tracts should not be granted to the petitioner.

On the petition of John Cosby and Charles Barret setting forth that Thomas Carr of King William County long since entered for eight hundred acres of land lying on both sides the south fork of little River; and joining on the lower end to the land of Benjamin Brown and on the upper end to that of Coll^r Merriwether.

That the said Carr entered for four hundred acres of land lying on both sides the north fork of little River aforesaid joining on the lower end to the line of that tract called Elk Creek, and on the upper end to Benjamin Brown's land, but never sued out any patent for either of the tracts abovement^d and praying they may have a patent for the said land; It is ordered that the said Thomas Carr be summoned to attend at the Council held at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer to shew cause why the lands before mentioned ought not to be granted to the petitioners; and the pet^rs are to cause notice be given him accordingly.

February 13th 1727*Present*

The Governor

James Blair	John Robinson
W ^m Byrd	John Carter
Peter Beverley	John Grymes &
John Custis Esq ^r	

This day his Majesty's Commission under the great Seal bearing date the 9th day of November 1727 in the first year of his Majesty's reign constituting the Right Hon^{ble} George Earl of Orkney his Majesty's Lieut: and Governor General of this his Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and also a Commission under his Maj^{ty's} Royal Signet and Sign Manual bearing date the 17th of October constituting William Gooch Esq^r his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor of this Dominion were read and published in the General Courthouse in the presence of the of the Council the house of Burgesses now assembled and a great concourse of Gentlemen and others.

After which the Lieut Governor returning to the Council Chamber took the oaths appointed by an Act of Parliament made in the first year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the first Ent^d an Act for the further security of his Majesty's person and Government and the succession of the Crown in the heirs of the late Princess Sophia being Protestants and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales and his open and secret abettors And then subscribed the Test and took the oath for the due observation of the Acts of Trade and the execution of his office of Lieut Gov^r and Commander in Chief of this Dominion.

The Board taking into consideration the proper commission and instructions to be given to the Commissioners appointed on the part of this Government to settle the boundaries between this Colony and the Province of North Carolina It was thereupon Resolved.

That it be an instruction to the said Com^{rs} that in case those appointed for North Carolina shall fail to appear or being present shall refuse to run the dividing line pursuant to his Majesty's directions, the Commissioners of Virginia do proceed to mark out the same without them

That it be an instruction to the said Commiss^{rs} to treat & agree with the Commiss^{rs} of North Carolina in the best manner they can touching such Islands or small parcells of land which may be intersected by the dividing line and which (according to the proposals approved by his Mat^y, are left to be allotted to the one Government or the other as the natural bounds will admit

Resolved

That power be given to the said Commiss^{rs} in case of resistance or opposition by the people of Carolina to call to their assistance the Militia and posse of the several adjacent Counties to remove all force and that the directions & authority aforesaid be inserted in the Commission to be given the said Com^{rs} under the Seal of the Colony and that no other particular instructions be given them but what are contain'd in the said Commission, which the Clerk of the Council is hereby ordered to prepare against the next meeting of the Council

M^r Augustine Smith having by an Instrument under his hand relinquished his pretension to a tract of land in Spotsylvania County petitioned for by Henry Willis Gent as forfeited by the said Augustine for not suing out a patent for the same in due time It is ordered that the said tract of land containing 1400 acres be granted to the said Henry Willis, he procuring Rights for the same, and pursuing the orders of the Government in that behalf

February 16th 1727

Present

The Governor

James Blair
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley
John Robinson

John Carter
Rich^d Fitzwilliam
John Grymes &
John Custis

Whereas some doubt hath been made whether the exemption from purchasing Rights granted by his late Ma^{ty} to the persons taking up lands in the Counties of Brunswick and Spotsylvania doth extend to lands which shall be survey'd but not patented before the first of May next; It is the opinion of this Board that the said exemption doth extend to all lands actually survey'd in the said Counties before the first day of May next, tho' patents shall not be passed for the same, and the Surveyors of the said Counties are to cause the said surveys to be returned into the Secretary's office with all convenient speed.

February the 27th 1727

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter
James Blair
Cole Digges
John Robinson

John Carter
Rich^d Fitzwilliam
John Grymes
W^m Dandridge &

John Custis Esq^r

The Draught of a Commission to William Byrd Rich^d Fitzwilliam and William Dandridge Esq^r for settling the boundaries

between this Colony and the Province of N^o Carolina in conjunction with the Com^{rs} of that Province pursuant to his Mat^{ty} commands being prepared was read at the board and approved and ordered to be fairly engrossed for the Governor's signing, and the Seal of the Colony affix'd thereto.

This Board having received information that M^r Allen one of the Surveyors appointed for running the dividing line between this Colony and N^o Carolina declines going on that service being hindred by the dangerous indisposition of his wife the Governor with the advice of the Council was pleased to nominate and appoint M^r Alexander Irwin Professor of the Mathematicks in the College of William and Mary in the room of the said M^r Allen, and in case he shall refuse to undertake the same, then M^r Drury Stith is appointed for that service

A Representation of sundry of the principal Inhabitants of the County of Surry complaining of the inconvenient scituation of their present Court house, and praying the Gov^r to appoint a more proper place where a new Court house may be built near the Centre of the said County, and also a counter petition of divers Inhabitants of the said County praying that the Court of the said County may be held where it now is, were severally read And it is ordered that the parties be heard thereon before this Board on Wednesday the 6th of next month

March the 6th 1727

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter
James Blair
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley

John Robinson
John Carter
John Grymes &
John Custis Esq^r

On hearing at the Board the several petitions of the Inhabit^{ts} of Surry County with the allegations of the several parties touching the most convenient place for holding the Court of the said County It is ordered that for the more equal determination of the dispute between the said parties the Surveyor of the said County be and he is hereby required to lay before this Board a Map of the said County describing the place where the present Court house now stands, and the place proposed for erecting a new Court house together with the distance of each from the outward bounds of the said County, and the consideration of the said petitions is referred till the said Map be prepared

A petition of divers of the frontier Inhabitants of the County of Isle of Wight being presented and read at the Board complaining of the great distance of their Court house from the greater part of the said Inhabitants, and praying that the same may be

removed nearer the center of the County, It is ordered that the Surveyor of the said County prepare a Map of the County describing the place where the Court is now kept and the place proposed by the pet^r for erecting a new Court house and that the said Map be returned to the Governor to the end this Board may be the better enabled to judge of the most convenient place for fixing the said Court house.

Mann Page Esq' present

On the humble application of Sarah Williamson an Indian woman now under sentence of death in the publick Goal for murder, the Governor in Council was pleased to admit sundry witnesses to be examined, which she alledged would have been material for her justification on her tryal, but were through her ignorance ommitted to be summoned and, And after examination of the said witnesses the Governor having ask'd the advice of the Council thereon, they are thereupon of opinion that the witnesses now produced do not sufficiently make appear her innocency of the fact for which she stands condemned.

March the 15th 1727

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter
James Blair
Mann Page
Cole Digges

Peter Beverley
John Robinson
John Grymes &
John Custis Esq^r

A new Commission of the peace for the County of Princess Anne was this day ordered with an addition of sundry Gentlemen recommended to be Justices in the said County.

March the 21st 1727

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter
James Blair
Mann Page
Cole Digges

Peter Beverley
John Robinson
John Carter
John Grymes &
John Custis Esq^r

John Grymes Esq' his Maj^{ty}'s Receiver General informing the Board that he had in his hands divers Judgments & orders of the County Courts in the northern Neck, whereby Fines are laid on sundry persons for contempts and breaches of the peace, and

desired the directions of the Board whether the same be due to the King or to the Proprietors, and particularly as to a fine of £ 5 laid by the Court of Lancaster County on Rawleigh Chin and the like sum on William Norris for a contempt; The Council taking the same into consideration are of opinion that the fines above mentioned, and all others of the like nature not particularly appropriated by Act of Assembly are due to the Proprietors of the Northern Neck according to the opinion of his Majesty's Attorney and Sollicitor General on the 2^d Quary referred to them upon the state of the case between the King and the said Proprietors; but that all fines imposed on the Inhabitants of that Territory either by the General Court or any inferiour Court not held within that Territory ought to be accounted for to his Majesty as well as all fines and forfeitures arising by virtue of any Act of Assembly and recovered in the Courts held within the said Neck: And the Receiver General also moving for directions touching the forfeiture of the Estate of Thomas Glascock of the County of Richmond indicted & outlawed for murder, and the forfeiture of the personal Estate of one Moverley of Westmoreland County who was found a felo de se. The Council are thereupon of opinion that the first of these forfeitures doth belong to the Proprietors according to the determination of the Attorney and Sollicitor General in the case above mentioned And that the other forfeiture of the goods of Moverley do by the express words of the said determination appertain to his Majesty and ought to be accounted for to his Mat^y Receiver General. But for as much as it is very inconvenient for the Sheriffs in the Northern Neck to attend the officers of his Majesty's Revenue to pass their accounts of such small sums as may happen to be received by them for fines and forfeitures accruing to his Majesty within that Territory It is ordered that the said Sheriffs be and they are hereby directed to account with Col^o Thomas Lee for all such sums as shall come to their hands; and that they be allowed 5 per Cent for collecting and paying the same to him And that the like allowance of 5 per Cent be given to the said Thomas Lee for receiving and paying the same to the Receiver General for his Majesty's use.

March the 30th 1728

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter
James Blair
Mann Page
Cole Digges

Peter Beverley
John Robinson
John Carter '&
John Custis Esq^o

On reading at this Board the humble petition of William Ford praying that a fine of ten pounds imposed on him by the Court of King William County may be remitted: It appearing

by the proceedings of the said Court that the said fine was not duly assessed The Governor with the advice of the Council is pleased to remitt the said fine, and the same is accordingly remitted of which the Sheriff of the said County and all others concerned are required to take notice

New Commissions of the peace for the Counties of Stafford, Northumberland, Isle of Wight, Gloucester and Prince George being regulated and settled in Council were ordered to be issued.

This Board having taken into consideration the several petitions of the Inhabitants of Surry County and heard the several parties touching the most convenient place for holding the Courts for the said County, have thought fit to order as it is hereby ordered that a Court house for the said County be built on the north side of Blackwater Swamp near the main road and bridge which leadeth to the plantation of M^r Howell Edmonds, that appearing by the said County most suitable to the general conveniency of the Inhabitants.

The Governor acquainting the Council that he intended this day to put an end to this session of Assembly & desiring their opinion to what time the same shall be prorogued It is thereupon Resolved that thursday the 14th of November will be the most proper time for the next Session of Assembly if there shall then appear any occasion for their meeting

The Governor also desiring the Council's opinion if any of the Bills agreed on this Session be unfit for his assent

To which they declared their opinion that all the bills now prepared and agreed on by the Burgesses and themselves are such as he may readily assent to.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 17th
day of April 1728

Present

The Hon^{ble} William Gooch Esq^r his Maj^{ty}'s Lieut Governor

James Blair

Rich^d Fitzwilliam

Peter Beverley

John Grymes &

John Carter

John Custis Esq^r

Whereas Cap^t Covel Mayne Commander of his Mat^{ty}'s Ship the Biddiford appointed for this Station hath laid before the Governor the information he received at sea from one James Seymour Master of a Sloop called the Fancy from Antegoa that divers vessels are fitting out by the Spaniards at S^t Domingo and other ports in the West Indies to cruize on this coast, and may be speedily expected: This Board taking into consideration the danger to which the shipping in this Colony may be exposed from the said Privateers have thought fit to order as it is hereby ordered that an Embargo be laid on all ships and vessels outward bound until the 6th day of May next at which time they are hereby appointed to rendezvous at the mouth of the James

River and thence to proceed under the convoy of his Majesty's aforesaid ship the Biddiford, and the Naval Officers are hereby directed to give immediate notice hereof to the Masters of ships in their respective Districts, and to take the usual bonds directed by law for their observing this Embargo And it is further ordered that after the said sixth day of May the like Embargo be continued until publick notice be given from time to time for the making up of Fleets to go under the convoy of his Mat^{ty}s said ship as the Captain thereof shall be ready to take them under his protection.

On the application of Cap^t Covell Mayne Commander of his Maj^{ty}'s ship the Biddiford Ordered that a proclamation issue prohibiting the entertaining and harbouring the seamen belonging to the said ship and for apprehending and securing all deserters that shall be found stragling about the Country

April the 23^d 1728

Present

The Governor

James Blair	Rich ^d Fitzwilliam
William Byrd	John Grymes
Cole Digges	W ^m Dandridge &
Peter Beverley	John Custis Esq ^r

The Governor in Council was pleased to nominate and appoint the following persons to be Sheriffs for the ensuing year
Viz:

James City	Henry Power
New Kent	W ^m Henry
Charles City	Benj ^a Harrison
Hannover	Will ^m Fleming
Henrico	Francis Epes
Eliz ^a City	Joshua Curle
York	William Stark
King William	William Claiborne
Accomack	Rich ^d Drummond
Essex	James Garnett
Nansemond	Dan ^l Pugh
Isle of Wight	Hardy Council
Princess Anne	Thomas Haynes
Norfolk	George Newton
King & Queen	Christopher Beverley
Warwick	John Langhorne
Surry	Howell Edmunds
Northampton	Ralph Rigot
Prince George	William Poythres
Middlesex	Oliver Seager

The Governor with the advice of the Council this day nominated and appointed the Justices for the new erected Counties of Caroline and Goochland Viz:

For the County of Caroline

John Lomax, William Woodford, Thomas Carr, John Martin, Richard Buckner, Thomas Catlett, Francis Thornton John Battails of the Quorum John Sutton, Ambrose Maddison, John Catlett, John Taliaferro, Francis Conway, Lunsford Lomax, Robert Woolfolk, Walter Chiles, Thomas Buckner and Richard Maulden Gent

William Woodford Gent is appointed Sheriff of this County for the ensuing year.

And for the County of Goochland

Thomas Randolph, John Fleming, W^m Mayo, John Woodson Dan^l Stonar of the Quorum Rene la force, Tarleton Fleming Allen Howard and Edward Scott Gent Justices

And Daniel Stonar Gent is appointed Sheriff of this County for the ensuing year

Whereas by the division of Essex County and the erection of that of Caroline, the place heretofore appointed for holding the Courts in the said County of Essex is become very inconvenient to the Inhabitants of the same as it is now constituted It is therefore ordered by the Governor with the advice of the Council that the Court for the said County of Essex be for the future held and kept at Tappahannock town, and that the Justices of the said County do take care that a Court house be erected there for that purpose with all convenient speed.

New Commissions of the peace for the Counties of King William, Accomack and Northampton were this day ordered to be issued with the addition of sundry new Justices nominated in Council.

April the 27th 1728

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter
James Blair
William Byrd
Cole Digges

Peter Beverley
John Grymes
W^m Dandridge &
John Custis Esq^r

Whereas the great and unusual number of Caterpillars which have overspread the whole Country threaten the destruction of the fruits of the Earth It is ordered that Friday the 17th day of May next be observed throughout this Dominion as a solemn day of fasting and humiliation to deprecate the anger of the Almighty, and to implore his mercy in averting the impending Judgment, and that a proclamation be prepared and issue accordingly.

This Board taking into consideration the distress into which the Inhabitants of divers parts of this Colony are like to fall through the scarcity of Corn, if timely care be not taken to prevent the exportation thereof It is ordered that a proclamation issue prohibiting the exportation of Indian Corn, wheat, pease and other grain, and of flower or meal until further order.

Whereas upon the erecting the Counties of Brunswick & Spotsylvania the sum of five hundred pounds was given by the General Assembly and deposited in the hands of certain Trustees for the building a Church and Court house in the said County of Brunswick, which money is yet unapplied to those purposes: It is ordered that the said money remain still unapplied until the boundaries between this Colony and North Carolina be settled, that it may be better known where the said Church and Court house ought to be erected for the general conveniency of the Inhabitants of the said County

It is Resolved and Ordered that the salary to the Messenger and Keeper of the Council Chamber be fifteen pounds per annum to be paid out of his Mat^{rs} Revenues of 2s per hoghead &c.

The acc^t of contingent charges for the last half year was this day examined in Council and allowed.

John Carter Esq^r present.

The acco^t of sundry disbursements for repairing the Gov^{rs} house were examined and allowed.

Ordered that the sum of eighty pounds Cur^t money be paid to Joseph Sutton Joiner, if he will accept the same in full of his account for the work done at the Governor's house but if he refuse the same, it is ordered that the Receiver General do appoint fit persons with such as the said Sutton shall name to view and value the said work, and that so much as shall appear due to him on such valuation be paid him at the passing the next half years accounts of the Revenue.

The Commiss^{rs} appointed for settling the boundaries between this Colony and North Carolina having laid before the Board an account of the expences & disbursements so far as they have proceeded in that service, the same was examined & allowed.

The following persons were appointed by the Governor to be Sheriffs for the ensuing year Viz:

For the County of

Richmond	Samuel Peachey
Lancaster	Henry Fleet Jun ^r
Northumberland	John Shapleigh
Westmoreland	Aug ^t Washington
Stafford	Dennis M ^r Carty
King George	Joseph Strother
Spotsylvania	Larkin Chew
Gloicester	Peter Whiting

On the petition of Charles Kimball Interpreter to the Saponie Indians, It is the opinion of the Council that in consideration of the trouble and pains he is obliged to take in that service his Salary be augmented to four thousand pounds of tobacco per annum And that the same be recommended to the House of Burgesses at the next Session of Assembly.

May the 2^d 1728

Present

The Governor

William Byrd
Cole Digges

Peter Beverley
John Carter &
John Grymes Esq^r

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenues were this day sign'd by the Governor in Council Viz:

Out of the 2s per hogsh^d, port duties & head money

To the Governor $\frac{1}{2}$ years salary ending the 25 th April	£1000,,—,—
To the Gentlemen of the Council for the same time	175,,—,—
To the Judges and officers of the Court of Oyer and Terminer held in December	100,,—,—
To the Aud ^r General of the Plantations half a years salary ending the 25th of April	50,,—,—
To the Sollicitor of the Virginia affairs for the same time	50,,—,—
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the same time	20,,—,—
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time ..	50,,—,—
To the Armourer for the same time	6,,—,—
To sundry Ministers for their attendance on Gen ^l Court and Assembly	20,,—,—
To William Prentis for sundry expresses and other contingent Charges	465,, 3,, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$
To William Prentis for sundry repairs and other services about the Governor's House	147,, 5,, 2
To William Prentis for the Gunners of the sev ^l Batteries	20,,—,—
To sundry expences in settling the Boundarys.	185,,—,— 4

Present Robert Carter Esq^r and M^r Commissary Blair

On reading at this Board the petition of Henry Willis in behalf of John and Robert Willis his sons setting forth that about twelve months ago he made two several Entries with M^r Aug^t

Smith Surveyor of Spotsylvania County in the name of the said two sons, each for one thousand acres of land in the said County, intending to take out patents for the same upon the exemption granted by his late Majesty to persons taking up lands in that County; That the said M^r Smith neglected to survey the said Entries during his continuance in his office, and that M^r George Home the present Surveyor either by misinformation, or some other mistake has survey'd fifteen hundred acres of the above land in one entire Tract, without distinguishing the shares belonging to each respectively, and praying that the said land may be divided and separate patents granted to the said Robert and John according to the true intent of the said Entries. The Governor with the advice of the Council is hereby pleased to order that the Surveyor of Spotsylvania County do divide the said fifteen hundred thirty one acres into two equal parts, and return separate surveys thereof into the Secretary's office as he ought to have done before without further charge to the pet^r and that thereupon the said Robert and John Willis have patents granted them respectively on the same terms as they would have been entitled to if their said Entries had been duly survey'd at first.

May the 4th 1728

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter
James Blair
William Byrd
Cole Digges

Peter Beverley
John Carter
John Grymes &
John Custis Esq^r

Ordered

That new Commissions of the peace issue for the Countys of Spotsylvania, Richmond, and Elizabeth City with the addition of the severall new Justices recommended and approved at the Board.

The Acco['] of his Majesty's Revenue of Quit Rents for the past year being examined by Henry Willis Gent Deputy Aud^r pro tempore, was sworn to by the Receiver General and certified by the Governor as usual Also

The Acco['] of his Maj^{ty}'s Revenue of 2 shillings per hogshhead port duties and head money for the half year ending the 25th of [April] being examined by the same Deputy Auditor was sworn to by the Receiver, and in like manner certified by the Governor.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 13th of June 1728

Present

The Hon^{ble} The Governor

James Blair
William Byrd
Mann Page
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley

John Robinson
John Carter
Rich^d Fitzwilliam
John Grymes
William Dandridge &

John Custis Esq^r

New Commissions of the peace for the several Counties in this Colony to which the like Commissions have not issued since his Majesty's accession were this day regulated in Council and Ordered to be issued accordingly.

It being represented to this Board that the place lately appointed for erecting a new Court house in the County of Surry will be attended with some inconveniences to the Inhabitants resorting thereto, and that about half a mile from thence on the south side of Blackwater, there is a convenient place near to a good spring where the said Courthouse may more properly be fix'd, It is accordingly ordered that the Courthouse for the said County be erected on the land of M^r Howel Edmunds near the great road which leads from the bridge through his plantation, and as near as conveniently may be to his spring, that place appearing to this Board to be most suited to the general conveniency of the Inhabitants.

John Simmons of the County of Surry Gent praying leave to survey and patent a certain tract of land commonly called Raccoon Island lying on the south side of Nottoway River in the County of Isle of Wight, formerly assign'd to the Nottoway Indians for their Quiocosine house or place of burial, and by them deserted, It is Ordered that leave be granted to the pet^r to take up the said land he producing authentick testimonials of the said Indians relinquishing their pretensions thereto in his favour.

William Cradock of the County of King William Gent moving for leave to examine witnesses to prove his title to a tract of land in the said County now in dispute between him & Richard Philips It is ordered that the said William Cradock have leave to examine upon oath such witnesses as he shall think necessary before any Justice of the peace of the County of King William giving due notice to the said Philips of the time and place of such examination and it is further Ordered that the Justice or Justices before whom such examination is taken do certify the depositions of the said witnesses to the Council office before the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, at which time the parties are to be heard upon their several pretensions to a grant of the land in controversy.

On reading at this Board the petition of John Cosby & Charles Barret for a grant of two Tracts of land in Hannover County one containing 800 acres lying on both sides the south fork of little River, and the other containing 400 on both sides the north fork of little River, which said tracts were long since entered for & surveyed by Thomas Carr of King William County who hath fail'd to sue out a patent for the same, but it being urged in behalf of the said Carr that there are no such Entries made by him as are suggested in the said petition; It is thereupon ordered that the parties be heard before this Board at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, and that the Surveyor of Hannover County do then attend with his book of Entries; and the pet^r have liberty to bring such other proof as they shall judge necessary to make out the allegations of their petition, and to make appear that the land petitioned for is the same which the said Carr entered for with the Surveyor.

The several petitions of John Cosby, Thomas Jones and John Syme for a tract of land formerly survey'd for Thomas Carr lying on Gold mine run or Golden Creek, in the County of Hannover and for which no patent hath been sued out by the said Carr are referred to be heard before this Board on the fifth day of the next General Court, when all the said parties are ordered to attend, and the said Syme is to bring with him his book of Entries, and no patent to issue to the said Carr or any other person in the mean time

On the petition of John Cosby and Charles Barret and by consent of Benjamin Brown It is ordered that patents be granted to the pet^r for four hundred acres of land formerly survey'd by the said Brown on the south fork and four hundred acres on the north fork of little River in the County of Hannover & joining to the Entries of Cap^t Thomas Carr on the said several forks.

On the petition of Stephen Chastein for eight hundred acres of land lying in S^t James's parish in the County of Goochland on the great fork of upper Manakin Creek survey'd for Peter Fontaine Clerk about six years ago, but no patent sued out for the same, It is ordered that the parties be heard thereon at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, and the Surveyor of the County of Henrico is ordered to attend with his book of Entries.

On the petition of John Brunskill Clerk leave is granted him to take up and patent four hundred acres of land in the County of King William joining to the land purchased by the pet^r of Rob^t Axton and Thomas Ham Senior, and to include the whole in one patent.

John Fitzgerald by his petition setting forth that about eight years ago there was survey'd for James Grecian three parcels of land Viz^t one of 250 acres on the southside of Maherine River, and another of 145 on the north side of the said River both in Isle of Wight County and one other tract of 185 acres on the south side of Fountain's Creek in Brunswick County That the said

James Grecian is since dead, and neither he in his life time, nor any other person since his decease have sued out patents for any of the said tracts, and praying a Grant thereof conformable to the orders of government It is ordered that the pet^r give notice to the heir at Law of the said James Grecian if he is to be found, or otherwise cause publication to be made at the Court house of Isle of Wight County that unless the heir of the said Grecian, or some person in his behalf do appear before this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer, and shew sufficient cause why patents for the said land have been so long delay'd that the same will then be granted to the petitioner

On the petition of Thomas Jones Gent for a Grant of 1900 acres of land in Hannover County formerly survey'd for Joseph Powell and 1500 acres formerly survey'd for James Taylor both lying on Elk Creek in the said County It is ordered that the said Powell and Taylor have notice to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer to show cause why the said land ought not to be granted to the petitioner.

On reading at this Board the several petitions and Caveats of Humphrey Pope, and John Edy for stopping a Grant to Henry Willis Gent for land in the little fork of Rappahannock River in Spotsylvania County together with the petition and Caveat of the said Henry Willis against a patent sued out for part of the said land by Charles Duit & it appearing by the said several petitions that Augustine Smith late Surveyor of the County of Spotsylvania is accused of misbehaving himself in his office in relation to the Entries made by the said pet^r It is Ordered that the parties aforesaid be heard before this Board on the fifth day of the next General Court, at which time the said Aug^t Smith and George Home the present Surveyor of Spotsylvania are hereby required to attend with their respective books of Entries in order to the better clearing the matters in difference between the pet^r, and justifying their own conduct as to the matters represented in the said several petitions.

On the petition of Doctor George Nicholas for a Grant of 3000 acres of land in Spotsylvania County on a brook called plentiful River survey'd in October 1721 for John Camm and Samuel Smith who have fail'd to sue out a patent for the same It is ordered that the said Camm and Smith have notice to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer to show cause why the said land ought not to be granted to the petitioner.

The several petitions of Doctor George Nicholas for a Grant of 400 acres of land in Hannover County between the land of William Fleming and the River Northanna long since survey'd for Thomas Carr Gent who hath fail'd to sue out a patent for the same &

John Henry for a Grant of 400 acres of land on the branches of great Rocky Creek in the said County of Hannover survey'd in

Nov' 1723 for John Kimbrow of Spotsylvania County & Baldwin Rocket for a grant of a certain tract of land on licking hole Creek in the County of Goochland survey'd for Booth Napier

of Benjamin Walker for 400 acres of land on Pole Cat Swamp in King William County long since survey'd for George Douglas.

of Ambrose Joshua Smith for 4000 acres of land on Deep & Fork Creeks in Hannover County long since survey'd for John Syme, Isaac Winston, William Morris and George Alves &

of the said Ambrose Joshua Smith for 5000 acres of land in Goochland County formerly Henrico Joining on the line which divides that County and the County of Hannover and on the heads of Deep and Fork Creeks and branches of James River formerly survey'd for John Syme, Isaac Winston, William Morris, George Alves and John Mackie &

of James Nevil for 800 acres of land on the south side of James River in Henrico County formerly survey'd for Benjⁿ Watkins. &

of Charles Chiswell Gent for four hundred acres of land lying on a branch called Contrary Run in the County of Hannover long since survey'd for Thomas Dickenson of the said County

were severally read at the Board and it is ordered that the several persons claiming an Interest in the said lands by virtue of Entries or surveys have notice respectively to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer in order to a hearing & determination of their and the petitioners several pretensions to the said lands.

Ordered

That the several persons who have entered Caveats in the Secretary's office for stopping of patents for land now sued out be and they are hereby required to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, and also to give timely notice to the parties whose patents they desire to stop to attend at the same time, in order to a determination of their respective pretensions to the lands in controversy, and that Copies of this Order be sent to the persons following whose Caveats are now depending Viz':

John Wall of Brunswick County against a patent to Thomas Tomlinson of Surry County for 430 acres of land lying on the north side of Cat tail Creek in Brunswick County.

Stephen Chastein of Henrico County against a patent to Anthony Rapin of the same County for 274 acres of land on the south side of Jones's Creek

John Hamlin of Prince George County ag^t William Davis for land lying on the fork of Sturgeons run in Brunswick County

John Lear of Nansemond County Gent ag^t Rich^d Brothers of the same County for 195 acres of land lying near Orapeak in the same County.

Bailey Hinman of Accomack County ag^t Ebron Bird for 900 acres of land lying between Muddy Creek and Guilford Creek in the same County

Richard Ogelby ag^t Amos Lad for 250 acres of land being the broad low grounds over ag^t Tottero in the County of Henrico.

Elizabeth Taliaferro widow of Rob^t Taliaferro ag^t William Edings, Dennis Lindsay and Southwell for lands in Spotsylvania County within the bounds of a survey made by her deceased husband sometime before his death

On the petition of Henry Willis setting forth that by patent dated the 21st of June 1723 twelve thousand acres of land in St George's parish in the fork of the Rappidan River were granted to Cole Digges and Peter Beverley Esq^r and Will^m Robertson Gent That the said Patentees not cultivating the said land according to the Condition of the said patent, David Bray of James City County Gent petitioned for the same as lapsed, and thereupon obtain'd an order of the General Court dated the 2^d of May 1726 for the same land as lapsed but hath neglected to sue out any patent for the same, and praying a Grant thereof to be made to him It is ordered that unless the said David Bray do sue out a patent for the land aforesaid before the next General Court, that the same be then granted to the pet^r

Benjamin Edwards Gent petitioning for a grant of 2000 acres of land formerly appropriated for the officers and men design'd for the Fort of Christanna, but now become vacant through the slighting of the said Fort, but it appearing to the Board that the said Tract is within the bounds assign'd for the accomodation of the Saponie Indians, the said petition is rejected.

Several petitions for leave to take up his Majesty's lands were read and granted as follows viz:

John Holloway for 300 acres of land in the County of Nansemond beginning at the mouth of Nottoway River, & bounding on the dividing line between this Colony and North Carolina and running up the same to the lines of Coll^o John Allen, & Richard Williams and thence to Nottoway River, and down the said River to the beginning.

Benjamin Harrison for 1,000 acres lying on the south side of James River, and beginning on the head of Ashford Hughes's entry and running up to Willis's Creek in Goochland County.

William Dunnifant for 1000 acres in Prince George County beginning at a branch called the barkhouse branch on his own line thence up the said branch to the poison'd fields, thence on his own lines to Hugh Braggs and William Kennon's lines to the head of Wolf's branch.

Richard Price for 4,000 acres lying on the southside Roanoke River beginning at a place called Jackyoke, and down the said River to compleat that quantity

Larkin Chew, Joseph Smith, William Russel, John Chew and Larkin Chew Jun^r for 10,000 acres lying on both sides of happy Creek and joining on the great mountains, and so up Cape Leanock run for that quantity in Spotsylvania County

Thomas Chew, William Johnson and George Home for 6000 acres lying in the fork of Leanock Run and on the southside thereof in Spotsylvania County.

John Ferguson for 1200 acres lying on the third branch of swift Creek joining on his patented land, with an inclusive patent for both tracts in Henrico County.

Henry Vanderhood for 1200 acres on the southside of James River joining on the lands of Daniel Stonar and Stephen Hughes in the same County

Alexander Marshal for 1,000 acres joining on his own line and those of John and Hotford Pride, James Akin, Henry Clay, Col^o William Randolph, Richard Randolph and Thomas Lockett with an inclusive patent for that and two thousand acres already granted the pet' on the Southside of Appomatus River in Goochland County

Francis Epes for 5000 acres joining on the lines of William Harding, Samuel Good, Thomas Tanner and the pet'" own line with an inclusive patent for that and two thousand three hundred acres already patented on Skin quarter Creek

William Pride for 1200 acres of land lying on the southside of Appomatus River beginning at a small spring branch running into the River near ag' the beaver ponds of fighting Creek thence on either or both sides of the River for that quantity in Prince George County.

Peter Jones for 800 acres lying on West Creek beginning at old Shells ford and running up the Creek for that quantity in Prince George County

John Jones for 600 acres lying on the north side of Nottoway River on both sides the Beaver pond branch in Prince George County

William Baker for 1500 acres banks and low grounds lying on the fork between Blackwater River and Sanerton Creek and adjoining to his patented land in Nansemond County.

Benj^s Harrison for 1,000 acres of land joining on his old patented Tract on the south side of Nottoway River in Surry County being barrens and to have an inclusive patent for that his old tract and three other tracts lately survey'd adjoining thereto, one consisting of 470 acres, another of 340, and the third of 290.

Larkin Chew, Joseph Smith, Thomas Chew, William Russel, William Johnson and George Home for 10,000 acres lying on the fork of Cape Leanock run in Spotsylvania County.

Thomas Carr for all the King's land lying between the lines of Will^m Terrell, Joel Terrell, Richard Mauldin, W^m Portens, Aug^t Moore, William Biggers and William M'gehee in King W^m County.

William Jones for 500 acres lying on the northside of Nottoway River, including his former survey in Prince George County.

William Vaughan for all the wast land between the lines of Adam Topley More and Richard Smith and from thence to Thomas

Wilson's line including the pet^r two surveys upon Nottoway River in Surry County.

Charles Birk and Giles Carter for 2,000 acres in Prince George County beginning on Edward Booker's or Cobbs's head line upon Flatt Creek running upon the East side of beaver pond branch of Flatt Creek extending back into the woods to compleat that quantity.

Henry Anderson for 4,000 acres of land lying on the north & south sides of Nibbs Creek in Prince George County

Henry Anderson for 2,200 acres lying on beaver pond branch joining to Henry Randolph's land and down Smack's Creek joining to Cap^t Will^m Worsham's land in Prince George County.

Henry Anderson for 2,000 acres on the branches of Deep Creek, and so on to the branches of Nibbs Creek in the same County

John Jackson for 1,000 acres joining to and including his old land on Burchen Swamp in _____ County

Theodoric Bland on his petition hath leave granted him to include in one patent several surveys by him made on Nottoway River, joining on a tract called Buckskin survey'd by the pet^r father.

August the 15th 1728

Present

The Hon^{ble} William Gooch Esq^r Governor &c.

John Grymes Esq^r presented a Warrant under his Maj^{ty}'s Signet and Sign Manual bearing date the 31st of January 1727/8 constituting him Receiver General of all his Mat^{ty}'s Revenues within this Colony, and having together with Archibald Blair and Francis Willis Gent his securities entered into Bond to his Mat^{ty} in the sum of six thousand pounds Sterling for the due discharge of that office took the Oaths appointed by an Act made in the first year of his late Mat^{ty}'s Reign entituled an Act for the further security of his Mat^{ty}'s person and Government, and the succession of the Crown in the heirs of the late Princess Sophia, being protestants, and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and his open and secret Abettors, subscribed the Test and took the Oath for the due execution of the said Office.

A Deputation from the Hon^{ble} Horatio Walpole Esq^r Auditor General of his Maj^{ty}'s plantations constituting John Blair Gent Deputy Auditor of his Majesty's Revenues in this Colony was presented at the Board and read, and thereupon the said John Blair took the oaths appointed by an Act made in the first year of his late Maj^{ty}'s Reign Entituled an Act for the further security of his Maj^{ty}'s person and Government and the succession of the Crown in the heirs of the late Princess Sophia, being protestants, and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and his

open and secret Abettors, subscribed the Test, and took the oath for the due execution of the said office.

On the application of the Officers of his Maj^{ty}'s Revenue it is Ordered that a number of Rights not exceeding the value of five hundred pounds be made out and disposed of towards the supplying such persons as shall have occasion to take up land

Whereas it appears by the publick prints as well as private advices from Great Britain that on the ratification of the preliminary articles between his Majesty and the Catholick King all hostilities between the nations are ceased, and that orders have accordingly been dispatched to the Spanish West Indies, It is therefore Ordered that the Embargo laid by this Board the 17th of April be from hence forth discontinued of which the officers of the customs within this Colony are required to take notice, and to signify the same to the Masters of the Ships & other vessels trading in their respective districts.

Whereas Abraham Lewis Master of the Ship Mortimer & Mark Whitson Master of the Ship Rappahannock of Bristol in contempt of the orders of Government for laying an Embargo did depart this Colony without the Convoy appointed for the security of the Trade, It is ordered that the Bonds given by the said Lewis and Whitson be prosecuted as soon as they or either of them shall return back to this Colony.

On reading at this Board the petition of Robert Baylor of King and Queen County Gent setting forth that he is inform'd there is above four thousand acres of land not yet granted by his Majesty or his predecessors lying in the Counties of King and Queen and Essex between and adjoining upon the lands of Peter Beverley Esq^r Joseph Smith, Thomas Barnet and others for which the pet' hath made Entries with the respective Surveyors, and praying that the said Surveyors may be directed to lay out the said ungranted Lands to him as being the first discoverer thereof not exceeding four thousand acres in the whole; It appearing to this Board that the lands described by the pet' interfere with a patent granted to Edward Hill Esq^r dec^d and probably may be part of the lands contain'd within the bounds of the said Patent upon which there has lately been a suit in the General Court and an appeal now depending before his Majesty in his privy Council between John Carter Esq^r and Elizabeth his wife and John Baylor Infant It is therefore ordered that the consideration of the said petition be referred until the determination of the said Appeal and in the mean time that neither of the Surveyors of the said Counties do make any surveys or receive Entries for any of the lands in dispute between the said parties or thereto adjoining until further orders be given therein.

Richard Ambler of York Town Esq^r by his petition setting forth that between the land appropriated for the said Town & the River there lies a beach of sand which at high tides is overflowed, but nevertheless may with some expence & labour be made con-

venient for building warehouses for the securing merchandizes of great bulk and weight, which through the steepness and height of the bank cannot easily be conveyed into the town that the pet^r is desirous to erect a warehouse on the said Beach adjoining to that place called the Church landing, & praying that eighty foot square of the said beach may be granted him by patent for the purpose aforesaid, with power to enlarge the same by making a wharf into the river w^{ch} may be of great benefit to the trade of that Town; It is accordingly ordered that the said Richard Ambler have leave to survey eighty foot square of the said beach near the Church landing in York town, and that a patent be granted him for the same, with power to extend a Wharf of the same breadth from thence into the river provided always that the ground hereby assigned him be laid out so as not to encroach upon the publick landings or the Streets leading through the said Town to the River side.

Thomas Nelson of York town Merchant by his petition setting forth that between the land appropriated for the said Town and the River there lyes a beach of sand, which at high tides is overflowed, but nevertheless may, with some expence & labour, be made convenient for building warehouses for the securing merchandizes of great bulk & weight, which through the steepness and height of the bank, cannot easily be conveyed into the Town, that the pet^r is desirous to erect a warehouse on the said beach opposite to his own Lotts, and adjoining to the landing he now useth, and praying that eighty foot square of the said beach may be granted him by patent for the purpose aforesaid, with power to enlarge the same by making a Wharf into the River, which may be of great benefit to the Trade of that Town, It is accordingly ordered that the said Thomas Nelson have leave to survey eighty foot square of the said beach adjoining to the landing he now useth in York Town, and that a patent be granted him for the same with power to extend a Wharf of the same breadth from thence into the River, provided always that the ground hereby assign'd him be laid out so as not to encroach upon the public landings, or the Streets leading through the said Town to the River side.

The Governor acquainted the Board that upon M^r John Blair's receiving his Commission to be Deputy Auditor of his Majesty's Revenues, he had appointed M^r Lewis Burwell to be Naval Officer of the upper District of James River in the room of the said M^r Blair, which appointment was approved.

Alexander Kennedy by his petition setting forth that two hundred acres of land in Sawyers Swamp in the County of Eliz^a City was about thirty years ago taken up & surveyed by one Henry Jenkins who sold the same to William Armistead late of Elizabeth City County dec^d and is now in the possession of Robert Armistead Jun^r who severally held the same without suing out any

patent, and praying a Grant thereof; It is ordered that the said Robert Armistead be summoned to appear at the Council to be held the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to answer the said petition

August the 16th 1728

Present

As Yesterday

The great men of the Nottoway & Saponie Indians together with the Tottero King this day attending the Governor in Council, the said Tottero King complain'd that the Nottoway Indians some time since attack'd and killed his son near to his own house, and charges an Indian of that nation named Hickory particularly as one of the party which was also confirm'd by a Letter from Cap' Thomas Avent an Inhabitant of that neighborhood that the Tottero King's son on his death bed told him he knew the said Nottoway Indian named Hickory was one of the Indians that fired at him, and afterwards came up & knock'd him down with a Tammahawk; and thereupon the Nottoway Indians being heard denied that any of their Indians were at that time abroad, and declared that that Indian named Hickory had been so sick from the month of March las that he had scarce been able to walk, until after the time the afores^d murder was committed. The Board taking into consideration the matter of the said complaint thought fit to order that the King of the Nottoways and one other of the great men of that nation be committed to the publick Goal until they produce the aforesaid Hickory; and that the further consideration hereof be referred to Thursday the 22^d instant.

And upon consideration of the Complaint of the Nottoway Indians charging the Saponies with the murder of two of their people last month at a Cabbin near Nottoway Town the said Saponie Indians denying the same, and alledging that one John Ray and one John Humphreys Inhabitants of Brunswick County had inform'd them that a Tuscaruro Indian had owned that he with other Tuscaruro's were the persons that killed the two aforesaid Nottoways; It is ordered that Tom & Mahenip two of the Chief of the Saponie Indians be committed to the public Goal until the said Ray and Humphreys be examined touching the said Report, and that they together with Cap' Thomas Avent do attend this Board on Thursday next, till which time the further examination of this matter is referred.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 22^d of August 1728

Present

The Governor

James Blair
William Byrd
Peter Beverley
John Carter

Rich^d Fitzwilliam
John Grymes
Will^m Dandridge &
John Custis Esq^r

The great men of the Nottoway & Saponie Indians according to former order attended the Governor in Council and being severally heard upon the subject matter of their complaints ag^t each other, and Cap^t Thomas Avent having also upon his oath testified that the Tottero King's son some days before his death, & while he was in his perfect senses declared to him that he very well remembered Hickory a Nottoway Indian with whom he was acquainted at the College was one of the persons that fired at and wounded him and afterwards came up to him with a Tammahawk and knocked him down The Board taking the same into consideration think fit to order as it is hereby ordered that the said Nottoway Indian named Hickory be forthwith committed to the publick Goal in order to his tryal for the said offence at the General Court in case his Majesty's Attorney General shall find such further proof against him as may be sufficient to convict him thereof.

And forasmuch as it appears upon the examination of John Ray and John Humphreys that what was alledged by the Saponie Indians at the last Council is entirely groundless, and there appears great reason to suspect that some of the Saponie Nation are guilty of the murder charged on them by the Nottoways, it being made appear by the testimony of Cap^t Thomas Avent that the said Saponie Indians had declared to him they would not be satisfied till they had killed four of the Nottoways in revenge for the death of the Tottero King's son; it is ordered that Tom & Harry Irwin two of the said Saponies be committed to the publick Goal there to remain until further order be given concerning them at the next General Court unless the said Saponies do in the mean time deliver up such of their nation as were concerned in the murder of the said Nottoway Indians: And whereas Pyor another of the Saponie Indians hath threatened the life of Coll^o Henry Harrison, it is also ordered that the said Pyor be committed to the public Goal until further order.

John Simmons Gent having petitioned for a Grant of a certain tract of land lying on the south side of Nottoway River in the County of Isle of Wight commonly called Raccoon Island, formerly assign'd the Nottoway Indians for a place of burial, the great men of the said Indians this day appeared before the Governor in Council, & relinquished their pretensions to the said Island, and it is thereupon ordered that upon the said Simmons's returning a Plott

and Survey thereof into the Secretary's office, a patent be granted him for the same. It is the opinion of the Council and accordingly ordered that if it shall please God the weather continue seasonable so as no accident happen to the Corns on the ground before the fifteenth of next month, that then a Proclamation be issued permitting the exportation of Wheat & flower, it being Judged that a greater quantity of Wheat has been this year produced than may be wanted for supplying the Inhabitants of the Colony.

Ordered

That a new Commission of the peace be issued for the County of Surry with the addition of the several persons recommended to be Justices of the peace for that County.

On the petition of Benjamin Woodson for a grant of four hundred acres of land lying on Licking hole Creek in the County of Goochland formerly surveyed for Thomas Uttley who hath fail'd to sue out a patent for the same, It is ordered that the said Uttley be summoned to appear before the Council to be held at the Court of Oyer and Terminer in December to answer the said petition.

October the 24th 1728

Present

The Governor

James Blair
Cole Digges
Peter Beverley

John Carter
Rich^d Fitzwilliam &
John Grymes Esq^r

Ordered

That a Proclamation issue proroguing the General Assembly to Thursday the 15th of May next; and a Proclamation was prepared accordingly.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 1st of November 1728

Present

The Hon^{ble} the Governor

Robert Carter
James Blair
Mann Page
Peter Beverley

John Robinson
Rich^d Fitzwilliam
John Grymes &
John Custis Esq^r

The Governor laid before the Council an additional Instruction from his late Majesty directing the method of proceeding in appeals from Judgments in the general Court to his Majesty in Council and acquainted the Board that he had caused the said Instruction to be recorded in the Secretary's office

On reading at this Board the petition of William Todd of the County of King & Queen Gent complaining that James Taylor Surveyor of the County of Spotsylvania being employed to divide a certain tract of land taken up in the said County by the pet^r, John Battaile and John Taliaferro, and of which the said Taylor on his earnest importunity, was admitted to have a quarter part, hath fraudulently and in breach of the trust reposed in him, and the duty of his office, included within the bounds laid off for himself, above two thousand acres more than his just share, and in that part which he the said Taylor return'd for M^r Battaile's share, and which the pet^r has since purchased of the said Battaile, there is upwards of two thousand acres wanting, for which the pet^r is now liable to pay Quit Rents, besides the injury of losing so much land which he has paid for: And further representing that he has frequently applied to the said Taylor to do him right, but that he pretends to have transferred his part to two of his sons in Law Ambrose Maddison and Thomas Chew, who will not now suffer him to survey their land, and praying relief therein; It is ordered that the said James Taylor, Ambrose Maddison and Thomas Chew do attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer in order to a hearing of the matter suggested in the said petition

On the petition of Henry Anderson of the County of Henrico Gent, setting forth that he purchased of his Majesty's Receiver General twenty three Rights in order to take up eleven hundred acres of land, but not having occasion immediately to use the same put them into a Scrutore, where the same have been greatly defaced and eat by Rats, so as the Clerks of the Secretary's office refuses to receive them, and praying relief therein, and the said Rights being produced at the Board, and it appearing they have not been hitherto used; It is ordered that the officers of his Majesty's Revenue do deliver to the petitioner the like number of new Rights, and that they cause the Rights now produced to be destroyed.

New Commissions of the peace for the Counties of Henrico and Norfolk were this day ordered to be issued with the addition of the several persons recommended by the said Courts to be Justices in the said Counties.

On reading at this Board the petition of Willoughby Newton son and Exe^r of Thomas Newton late Sheriff of the County of Westmoreland de^{ca} praying that a fine of five pounds imposed on his father by the Court of Oyer and Terminer held in December 1724 for not returning the Venire on the tryal of one Andrew Geiphings of the said County of Westmoreland committed for Felony when in truth no such Writt ever came to the said Thomas Newton's hands, neither did the said Thomas in his lifetime ever know that such fine was laid, and praying that the same may be remitted. The Governor with the advice of the Council is hereby

pleased to remit the said fine, the allegations of the petitioner appearing to be true.

John Carter Esq' present

On reading at this Board the examinations of divers of the Saponie Indians, as well as the informations of several of the neighbouring Inhabitants importing that the Tottero King hath threatened the lives of the Governor and others his Majesty's subjects, and then to go off to some foreign Indians, It is the opinion of the Council and accordingly ordered that for preventing the mischiefs which may be apprehended from the said Indian Col^o Henry Harrison be impowered and directed to take proper measures for seizing the body of the said Tottero King, and to cause him to be conveyed under a Guard to the publick Goal at Williamsburgh, and that he be there secured in prison till further orders be given concerning him.

James Booth of the County of Essex by his petition to the Governor, praying that his personal Estate forfeited to his Majesty by his conviction of Felony may be remitted, and suggesting that Goods & Chattels to the value of £42,,17,,3 which belonged to the Orphans of one Henry Newton dec^d under his Guardianship are seized as his personal Estate, It is thereupon Ordered that the Court of the County of Essex do examine and certify to this Board whether any, or what part of the goods seized by the Sheriff as the personal Estate of the said Booth are the proper Chattels of the aforementioned Orphans and whether the said Orphans be like to suffer by the said seizure, to the end this Board may be the better enabled to judge what is proper to be done for their relief. The Governor proposing to the consideration of the Board in what manner the Militia may be rendred most usefull, and acquainting them that he had prepared a form of exercise as well for the horse as the foot, but that it was necessary to have some person to train and instruct them therein, so as being once disciplin'd in one uniform method of exercise, they may be more usefull when there shall be occasion to call together the Troops of several Counties for the defence of the Countrey; It is the opinion of the Council that the most effectual way to render the Militia serviceable will be to appoint an Adjutant to go into the several Counties, and to instruct the officers as well as Souldiers in the form of exercise prepared for them, and Major Abraham Nicholas being proposed as a fit person for that service was approved; and for his encouragement it is Resolved that for so long time as shall be thought necessary to continue him in that office, there be allowed him the annual Salary of £150 Sterling out of his Majesty's Revenue of two Shillings per hogshead, and that it be recommended to the General Assembly at their next Session to reimburse that charge.

The Governor acquainted the Council that he had lately received his present Majesty's Instructions for the government of this Colony, and the second Article—thereof containing the names of the present Council was read at the Board wherein the name Richard Fitzwilliam Esq^r is omitted, but declaring that he understood

the said Richard Fitzwilliam was appointed one of the Council of this Colony, Jamaica and South Carolina at the same time that he was constituted Surveyor General of the Customs for the Southern District of America, and being still continued in the one office he did not think proper to remove him from the other until his Majesty's pleasure be known therein, to which the Council concurred.

And then the Governor having first taken the oaths mentioned in an Act of Parliament made in the first year of his late Majesty's Reign Entituled an Act for the further security of his Majesty's person and Government and the succession of the Crown in the heirs of the late Princess Sophia being protestants, and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and his open and secret Abettors, subscribed the Test and took the oath for the due execution of his office, and the due observance of the Acts of Trade & Navigation, did administer the said first mentioned oaths and Test together with the oath of a Counsellor to Robert Carter, James Blair, Mann Page, Peter Beverley, John Robinson, John Carter, Richard Fitzwilliam, John Grymes & John Custis Esq^{rs} members of his Majesty's Council now present.

On the application of the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue for direction how they ought to demand the Quitt Rents for the Lands in Spotsylvania & Brunswick taken upon the encouragement granted by his late Majesty; It is the opinion of this Board, and accordingly ordered that for all lands in those Counties granted by patent with an exemption from paying Quitt Rents during the time limited by his late Majesty's directions, the Quitt Rents be demanded of the several patentees from the time the said exemption expired, which was the first day of May last past, but for as much as divers considerable Tracts of land in the said Counties were granted by patent to sundry persons before his late Majesty's pleasure was known, and for which no Rights were purchased, nor Quitt Rents have since been paid, & the demanding the said Rights and Quitt Rents having been delayed in expectation of further Orders therein upon the representations heretofore made to the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, It is the opinion of the Council that the demanding payment of the Rights and Quitt Rents for the said Lands be further suspended until his Majesty's pleasure be known therein. The Account of contingent Charges and of sundry expences about the Governor's house, were severally examined in Council and allowed.

On the petition of Alexander Kerr setting forth that on the twenty first of March last past there was survey'd for Thomas

Green of the County of Gloucester four hundred forty seven acres of land lying on Warrany in James City County for which Lands the said Green hath fail'd to sue out any patent, or to produce Rights in order to obtain the same; and praying a Grant thereof It is ordered that the said Green be summoned to appear at the Council held at next Court of Oyer and Terminer to answer the said petition.

Sundry petitions for leave to take up wast Lands were read and granted Viz:

John Carter Esq^r Francis Epes, Charles Hudson & Sam^l Cobbs Gent for twenty thousand acres of land in one or more Tracts in the County of Goochland beginning on the North side of Hardware River, above a survey made by the said Francis Epes and Charles Hudson, thence to the north branch of James River, and up or down the said north branch as they shall find most convenient, and thence to the aforementioned Hardware River & crossing the same to the main branch of James River, and on the branches of Rockfish River; with leave to include in one patent the lands surveyed by the said Epes and Hudson with such Tract or Tracts hereby described as shall ly contiguous thereto.

To Francis Poythres Jun^r two thousand acres of land lying on the north side of Butterwood Swamp in Prince George County, adjoining to and including his former tract and running up the said swamp for the afores^d quantity.

To John Epes two thousand acres of land beginning at the pet^r's lower corner, & extending up George's branch in the County of Prince George, with leave to include the said land with three hundred sixty seven acres contiguous thereto already survey'd for the pet^r' in one patent.

To Richard Jones Jun^r one thousand acres of land joining to his patented land lying on the lower side of the Cellar fork of Deep Creek in Prince George's County, with leave to take an inclusive patent for both Tracts.

To William Brown Jun^r one thousand acres of land adjoining to his patented land on spring Swamp in Surry County, with leave to take an inclusive patent for both tracts

To Samuel Spencer twelve hundred acres of land already laid off in three surveys beginning at the upper end of the next Island above Rockfish Island, where the hills come down to the River on the north side, and on the south side of the south branch of James River, opposite to the head of the said Island in the County of Goochland with leave to include the said twelve hundred acres in one patent.

To George Robertson Clerk eight hundred acres of land adjoining to a Tract containing two thousand two hundred acres part thereof granted by patent to the pet^r' and the residue surveyed for him on the upper side of Flat Creek in Prince George's County, with leave to take an inclusive patent for the whole.

November the 2^d 1728*Present*

As Yesterday

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue were this day sign'd by the Governor in Council Viz:

To the Governor for ½ years Salary ending the 25 th of October	£1000,,—,—
To the Gent ^{mn} of his Majesty's Council for the same time	175,,—,—
To the Judges and Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held in June	100,,—,—
To the Auditor Gen ^l of his Majesty's plantations ½ years Salary ending as above	50,,—,—
To the Sollicitor of the Virginia Affairs for the same time	50,,—,—
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the same time	20,,—,—
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time ..	50,,—,—
To the Armourer for the same time	6,,—,—
To Sundry Ministers attending one Gen ^l Court.	4,,—,—
To the Gunners of the several Batteries ½ years Salary	20,,—,—
To William Prentis for sundry conting ^t Charges	38,,—, 5¼
To the same for sundry repairs about the Governors house	7,,19,, 2½

And out of the Quitt Rents

To M ^r Commissary Blair ½ years Salary	50,,—,—
To the Attorney Gen ^l ½ years additional Salary	30,,—,—

The Council taking into consideration that there is no necessity to continue any longer the prohibition on the export of Corn and other Grain, It is ordered that a Proclamation issue for permitting the exportation of Indian Corn, Pease and other Grain in like manner as the same might have been before the former prohibition was laid.

December the 10th 1728*Present*

The Governor

James Blair
William ByrdRich^d Fitzwilliam
William Dandridge &
John Custis Esq^r

William Randolph Esq^r presented his Majesty's Warrant for swearing and admitting him one of his Majesty's Council of this

Colony, which was read at the Board, and thereupon the said William Randolph having first taken the oaths mentioned in an Act of Parliament Entituled an Act for the further security of his Majesty's person and government and the succession of the Crown in the heirs of the late Princess Sophia being protestants, and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales and his open and secret Abettors, & subscribed the Test, was sworn and admitted one of his Majesty's Council of this Colony.

At a Council held at W^ms^burgh the 11th day
of December 1728

Present

The Hon^{ble} the Governor

James Blair

William Byrd

Rich^d Fitzwilliam

Will^m Dandridge

John Custis &

Will^m Randolph Esq^r

Ordered

That his Majesty's Receiver General do pay out of the Revenue of two shillings per hogshead &c unto Will^m Byrd Esq^r the sum of one hundred eighty six pounds eighteen shillings current money for discharging the pay due to the men employed to attend the Commissioners & Surveyors in the service of running the boundary betwixt this Colony and North Carolina.

Several petitions for leave to take up unpatented lands were read and granted as follows Viz:

To William Byrd Esq^r the four Islands lying in Roanoke River above the land lately taken up by Robert Munford Jun^r together with as much of the land lying near the said Islands, on the north shore of the said River as will compleat the quantity of six thousand acres.

To Richard Ogilby four hundred acres of land lying on Beaver dam Creek, with an inclusive patent for that & two hundred acres thereto adjoining which formerly belonged to Peter Bayes in Goochland County.

To Paulin Anderson, Richard Anderson, Jun^r, Roger Anderson, Pierce Butler, William Eceles, Joseph Eceles, Abraham Eceles and Richard Eceles six thousand acres of land, beginning about half a mile below Stock's Creek or Bent Creek in Spotsylvania County.

To John Battaile Jun^r for one thousand acres of land adjoining to his patented lands on Raccoon swamp in Surry County, with leave to take an inclusive patent for the whole.

To Amos Ladd for one thousand four hundred & ninety one acres in the County of Goochland (formerly Henrico) and on Beaver dam Creek including the one thousand & eighty nine acres of land granted him by patent the sixteenth of June 1714.

Abraham Abney and Thomas Claiborne by their petition setting forth that about fourteen years ago there was survey'd for John Robertson of the County of Henrico five hundred acres of land lying on the head of the south fork of Gilley's Creek in the said County, and joining to the lands of one Thomas East, but no patent hath ever been sued out for the said land, nor any survey thereof returned into the Secretary's office, and praying that according to the orders of the Government in that behalf made, the said Land may be granted to the petitioners; It is ordered that the said John Robertson be summoned to appear before this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to shew cause why the said land ought not to be granted according to the prayer of the said petition.

The matter upon the petition of George Nicholas Gent against John Camm and Samuel Smith for three thousand acres of land in the County of Spotsylvania is appointed to be heard before this Board on the fifth day of the next General Court.

On hearing the several pretensions of John Cosby & Charles Barret of the one part, and of John Syme Gent of the other part to twelve hundred acres of land in the County of Hannover, eight hundred acres thereof lying on both sides the south fork of little River between the lands of Coll^o Nicholas Merriwether and the lands of Benjamin Brown and four hundred acres the residue lying on both sides the north fork of little River between the lands of the said Benjamin Brown and Elk Creek formerly surveyed for Thomas Carr of the County of King William, It appearing to this Board that the said Carr hath failed to sue out a Patent for the same pursuant to the orders of Government & that the pet^r Cosby and Barret were the first discoverers thereof, It is ordered that they be preferred to a grant of the said Land.

On the petition of John Syme Gent for four hundred Acres of land on gold mine Run and eight hundred acres on the Northanna in the County of Hannover, formerly survey'd for Thomas Carr of King William County Gent, it appearing that the said Carr never sued out any patent for the said Land pursuant to the orders of Government; It is ordered that a patent be granted to the said John Syme for the said land, he being the first petitioner, and having prosecuted the same with effect.

Doctor George Nicholas on his petition hath order granted him for a patent for four hundred acres of land in Hannover County, between the land of William Fleming and the River Northanna, formerly surveyed for Thomas Carr Gent the said Carr being summoned and not appearing to make out his pretensions to a grant of the same.

The dispute between Humphrey Pope, John Eidy, Henry Willis and Charles Duit for lands in the little fork of Rappahannock River in Spotsylvania County is referred to be heard before this Board on the fifth day of the next General Court, at which time all the said parties are ordered to attend, and Augustine Smith late Surveyor of the said County, and George Home the present Surveyor are in like manner to attend, with their respective books of Entries and Surveys.

On hearing this day the dispute between William Cradock and Richard Philips touching the right to a Grant of one hundred acres of land on Mattapony River in King William County; It is ordered that a patent be granted to the said Richard Philips for the land aforesaid, he paying to the said Cradock so much as he shall make appear to have been paid by Samuel Cradock his father as part of the consideration given to Thomas Claiborne Gent for his right to the said land.

On hearing this day at the Board the petition of William Todd of the County of King & Queen Gent Ag' James Taylor Surveyor of the County of Spotsylvania and Ambrose Maddison and Thomas Chew assignees of the said Taylor touching the fraudulent surveying & obtaining a patent for a certain Tract of land divided between the pet' and the said Taylor, and on hearing the arguments of the Council in behalf of the said several parties, it is by their consent ordered and directed that M' Robert Brooke Surveyor of the Counties of Essex and Caroline do, as soon as conveniently may be, at the charge of the party who shall be found in the wrong, survey the whole tract of land formerly entered for by William Todd, John Taliaferro & John Battaile, beginning at the place where the said John Taliaferro directed the aforesaid James Taylor to begin his aforesaid survey, and then lay out the several quantities of land due to the parties interested, as the same ought to have been divided, and if upon such survey it shall appear that the said Taylor hath acted deceitfully in surveying for himself a greater quantity than his proportion of the said Entry amounted to, the said Robert Brooke is hereby further impowered and directed to survey all the other lands which the said Taylor did survey at the same time with the entry aforesaid and make report to this Board of the true quantity contain'd therein: And it is further ordered that one of the Coroners of the said County of Spotsylvania do attend at the said several surveys, and remove all force which shall be offered for obstructing the same.

On consideration of the several pretensions of Baldwin Rocket and Benjamin Woodson to a tract of land lying on Licking hole Creek, in the County of Goochland, It is the opinion of the Council, and accordingly ordered that a patent be granted to the said Benjamin Woodson for the said land formerly surveyed for Thomas Uttley who hath fail'd to sue out a patent for the same in due time.

On reading at the Board the petition of Stephen Chastein for eight hundred acres of land survey'd about six years ago for Peter Fontaine Clerk, lying in S' James's parish between the lands of Peter Dutoy and Francis Dupuy in the great fork of upper Manakin Creek, then Henrico now Goochland County, the said Fontaine not having sued out any patent for the same, and it appearing to this Board that the pet' gave him timely notice, but he having failed to attend this Board in order to make out his pretensions to the said Land, It is ordered that 'the pet' have a patent for the same.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 1st day of April 1729

Present

The Hon^{ble} the Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair

Cole Digges

William Byrd

John Carter &

William Randolph Esq^r

This Board taking into consideration the grievous Calamity with which this Colony is threatned through the vast multitude of Caterpillars, have thought fit to order as it is hereby ordered that Friday the 25th day of this present month be set apart and observed as a day of publick fasting and humiliation, to implore the mercy of Almighty God in averting this impending Judgment, and that a proclamation be prepared and issue accordingly.

The Governor acquainting the Board that upon the information he received of the burning the dwelling house of Coll^o Thomas Lee of the County of Westmoreland, & the violent presumption of its being first rob'd and then set on fire on purpose; he had in the absence of the Council issued forth Precepts throughout the Colony, for taking up and examining all suspected persons, and promised a reward of fifty pounds to any one that should discover the persons guilty of that Felony, The Council declared their approbation of the measures taken by the Governor for discovering and bringing the offenders to punishment; and are of opinion that the said Reward be paid out of the Revenue of 2 shil per hogshead in case such discovery be made.

Several petitions for leave to take up wast lands were read and granted Viz^t

To Nicholas Merriwether for 3000 acres in Hannover County, beginning at the foot of a mountain called the Sugar loaf, and on the line which divides the said County from Goochland and running along that line, and northerly along the foot of the Mountains to include that quantity.

To John Kerby for 600 acres of land in Prince George County, to be included in one patent with the lands formerly granted him on the north side of Mocosoneck Creek.

To William Crawley for 4,000 acres adjoining to a tract of land already purchased by the pet^r on Deep Creek in Prince George County; with an inclusive patent for both Tracts.

April the 15th 1729

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair

John Carter

William Byrd

Rich^d Fitzwilliam

Cole Digges

John Grymes

John Robinson

John Custis &

William Randolph Esq^r

Cole Digges Esq^r being absent from Council when the other members of the Board were sworn pursuant to his Majesty's Instructions,

this day took the oaths appointed to be taken by an Act of Parliament made in the first year of his late Majesty's Reign Entituled an Act for the further security of his Majesty's person and Government, and the succession of the Crown in the heirs of the late Princess Sophia being Protestants; and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and his open and secret abettors, subscribed the Test, and took the oath of a Counsellor.

April the 19th 1729

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
William Byrd
Mann Page
Cole Digges
John Robinson

John Carter
John Grymes
Will^m Dandridge
John Custis &
William Randolph Esq^r

Ordered

That the General Assembly be prorogued till Thursday the 20th day of November next, and that a Proclamation issue accordingly.

On the application of his Majesty's Receiver General, It is ordered that a number of Treasury Rights not exceeding the value of five hundred pounds be made out by the Off^r of the Revenue, for the conveniency of such persons as have occasion to take up wast lands.

Rich^d Fitzwilliam Esq^r present

A Report from the Justices of Essex County in pursuance of the order of this Board made the 1st of November last on the petition of James Booth, being read at the Board, and it appearing thereby that the sum of twenty one pounds eight shillings and seven pence half penny, remains due unto one of the Orphans of Henry Newton dec^d to whom the said Booth was Guardian; It is the opinion of the Council and accordingly ordered that if there be not sufficient of Booth's Estate to be found for satisfying the said debt, it be paid out of the personal Estate of the said Booth in the hands of the Sheriff of Essex County, and that the residue of the said personal Estate seized by the said Sheriff, & forfeited upon the said Booth's convictions of Felony be accounted for to the Receiver General for his Majesty's use.

The Sheriffs of the Counties of Caroline, Goochland, Spotsylvania and Prince George this day attending the Board, and representing the great charge and trouble they are obliged to in collecting the Quit Rent Tobacco for the said Counties, and bringing the same to convenient landings from whence it may be shipt; This Board taking the same into consideration, have thought fit to order, as it is hereby ordered that there be allowed to the said respective Sheriffs for the collecting his Majesty's Quit Rents and bringing the same to some convenient landing on a navigable River, from whence it may be shipt for exportation at the several rates following Viz^t

To the Sheriff of the County of Caroline 20 per Cent on all the Quitt Rent tobacco received in that County.

To the Sheriff of Spotsylvania the like allowance of 20 per Cent on all the Quitt Rent tobacco in that County.

To the Sheriff of Prince George the like allowance of 20 per Cent.

To the same Sheriff for collecting the Quitt Rents of Brunswick County, and bringing the same to some convenient landing on James River or Appomatus, the allowance of 40 per Cent &

To the Sheriff of Goochland the like allowance of 40 per Cent for collecting the Quitt Rent tobacco for that County & bringing the same to a convenient landing in the County of Henrico; the said two last mentioned Counties appearing to be remote from any water carriage, & of large extent.

Whereas information is given to this Board that the Storehouse of Christopher Brooke Master of the Ship Cambridge of London, was lately broke open and rob'd by divers Negro Slaves belonging to M^{rs} Elizabeth Whiting of the County of Gloucester widow; and that the said Christopher Brooke in order to conceal the Felony aforesaid hath compounded as well with the said Elizabeth Whiting, as with the owners of divers other Negro's in the said County concerned as Accessories, and hath received and taken back the goods so stolen without prosecuting the offenders; It is ordered that it be referred to M^r Attorney General to give directions for prosecuting the said Felons, and that he also be directed to prosecute the said Christopher Brooke for compounding the said Felony, that others may be deterred from the like practices for the future.

April the 23^d 1729

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter

James Blair

William Byrd

John Robinson

John Carter

Rich^d Fitzwilliam

John Grymes

John Custis &

William Randolph Esq^r

The Governor communicating to the Board the Intelligence he has received that the Saponie Indians have made no preparation for planting Corn, whereby it is expected they intend to desert their present settlement, and that the Inhabitants of Brunswick County being apprehensive of some notable mischief from them upon their removal; It is the opinion of the Council that the Governor appoint some fit person in company with the Interpreter to repair to the Saponie Indian Town, and to examine into their behaviour, and particularly to observe what preparations they are making to continue at their present settlement, and to make report thereof to this Board, that suitable measures may be taken for the protection of the Inhabitants.

William Dandridge Esq' present

On the application of the Sheriff of Hannover County, it appearing by the increase of Inhabitants in the said County, and their seating far back towards the mountains the allowance heretofore given for collecting Quit Rent tobacco in the said County is not proportioned to the charge and trouble arising thereby; It is therefore ordered that 20 per Cent be allowed to the Sheriff of the said County for collecting the Quit Rent tobacco and bringing the same to some convenient landing in the said County from whence it may be ship'd for exportation.

April the 29th 1729

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter
James Blair
William Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson

John Carter
Rich^d Fitzwilliam
John Grymes
William Dandridge
John Custis &

William Randolph Esq^r

Whereas upon consideration of the many extraordinary Cures perform'd by Papaw a Negro Slave belonging to M^r Frances Littlepage of the County of New Kent, it was resolved that means should be used to obtain from him a discovery of the secret whereby he performs the said cures; and the said Papaw having upon promise of his freedom now made an ample discovery of the several medicines made use of by him for that purpose to the satisfaction of the Governor and the Gentlemen appointed by him to inspect the application and operation of the said medicines, It is the opinion of this Board and accordingly ordered that as a reward for so useful a discovery, which may be of great benefit to mankind, and more particularly to the preservation of the lives of great numbers of the Slaves belonging to the Inhabitants of this Country frequently infected with the Yaws, and other venereal distempers, the said Papaw be set free; and that the sum of £50 current money be paid to the said M^r Frances Littlepage out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2 shillings per hogshead, for his freedom; but that he remain still under the direction of the Government untill he make a discovery of some other secrets he has for expelling poison, and the cure of other diseases.

The Commiss^r appointed for settling the Boundaries between this Colony and North Carolina having laid before the Board sundry accounts of disbursements in that service, the same were examined and allowed, and ordered to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2s per hogshead.

May the 2^d 1729

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter	Cole Digges
James Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis &
William Randolph Esq ^r	

The Acco^t of contingent Charges for the last half year, & also the account of sundry reparations about the Governor's house, were severally examined & allowed.

Richard Fitzwilliam Esq^r present

The following persons were this day nominated and appointed by the Governor to be Sheriffs of the several Counties for the ensuing year Viz^t For the county of

Hannover	Charles Hudson
Surry	John Mason
Spotsylvania	Edwin Hickman
Eliz ^a City	Joshua Curle
Nansemond	Theophilus Pugh
Isle of Wight	William Kinchin
Princess Anne	Francis Moseley
Henrico	Joseph Royal
Westmoreland	William Lord
Stafford	Abraham Farrow
Northumberland	William Eustace
Middlesex	Mathew Kemp
Warwick	William Roscow
York	William Stark
Norfolk	Geo. Newton
Prince George	William Poythres
James City	Henry Power
King George	Tho ^s Vivian
Caroline	William Woodford
Essex	James Garnett
Goochland	Dan ^l Stonar
Lancaster	Henry Fleet
Richmond	Sam ^l Peachy
Charles City	Benj ⁿ Harrison
New Kent	William Kenney
King William	Will ^m Claiborne
King & Queen	Christ ^r Beverley
Glocester	John Armistead
Accomack	Rich ^d Drummond
Northampton	John Potter

New Commissions of the peace for the Counties of Elizabeth City, Goochland & Isle of Wight were this day regulated in Council, and ordered to be issued.

This Board taking into consideration the great uncertainty of the advices from England, with respect to peace or war, and how much the interest of the Crown may be prejudiced, as well as the property of the subject endangered in case of the latter should the merchant Ships now bound for Great Britain be permitted to depart without Convoy or other measures taken to form them into Fleets for their mutual defence; It is therefore judged necessary to lay an Embargo for some time as has been often practised in the like cases with approbation: And whereas Cap' Lingen Commander of his Majesty's Ship Ludlow Castle has signified his inclinations to take under his care & protection such Merchant Ships as are bound hence for Great Britain, and whereas it is judged that the greater part of the trade of this Colony may be ready to proceed under his Convoy by the last day of June next; It is therefore ordered that an Embargo be laid on all Ships and Vessels bound for Great Britain untill the last day of the said month of June, and that the Naval Officers do forthwith notify the same to the Masters of Ships in their respective Districts to the end they may prepare in due time to join the Convoy at Hampton road in James River, and that the said Officers take care that no Ship or Vessel bound for Great Britain be cleared until Bond be given as the law directs for observing this Embargo.

Several petitions for leave to take up wast land were read and granted as follows.

To Shanes Raines 1,000 acres of land lying on a great branch of Jones's hole, beginning on John Whitmore's line, thence westward for its length in Prince George County.

To George Wilson 1000 acres lying on Smack's Creek in Prince George County, with an inclusive patent for that and his old land thereto adjoining.

To Thomas Avent 1200 acres in Surry County beginning on Richard More's line, thence to Stewart's line and over the Otterdam Swamp to include all the land between John Davis and Richard Pace's land with his own plantation.

To John Garner 700 acres in Isle of Wight County, joining on the lines of the land late of Major Giles and those of Thomas Joiner, Theophilus Joiner, William Pope, Christopher Reynolds, Walter Waters & John Parnell.

To Stephen Hughes 600 acres of land lying on the southside of James River in Goochland County, between the lines of the said Hughes, John Fleming & William Reynolds, with an inclusive patent for that and four hundred acres adjoining thereto.

To Robert Hughes 800 acres lying on both sides the mouth of Muddy Creek on the southside of James River in Goochland County, with an inclusive patent for that & four hundred acres thereto adjoining and already patented in the names of Isaac Hughes & the petitioner.

To David Liles 800 acres already survey'd in several Tracts lying in the fork of Deep Creek, on the south side of James River in Goochland County.

To Richard Hickman, Edwin Hickman, Thomas Graves, Dennet Abney Jun^r Abraham Abney and John Key 12,000 acres of land in Goochland County, beginning at the mouth of Mechamps Creek on the northside the north branch of James River, and so upon both sides the said Creek to compleat that quantity.

To Bowler Cocke leave to include in one patent two surveys of twelve hundred acres, joining to a former Grant of the pet^r on Muddy Creek, on the south side of James River in Goochland County.

To Richard Ogilby 1200 acres lying in the fork of licking hole Creek adjoining to the lands of David Pattison, William Weldy and John Hawkins in Goochland County.

To William Robertson & John Syme 2,000 acres in Hanover County on Round about Creek joining to Coll^r Merriwether's line.

To William Poythres 1000 acres in Prince George County, beginning below the dry Beaver pond on Tammaheton Creek, so running up the south side of the said Creek for that quantity.

On reading at this Board the petition of James Taylor setting forth that there was survey'd for William Parker in 1721 Ten thousand acres of land in Spotsylvania County for which the said Parker never sued out any patent; that he is since dead, and had left no heir in the Country; and that altho' the pet^r has accounted to the College for the survey aforesaid yet he never received any satisfaction for the same, & praying he may have a Grant of the said land, It is thereupon ordered that the said James Taylor have liberty to return a survey, and take out a patent for the said land in his own name, he producing Rights for the same.

May the 3^d 1729

Present

The Governor

Robert Carter
James Blair
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter

Rich^d Fitzwilliam
John Grymes
William Dandridge
John Custis &
William Randolph Esq^r

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2 shillings per hogshead, port duties and head money were this day sign'd by the Governor in Council Viz:

To the Governor for 1/2 years Salary ending the 25 th of April last	£1000,,—,—
To the Gent ^{mn} of the Council for the same time	175,,—,—
To the Judges and Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held in Decem ^r	100,,—,—

To the Auditor Gen ^l of the planta ⁿ s 1/2 years salary ending as above	50,,,—,—
To the Attorney General for the same time	20,,,—,—
To the Sollicitor of the Virginia affairs for the same time	50,,,—,—
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time	50,,,—,—
To the Gunnners of the several batteries for the like time	20,,,—,—
To the Armourer for the same time	6,,,—,—
To sundry Ministers attending last Gen ^l Court	4,,,—,—
To William Prentis for sundry reparations about the Governor's house	55,,11,, 8¼
To the same for divers expresses and other contingent Charges	137,,14,, 1¼
To a Warrant for sundry Charges & disbursements in settling the Boundaries	265,,18,, 5
To the Adjutant General 1/2 years Salary	75,,,—,—

And out of the Quitt Rents

To M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair 1/2 years Salary	50,,,—,—
To the Attorney General for the like Salary	30,,,—,—

The Acco^t of the Quitt Rents received by virtue of his late Majesty's Commission, and also the acco^t of the Revenue of Quitt Rents for the year 1728 received by virtue of his present Majesty's Commission being laid before the Board, examined by the Auditor & sworn to by the Receiver General, were certified by the Governor as usual.

The Acco^t of his Majesty's Revenue of 2 shillings per hogshead port duties and head money being examined and attested by the Deputy Auditor, was exhibited in Council by the Receiver General who made oath thereto and was certified by the Governor in the usual form.

June the 11th 1729

Present

The Governor

James Blair
William Byrd
Mann Page
Cole Digges
John Robinson

John Carter
John Grymes
William Dandridge
John Custis &
William Randolph Esq^r

On hearing this day at the Board the matter in dispute between William Todd of the County of King & Queen Gent of the one part, and James Taylor, Ambrose Maddison and Thomas Chew touching the fraudulent surveying & dividing a certain Tract of land between the said parties, & upon considering the report of Robert Brooke Surveyor of Essex County, appointed for laying out the same Tract of

land, It is the opinion of this Board that the line run by Coll^o Taylor, and now mark'd by the said Robert Brooke in his survey, and described in his plat by the letters S. C. is and ought to be the true dividing bounds between the said William Todd and the land of the said Maddison and Chew, and that the said William Todd upon surrendring of his former patent (which he accordingly surrendred up at the Board) have a patent for the true quantity of land in his dividend, according to the lines described in the said Robert Brooke's plan by the letters S, C, V, R. and it is further ordered that the said Maddison and Chew upon surrender of their former patent have like liberty of taking a new one for the true quantity, and according to the true and exact bounds they ought to hold conformable to the plat thereof return'd by the said Robert Brooke; and that the charge of the survey made by the said Robert Brooke pursuant to the orders of this Board be paid equally, that is to say the said William Todd one moiety, and the said Ambrose Maddison and Thomas Chew the other moiety thereof.

It is this day ordered in Council that the Clerk of the Secretary's office do not hereafter present any patent for land for the Governor's signing untill the fees due for making out sealing and recording the same be first paid, or secured; and that this order be set up in some publick place in the Secretary's office to the end all persons concerned may take notice thereof and conform themselves accordingly.

Alexander Kerr having petitioned for a Grant of a Tract of land surveyed for Thomas Green lying in the County of James City, for default of the said Green's suing out a patent for the same in due time; It appearing upon hearing the parties that the said land is surplus lands found within the bounds of a patent granted to one Sorrell, and by mean conveyances come to the said Green, who hath paid Quitt Rents for the same for divers years past, and hath also purchased Rights in order to include the same with his other lands thereto adjoining, of which he is lawfully seized: It is therefore ordered that a patent be granted to the said Green for the lands in dispute as survey'd by William Comrie Surveyor of James City County the 21st of March 1727/28.

On hearing this day in Council the petition of Doctor George Nicholas Ag^t John Camm and Sam^l Smith for three thousand acres of land in the County of Spotsylv^a the parties being heard by their Council, & it appearing that the said Camm and Smith have kept the said land under survey ever since the year 1721 without taking any measures for obtaining a patent, whereby the king hath been defrauded of his Quitt Rents and Rights; It is therefore the opinion of this Board that the said Camm and Smith forfeited their Right to the same, and that therefore a patent be granted to the pet^r who hath made the first discovery thereof.

John Robinson Esq^r who executes the office of Survey^r General in behalf of the College of William & Mary this day recommended to the Governor in Council Nathan^l Claiborne Surveyor of the south part of Spotsylvania and Benjamin Winslow Assistant Surveyor for the Counties of King and Queen and King William as fit persons for the execution of those offices, they were accordingly approved.

On reading at this Board the petition of Robert Carter Esq^r Agent for the Proprietors of the northern Neck, praying that the Governor will not pass any patent or patents for any lands lying in the little fork of Rappahannock River, but will permit the Proprietor fully to enjoy the benefit of his Grants, and in order thereto that some speedy method may be appointed for discovering and ascertaining which branch or stream of the first or lower fork of Rapp^r River is the great or main Stream; It is the opinion of this Board & accordingly ordered that a true state of the matter in difference between the King and the Proprietor of the Northern Neck be prepared and agreed on to be transmitted to the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Commissioners for Trade & Planta^{ns} in order to be laid before his Majesty for his directions therein: But forasmuch as many Grants have been made by preceding Governors of lands lying within the bounds now claim'd by the Proprietor of the Northern Neck, it is the opinion of this Board that the like liberty of taking up lands under the Crown, within the limits aforesaid be continued, and that the Governor sign patents for the same as his predecessors have hitherto done, till his Majesty's pleasure be further known.
Ordered

That M^r Matthew Kemp be appointed Sheriff of the County of Middlesex instead of M^r Edm^d Berkley.

June the 12th 1729

Present

The Governor

James Blair
Mann Page
John Carter

John Grymes
William Dandridge
John Custis &

William Randolph Esq^r

William Dandridge Esq^r being absent on the service of running the Boundary between this Colony & North Carolina when the other Gent of the Board were sworn pursuant to his present Majesty's Instructions, and having first taken the oaths appointed to be taken by an Act made in the first year of his late Majestys Reign, and also subscribed the Test, took the oath of a member of his Majesty's Council.

Daniel Hornby by his petition praying that David Bray Gent may be ordered to pay unto him the money formerly appointed by this Board for his improvements on a certain Tract of land since granted by patent to the said Bray; It is ordered that the said David Bray have notice to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to answer the said petition.

Whereas Stephen Chastein at the Council held the 11th of December last past, obtain'd a Grant of eight hundred acres of land in the County of Goochland, formerly survey'd for Peter Fontaine Clerk for default of the said Fontaine's suing out a patent for the same in due time, and it appearing to this Board that the said Peter Fontaine whilst

the dispute depended, had procured surveys of the said land to be put into the Secretary's office, and had clandestinely obtain'd patents to be sign'd for the same, but the said Stephen Chastein having entered his Caveat before the said patents were sealed or recorded, and now making the truth of this matter appear to the Board; It is ordered that the said Patents surreptitiously prepared and signed for the said Fontaine be forthwith cancelled, and that a patent for the said land be granted to the pet^r Stephen Chastein according to the former order in that behalf.

Whereas Andrew Byrn at the Court of Oyer & Terminer held the 10th instant was convicted of the murder of a Negro Slave under his care, and is now under sentence of death, but forasmuch as it appeared upon the evidence at his tryal that the said Slave died by means of the correction given him for running away, and that the said Byrn who was his Overseer had no intention to kill him; the Council therefore humbly recommend him as a fit object to his Maj^{ty}'s mercy, and the rather for that the taking away the life of this man will, in all probability stir up the Negro's to a contempt of their Masters and Overseers, which may be attended with dangerous consequences to this Colony, where the Negroes are so numerous, and they intreat the Governor to represent the said Byrn's case, and to reprieve him until his Majesty's pleasure be known.

On the petition of Harry Beverley Gent praying that the Caveat entered by John Skaife Clerk for stopping a patent for a Tract of land found to escheat from George Burge late of the County of King and Queen dec^d may be speedily heard and determined; It is ordered that the matter of the said petition be heard in Council at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer, and that the pet^r give the said 'Skaife notice to attend accordingly.

The several Caveats entered by Robert Carter Esq^r in behalf of the Proprietor of the Northern Neck ag^t granting a patent to Larkin Chew, Joseph Smith, William Russell, John Chew and Larkin Chew Jun^r or others for ten thousand acres of land on both sides Happy Creek joining on the great mountains, and on Cape Leanock run in Spotsylvania County, and against granting a patent to Thomas Chew, William Johnson and George Home or others for six thousand acres in the fork of Leanock run and on the south side thereof in the same County; or to Larkin Chew, Joseph Smith, Thomas Chew, William Russell, William Johnson and George Home for ten thousand acres of land in the fork of Cape Leanock run in the same County, are referred for further consideration till the next Council.

John Fitzgerald having on the 13th of June 1728 obtain'd an order for summoning the heir at law of James Grecian late of the County of Isle of Wight dec^d to shew cause why three several parcels of land survey'd for the said Grecian in his lifetime and about nine years ago should not be granted to the pet^r for default of suing out patents for the same in due time, and the said John Fitzgerald having caused publication to be made pursuant to the order of this Board, and no person appearing to lay any Claim to the said land; It is ordered that the said John Fitzgerald have patents for the same, according to the prayer of his petition.

On the petition of Richard Fitzwilliam Esq' praying a Grant of 4000 acres of land surveyed in the year 1719 for Benjamin Bradley, Joshua Gee, William Russell & Joseph Farmor; and for 2000 acres of land survey'd in 1722 for Charles Chiswell, both Tracts lying on Swift Creek in the County of Henrico, and no patents sued out for the same It is ordered that the said Charles Chiswell and the Attorneys for the other persons above named be summoned to appear at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer to answer the said petition

The Caveat entered by Moseley Batteley and Elizabeth his wife in behalf of themselves and Mary and Elizabeth Taliaferro daughters of Robert Taliaferro dec^d against a patent sued out by James Dyer, by consent of the parties is continued to be heard in Council at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer

Ordered

That the several persons against whose patents Caveats are entered in the Secretary's office have notice to attend this Board at the Council to be held at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, in order to a determination of the subject matter of the said Caveats.

Several petitions for leave to take up land were read and granted as follows.

To Matthew Ligon leave to include in one patent two Tracts of land of 400 acres each, lying on Fine Creek in Goochland County with a tract of 400 acres already patented by the pet^r.

To William Crawley 500 acres joining to his old land upon Notoway River, with an inclusive patent for both

To Robert Crawley all the wast land joining upon Joseph Watson and Charles Winfree, on the south side of Chickahomeny Swamp in Henrico County.

To William Cabbell three different tracts of 400 acres each, lying on Licking hole Creek in Goochland County, with an inclusive patent for the whole.

To Robert Bevil leave to include in one patent several surveys by him made on Winticomack in Prince George County.

To William Cole and Thomas Massie leave to include in one patent ten surveys of 400 acres each, lying in the fork of the Byrd in Goochland County.

On the petition of Merry Webb leave is granted him to include in one patent two tracts of land assigned to him by William Hudson, the one lying on potatoe quarter branch that runs out of the south side of Willis's Creek, the other on the north side of Willis's Creek about half a mile below potatoe quarter branch, each consisting of 400 acres.

To Thomas Dansie 2000 acres in Hannover County on both sides of Mechamps Creek, otherwise Turkey run or Syme's Creek, beginning upon the dividing line between the said County and Goochland.

Cole Digges Esq' on his petition hath liberty granted him to survey and have a patent for eighty foot square of the Beach below the bank at York Town adjoining to the place where his warehouse now stands for his convenience in building a commodious warehouse thereon with leave to extend a Wharf of the same breadth into the River for

the more convenient landing of merchandizes Provided the same do not obstruct or encroach on the publick landing or Street leading to the River.

John Ballard Merchant hath order for the like quantity of the said Beach for building a Warehouse at the landing he now useth under the restriction before mentioned.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 22^d day of October 1729

Present

The Hon^l W^m Gooch Esq^r L^t Governour

M ^r Commissary Blair	R ^d Fitzwilliam
W ^m Byrd	John Grymes
John Robinson	W ^m Dandridge
John Carter	John Custis
W ^m Randolph Esq ^r	

An Order of his Maj^{ty} in his privy Council bearing date the 1st of febr^y 1728 Whereby his Majesty is graciously pleas'd to Order & direct that fifty nine thousand seven hundred and eighty six Acres of Land in Spotsylvania County held by Colo. Alex^r Spotswood by a defective Title be regranted to him by Patent upon his procuring Rights for the same declaring his Majesties pleasure that the same Exemption from payment of Quit Rents be extended to the said Land as was granted by his late Majesty to the Patentee of a thousand Acres of Land in the same County whereupon it being propos'd to the Consideration of the Board how far other persons having large Tracts of Land in the afo^d County for w^{ch} no Rights were paid or produced at the time of the Grant ought to be charged agreeable to his Majesties Intentions it is resolv'd & ordered. That Colo Spotswood ought to produce Rights & pay Quit rents for the full Quantity of Land mentioned in the above Order of his Maj^{ty} in Council the s^d Quit rents to be accounted from the first day of May 1728 & that the same be demanded accordingly.

That for all the other large Tracts of Land taken up in the said County & not within the benefit of his late Majesties Bounty an Immediate Demand be made of the Rights for the same which ought to have been & were not paid at the time of the Grant excepting always such of the said Lands as have been since lapsed & granted to other Patentees where his Majesty hath been satisfied for the rights thereof

That in like manner where the first Patentees have Continu'd hitherto in Possession of their several Tracts the Quit Rents for the same be demanded from the first day of May 1728 but for as much as the s^d Patentees have been already recommended to his Majesties favour in relation to the Arrears accrued before the said first day of May

It is resolv'd that the Demand of the Arrears be Suspended until his Majesties pleasure be known.

Commissions of the Peace for the Counties of Westmoreland and Norfolk were this day Ordered to be Issued with the addition of several new Justices.

Whereas the Cattabow Indians have by some of the Indian traders signified their Desire to enter into a Treaty of Friendship with this Government It's the Opinion of this Board that the s^d Indians be encouraged in this their good Inclination and for that purpose be invited to repair hither at the next General Court But in Case the s^d Treaty take Effect it be insisted on that the s^d Cattabaw Indians shall undertake for the peaceable behaviour of the Sapony Indians who have lately deserted their Settlement in this Colony & Join'd themselves to the s^d Cattabaw Indians.

Ordered that the General Assembly be further prorogu'd till Thursday the 12th of Febr^r next & a Proclamation was prepared accordingly.

Oct^r 25th 1729

Present

The Governour

Rob^t Carter

James Blair

John Robinson

John Carter

R^d Fitzwilliam

John Grymes

W^m Dandridge Esq^r

On reading at this [Board] Lre from Colo Montgomery Governour of New York with a Transcript of a Conference held the 21st July last between the Commissioners for Indian Affairs at Albany & some of the Chiefs of the Oneides wherein the s^d Indians Complain of that a Considerable number of their nation have been lately killed & taken prisoners by the Virginia Indians & designing reparation But it appearing to this Board by several late accounts brought by the Indians Traders that the Attack defeat given to the said Oneydes was by the Cattabaw Indians on whose Towns the s^d Oneydes had made a Secret Attack and in the retreat were fallen upon by the Cattabaw Indians without the Intervention of any of the Indians of this Colony Its ordered that the same be signifi'd to the Governor of New York to prevent any Misunderstanding with the six Nations But forasmuch as the Oneyades seem principally concern'd to recover their prisoners out of the hands of the Cattabaws It is Ordered that a Message be sent to the Cattabaws to desire that the s^d Prisoners be deld'd up to this Government as the Surest means for their obtaining a Peace with the six Nations in which this Governm^t will enjoy this Mediation

On the petition of John Carter Esq^r Leave was granted him to take up in one Tract Six thousand Acres of Land in the North branch of James River joyning on the land of Colo. Tho^s Randolph called the Indians Field & extending thence so as to include the lands called the Buffalo low grounds.

On the petition of George Webb Gent leave was granted him to take up twelve thousand Acres of Land in Hanover County begining at a white Oak markd G. W & another B on the Northside of the third Northfork of James River at the foot of the Second Mountains comonly

called the great Mountains & extending on both sides this said fork provided always that this present the Survey to be made thereof do not interfere with or prejudice the Grant this day made to John Carter Esq'.

Nov' the 1st 1729

Present

The Governour

Rob^t Carter
James Blair
W^m Byrd

John Robinson
R^d Fitzwilliam
John Grymes &
W^m Randolph Esq^r

Robert Carter Jun^r Esq^r having resign'd his place of Naval officer of Rappahanock river & the Governour having thereupon Signified to divers of the G[entlemen] of the Council occasionally met at the Convocation of the Visitors of the College his Intention to Constitute M^r Charles Carter in his Room & no objection being there now offered against the Sufficiency of the s^d Charles Carter for that Employ^mt the Governour was pleas'd to declare the said Charles Carter Naval Officer of the afs^d District.

Whereas by Several Acts past last Session of Assembly the Counties of Caroline & Goochland were Erected whereby the free holders are entitl'd to the Priviledges of Electing Burgesses for the s^d respective Counties & whereas. Since the last Session of Assembly the Trustees for erecting the College of W^m & Mary have by good & Sufficient Deeds in Law transfer'd the said College with all the rents revenues & perquisites thereunto belonging unto the President & masters whereby the s^d President & Masters or professors are become one Body Politick & Corporate with power to chuse a Representative to serve in the General Assembly of his Dominion Its ordered that writ issue for electing Burgesses for the said County of Caroline & Goochland & for the s^d College of W^m & Mary to serve in the next Session of Assembly which now stands prorogu'd until the 12th day of Febr^y next.

On the Application of the Officers of his Majesties Revenues It is Ordered that they be & they are hereby Impowr'd to Issue Rights for taking up land for any Sum not exceeding five hundred pounds sterl the rights formerly Issued being already disposed of:

W^m Dandridge Esq^r present.

The account of Contingent Charges for the late half year ending the 25th of October the Acco^t of Sundry expences about the Governours House & an acco^t of Sundry charges of the Imprisonm^t Tryals & Condemnation of divers pirates were laid before the board examin'd & ordered to be p^d out of his Majesties Revenue of two Shillings per hogshead.

Nov^r 5th 1729*Present*

The Governour

Rob ^t Carter	R ^d Fitzwilliam
James Blair	John Grymes
John Robinson	W ^m Dandridge
John Carter	W ^m Randolph Esq ^{rs}

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesties Revenues were this day Sign'd by the Governour in Council (viz) Out of the two shillings per hogshhead Port Duties & Head money.

To the Governour 1/2 years Salary ending the 25 th of Oct ^r last	£ 1000—0—
To the Gentlemen of his Majesties Council for the same time	175—0—
To the Judges & Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held last June	100—0—
To the Auditor General of the plantations half a years Salary ending as above	50—
To the Solicitor of the Virginia Affairs for the same time	50
To the Atty Gen ^l Salary for the same time	20
To the Clerk of the Council for his Salary the same time	50
To the Gunners of the Several Batterys for the like Salary	20
To the Ministers preaching before the General Court	6
To the Armourers Salary for the same time	6
To the Adjutant for his Salary the same time	75
To W ^m Prentis for Sundry Charges about the Governours House	29:18: 9¼
To the Same for Sundry Expresses & other Contingent Charges	61:12: 7¼
To the Same for the Charges arising on the Tryal of divers Pirates	58:13:10

And out of the Quit Rents.

To M ^r Com ^r Blair 1/2 years Salary	£ 50
To the Atty General 1/2 years additional Salary	30

The acco^t of his Majesties Revenue of two shillings per hogshhead port Duties & Head mony receiv'd by virtue of the late Kings Comission & by Comission from his present Majesty were Severally presented in Council by the Rec^r Gen^l who made Oath thereto & being examin'd by the auditor were certified as usual by the Governour.

Sundry petitions for leave to take up wast Land were presented read & granted (viz)

To John Sandland four hundred Acres on the branches of Long Creek & Beverdam Swamp in Caroline County formerly Survey'd in 1719 for Tho^s Thomason who hath consented to relinquish his pretensions to the pet^r.

To Michael Holland for one thousand acres of Land on the branches of Licking Hole Creek in Goochland County adjoining to his Patented land.

To Rob^t Bolling Gent for 1000 acres adjoining to his patented land on Horse pen Swamp on Appamatox River & on Prince George County with leave to include both Tracts in a new patent.

To the s^t Rob^t Bolling for ten thousand Acres of land including that already granted him on Namosine Creek in Prince George County.

To Alexander Bollin for 1000 Acres of Land on the S^o side of Buckskin Creek in Prince George County

To Rob^t Bevel for 1500 acres on Winticomacke Creek in Prince George County.

To Abraham Jones for one thousand Acres of Land in Prince George County beginning on the upper Side the house Creek three quarters of a Mile below the Pet^r Mile & running thence up the Creek & round his patented land thence cross the s^d Creek & down the Same until it joyns on the land of Coleman

On reading at this Board the pet^r of Daniel Pugh Gent late Sheriff of Nansamond County. It is Ordered that his Majesties Rec^r General pay to the pet^r two pounds Seventeen shillings Curr^t Money & four hundred forty five pounds of Tob^o or the Curr^t price thereof out of his Majesties Revenue of 2s per hogshead it being for one half of the Costs & Charges expended by the petitioner in defending a Suit brought ag^t him for Seizing Six hogsheads of Tob^o of one John Cotton deced pursuant to an Act of Assembly the one half of the s^d Seizure having been long Since p^d by the pet^r to his Majesties Use.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 15th day of April 1730

Present

The Governour

James Blair
John Carter
R^d Fitzwilliam

John Grymes
John Custis &
W^m Randolph Esq^r

A Warrant under his Majesties Royal Sign Manual bearing date the 6th of October 1729 was read at the Board empowering the Governour to use a new Seal sent him by his Majesty for this Colony & directing that the old Seal be return'd in Order to be defeated in his Majesties presence in his privy Council and thereupon the Governour delid'd the new Seal to be kept as usual in the Secretaries Office & the old Seal was delivered up to the Governour in Order to be return'd pursuant to his Majesties pleasure.

The Queens most excellent Majesty Guardian of the Kingdom having been pleas'd by Order in his Majesties most honourable privy Council bearing date the day of May 1729 to signify her disallowance & disapprobation of an Act past in the General Assembly in the Year 1705 Entitld an Act declaring how long Judgments Bonds Obligations & Accounts Shall be in force for the Assignm^{ts} of Bonds & Obligations directing what proof shall be sufficient in such Cases & ascertaining the Damage upon protested Bills of Exchange It is Ordered that a Proclamation Issue declaring the s^d Act of Assembly to be repeal'd.

An attested Copy of his Majesties Warrant directed to the Recorder of London for inserting in the pardon granted to the Newgate Criminals the name of Sarah Williamson who at a Gen^l Court held in October 1727 was Convicted of the Murther of her Child was read at the Board & ordered to be recorded in the Secretary's Office & the s^d Sarah Williamson was thereupon discharged.

April 29th 1730

Present

The Governour

Rob^t Carter
James Blair
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter

R^d Fitzwilliams
John Grymes
W^m Dandridge
John Custis &
W^m Randolph Esq^r

A Warrant under the Sign Manual of the Queens most Excellent Majesty Guardian of the Kingdom Dated 24th of July 1729 was read at the Board whereby her Majesty is pleas'd to order & direct the paym^t of one thousand pounds out of the Revenue of Quit Rents for defraying the charges of running and Sett^ling the Boundaries between this Colony & North Carolina in Such manner as his Majesties Lient Governour shall think fit to direct and thereupon the Governour laid before the Board an Account of the Application of the said One thousand pounds & desired their Opinion whether he had not therein justly proportioned the rewards to the Several Commissioners employed in that Service The Council declared their Opinion that the rewards to the Commissioners according to the time of their attendance on that Service is a just & equal distribution pursuant to her Majesties Warr^t aforementioned.

But M^r Fitzwilliams desiring to be heard & to offer his Reasons why he left the other Comissioners before they had finished the line by them run It is the Opinion of the Board that it is improper to enter into that matter it appearing by her Majesties Warrant that the proceedings in running the s^d line are well approv'd & that the Governour is a proper Judge of the Service perform'd therein

Whereas his Majesty by Order in his privy Council bearing date the 19th day of Nov^r MDCCXXIX having been graciously pleas'd to declare & order that the remission of Rights which by Order in Council on the 6th of Aug^r MDCCXXIII was granted to the two new Counties of Brunswick & Spotsylvania for Seven Years be understood to extend to all Grants of Land in the County of Spotsylvania not exceeding 6000 Acres including therein the 1000 Acres allowed by the afs^d Order in Council & that the Grantees be permitted to hold the Same upon Condition that they do pay the Seven years Quit Rents now in Arrear but that whoever shall be desirous to hold more than Six thousand Acres shall be oblig'd to pay both the Same Rights & Quit Rents for over and exceeding that Number as Lands in any other part of Virg^a are liabel to It is Ordered that the Officers of his Majesties Revenue demand as well the Quit Rents now in Arrear as the Mony due for the Rights of all Tracts of Land exceeding the Quantity of Six thousand Acres held by any one Patentee in the s^d County pursuant to his Majesties Pleasure signified on the above recited Order And it is further Ordered that the former Order of this Board for Demanding the Mony due for Rights for the s^d Tracts of Land be as it is hereby revok'd and that all Bonds given in the Secretary's Office for paym^t of the Rights for any Tracts of Land not exceeding the Quantity of Six thousand Acres be vacated.

Rich^d Fitzwilliams Esq^r absent

On reading at this Board a Report from R^r Hicks & Daniel Hicks who at the instance of the Governour of New York were sent to the Cattabaw Indians to demand the liberty of Certain Prisoners of the five Nations taken by them It appearing to the Board that the s^d Rob^t & Daniel have diligently performed the Service req^d of them It is there-upon Ordered that there be p^d to each of them out of his Majesties Revenue of 2s per hogshead the Sum of thirteen pounds Curr^t Money for their Trouble in the s^d Service

An Acco^t of Sundry Disbursements made by Peter Lehemp [Leheup] Esq^r on the Service of this Colony amounting to the sums of twenty pounds Sixteen Shillings & Six pence and also an acco^t of his Charges in Obtaining the Pictures of the King & Queen was sent in amounting to Seventy nine pounds three Shillings were Severally examin'd & allowed.

On the Application of the Sheriffs of the Counties of Hanover & Spotsylvania for a more suitable allowance to enable them to collect & make convenient the Quit Rent tob^o arising in these Counties many of the Plantations lying some Sixty & Eighty Miles distant from Water Carriage It is ordered that they be allowed 30 per Cent on all the Tob^o they receive.

The Receiver Gen^l representing that he hath a Considerable Sum of mony in his hands rec^d for his Majesties Quit rents for the last Year & that the Difference of Exchange may be Settled & Certified by this Board in Order to enable him to pass his Accounts & make remit-

tances of the s^d Money It is accordingly agreed by this Board that five & five eighths per Cent be allow'd the Rec^r Gen^l to enable him to turn the money recd for his Majesties Quit Rents into Bills of Exchange w^{ch} is hereby certifi'd to be the present Differences of Exchange in this Colony

On reading at this Board a Report from the auditor & Receiver General upon the petition of W^m Rostow* Exec^r of the last Will & Testament of James Rostow deced late Rec^r Gen^l of his Majesties revenues it appearing to this Board that the s^c James Rostow did in his life time Account to his Majesty for nine pounds two Shillings & Eight pence farthing as due for fines rec^d in the Northern Neck w^{ch} fines was never paid to him but retain'd in the hands of the Sheriffs of Westmoreland & Richmond Counties until the Determination of the right thereto claim'd by the proprietor of the Northern Neck & have since been paid to the s^d proprietors Agent It is Ordered that the Rec^r Gen^l pay to the s^d W^m Rostow the s^d Sum of nine pounds two Shillings & eight pence farthing & that his Majesties Atty General be directed to prosecute the persons who were Sheriffs of the afs^d County in 1720 for recovery of the s^d Fines

The following persons were this day nominated & Appointed by the Governour to be Sheriffs of the Several Counties for the Year ensuing.

For the County of

New Kent	R ^d Richardson
King William	James Fountain
Prince George	James Munford
Accomack	George Parker
James City	Wm Brown
York	Rob ^t Armistead
Caroline	Jn ^o Talliaferro
Eliz. City	Jos Banister
King & Queen	Sam ^l Smith
Charles City	Sam ^l Harwood
Essex	Silvester Musto
Princess Anne	Francis Mosely
Norfolk	Nathaniel Newton
Middlesex	George Harding
Richmond	Newman Brockenboro
Lancaster	W ^m Bawl
Nansemond	Theophilus Pugh
Spotsylvania	Edwin Hickman
Hanover	Charles Hudson
Gloucester	Philip Todd

A New Comission of the peace for the County of Richmond is ordered to Issue & That Tho^s Beal Thomas Barber W^m Glassock & Sam^l Glassock Gent be added to the s^d Comission.

*"Rostow" should be Roscow. The copyist evidently mistook a "c" in the original for a "t."

Also a new Commission of the peace for the County of Middlesex is ordered to Issue & that Charles Carter James Read & Tho^r Price be added thereto & the said Charles Carter appointed of the Quorum for avoiding any Controversies that may arise concerning the Limits of the Counties of Brunswick & Goochland It is Ordered that the line of the s^d County of Brunswick do extend to Appamatox River & no farther & from thence the s^d River to be the Boundary between the s^d two Counties.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 6th day of May 1730

Present

The Governour

Rob^t Carter
James Blair

[Mann] Page
John Carter &
John Grymes Esq^r

A Warrant for replacing to the Acco^t of 2s per hogshhead the Sum of four hundred & fifty pounds Eighteen Shillings & nine pence out of the money Ordered by the Queens Warrant for defraying the Charges of running the Boundaries between this Governm^t & North Carolina was Sign'd per the Governour it being for the like Sum paid out of the said Revenue of two Shillings per hogshhead for furnishing provisions & payment of the Men employ'd in the s^d Service

The following Warrants to be paid out of his Majesties Revenue of two s per hogshhead for Duties & head money was this day Sign'd by the Governour & Council (viz^t)—

To the Governour for his half years Salary ending the 25 th of April last	£1000,, 0,,0
To the Gentlemen of the Council for the Same time ..	175,, 0,,0
To the Judges & Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held last December	100,, 0,,0
To the Auditor General of the plantations half years Salary ending as above	50,, 0,,0
To the Solicitor of Virginia Affairs half years Salary ending the same time	50,, 0,,0
To the Atty General half years Salary for the same time	20,, 0,,0
To the Clerk of the Council half years Salary for same time	50,, 0,,0
To the Ministers attending the General Court last half year	6,, 0,,0
To the Adjutant General of the Militia half years Salary ending as above	75,, 0,,0
To the Armourer half years Salary for the same time ..	6,, 0,,0
To the Gunners of the Several Battery's half years Salary	20,, 0,,0

To W ^m Prentis for Sundry repairs about the Governours House	17,,19,,5
To W ^m Prentis for other Expenses & contingent charges	105,,10,,5
To Peter Lehup Esq ^r for sundry disbursments in procuring the pictures of their present Majesties sent into this Colony	79,, 3,,0

And out of the Quit Rents

To M ^r Comissary Blair half years ending the 25 th of April	50,, 0,,0
To M ^r Atty General half years additional Salary for the same time	30,, 0,,0

The Acco^t of the Revenue of 2s per hogshead Port Duties & head Money receiv'd by Virtue of a Comission from his late Majesty

And the Acco^t of the s^d Revenue received by Vertue of his present Majesties Comission, And also the acco^t of his Majesty's Revenue of Quit Rents received for the year 1729 as Setld the 25th of April last being examin'd by the Auditor were Severally sworn to by the Receiver General & Certified by the Governour

Whereas for the encouragem^t of James Pappaw to discover his Secret for the cure of certain diseases there was promis'd him besides his freedom a pension of twenty pounds Curr^t mony per Annum & forasmuch as the Medicines discovered by the s^d Pappaw have been tryed & found effectually [effectual] It is ordered that the s^d Pension be paid him to commence from Lady Day 1729 & that the Same be added to the Contingent Charges of the Governm^t.

On the Petition of James Nevil Setting forth that about Twenty year ago one Benjamin Watkins entr'd for eight hundred Acres of Land on the S^o side James River near to the Pet^r Land but hath never Su'd out any Patent for the Same & praying a Grant of the s^d Land It is Ordered that the s^d Watkins be Sumoned to appear before this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to shew Cause why the prayer of the said pet^r should not be granted

On the Petition of Nathaniel Bassett praying a Grant of four hundred Acres of Land lying on the head branch of Jones Creek & joining on the land of Edward Maxwell Sen^r & Edw^d Maxwell Jun^r w^{ch} was Surveyed in the Year 1724 for Jn^o Woodson the Younger since deceas'd & is now possess'd by Jos Woodson the Father of the s^d John but no Patent Sued out by either of them It is Ordered that the s^d Jos Woodson be Sumoned to appear before this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to shew cause why the said Land ought not to be granted to the Petitioner.

On the Petition of Thomas Walker praying a Grant of Sixteen hundred acres of Land on Maheek Creek in Goochland County Surveyed for Bartholomew Cocke—in the Year 1727 & no Patent Sued out for the same It is Ordered that the Pet^r give the s^d Cocke notice

to appear before this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer after such Notice to answer the s^d Petition.

Sundry Petitions for taking up wast Lands were read & granted as follows. Viz^t.

To Edward Stott for 350 Acres adjoining on his own patented Land on the Land he purchased of John Fooley on little licking hole Creek in Goochland County with liberty to include the Same in one patent with his said former patented & purchased Land

To Warham Easty 1200 Acres joyning on his patented Land on the main deep Creek in Goochland County with Liberty to take an Inclusive Patent for both Tracts.

To Rob^t Adams 2000 Acres on Buck Island Creek on the South side of the N^o fork of James River begining at a white Oak marked R A on the Side of s^d Creek to compleat that quantity To Isham Randolph Gent 1200 Acres in Goochland County on the N^o side of James River between the lines of John Bolling Leonard Ballow Tarleton Fleming Tho^s Ballow Jackson & the Pet^r's own Land.

To Henry Cary eight thousand Acres on both sides the Creek of Willis in Goochland County & between Horn Quarter & the Mountains of the s^d Creek to be laid of in one or more Surveys

To Charles Goodall 1000 Acres in Caroline County on both sides Long Creek 400 Acres thereof being already Surveyed & assigned him by Thomas Carr & Thomas Thomason who first entred for the same & the Residue taken up by the Petitioner

To W^m Canon 1600 Acres in Goochland County beginning on R^d Cox lower line on the S^o side James River 1200 there of being already Surveyed

To Abraham Childers 800 Acres in Henrico County joyning on the lines of Coll Tho^s Randolph deced Rob^t Mosely and Jacob Robertson & on the Branches of the deep Run of Tuckahoe

To Sam^l Burk 536 Acres lying on the East side of the Byrd & Joyning on Capt Tho^s Massey & the pet^r's own Land in Goochland County.

To W^m Jones 500 Acres on the N^o side of Notaway River Prince George County including a former Survey of the Petitioners for part of the s^d Land.

To Charles Hudson 1000 Acres of Land lying on Rockey Creek in Hanover County.

To John Woodson 1700 Acres on the S^o Side James River and on Stovals Creek in Goochland County including 300 Acres already patented in the Pet^r's Name.

To Abraham Venable 1500 Acres of Land on the Southfork of Hardware River in Goochland County & on the West Side of the little Mountains

To John Woodson 3000 Acres on the branches of Deep Creek & Appamatox River in Goochland County already Survey'd in eight Sev^l Dividends, but now to be included in one Patent.

To John Woodson & Tho^s Massy 4000 Acres in Goochland County lying on the Byrd & joyning on the Lands late of Colo. W^m Cole deced purchased of Stephen Hughs & John Woodson

To Abraham Jones 3000 Acres of Land in Prince George County begining on the upper Side of the Sweat House Creek so up the s^d Creek & Crossing the Same to Colemans line

On the Petition of James Pitillo for 1000 Acres of Land in Prince George County between the Lines of Nicholas Butterworth W^m Short R^d Scoggen George Williams & Mottoso Neck Road including the Land lately possessed by Roger Archer deced four hundred acres of the afs^d Tract being already entred by the Petitioner Leave is granted him to take up all the above Tract except that possess'd by the s^d Archer & as to that It is Ordered that the Heir of the s^d Roger Archer deced be Sumoned to appear before this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to shew cause why the Land claim'd by him ought not to be granted to the Petitioners--

On the Petition of David Woodroof setting forth that Christopher Smith deced about thirteen Years ago Surveyed 400 Acres of Land lying on East North East River in Spotsylvania County but the s^d Christopher never in his life time nor his Son Ambrose Joshua Since his decease sued out any Patent for the s^d Land & praying that he may have Leave to enter for the Same It is ordered that Ambrose Joshua Son of the s^d Christopher deced have Notice to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to shew cause why the Pet' ought not to be admitted to an Entry for the s^d Land.

On the Petition of David Woodroof Setting forth that Thomas Hill about five years ago Survey'd 400 Acres of Land joyning on the Land of Zachary Lewis & the petitioner in Hanover County but the s^d Tho^s Hill never Sued out any Patent for the said Land & praying that he may have Leave to enter for the said Land It is hereby Ordered that the said Thomas Hill have Notice to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to shew cause why the Pet' ought not to be admitted to an Entry for the s^d Land.

On the Petition of John Stubblefield Setting forth that James Skelton about three Years ago Surveyed 600 Acres of Land lying in Goochland County upon the S^o side of James River opposite to the middle of Elk Island & between the Lands of Joseph Mayo & those of M^r Benjamin Harrison but the s^d James Skelton never sued out any Patent for the s^d Land and praying that he may have Leave to enter for the s^d land It is hereby Ordered that the Sd. James Skelton have Notice to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to shew Cause why the Pet' ought not to be admitted to an Entry for the said Land

On the Petition of Stephen Hughs setting forth that John Stevens some time ago Surveyed four hundred Acres of Land in Prince George County that the s^d Stevens is since dead & has left no Heir & praying a Grant thereof

It is hereby Ordered that the Widow of the said John Stevens have notice to attend this Board at the next Court & [of] Oyer & Terminer to shew cause why the Pet' ought not to be admitted to an Entry for the s^d Land

At a Council held at the Capitol May the 29th 1730

Present

The Governour

M^r Commissary Blair
Cole Digges
John Grymes

W^m Dandridge
John Custis &
W^m Randolph Esq^r

The Governour laid before the Board his Maj^{ties} Lre under his Royal Signet & Sign Manual bearing date the 22^d day of Janr^y 1729^o30 Signifying his royal pleasure for the restitution of all Ships & Effects taken as prize from the Spaniards Since the day of June 1728 & directing the manner of obtaining the like Restitution of the prizes taken by the Spaniards from his Majesties Subjects conformable to the Cedula issued by the King of Spain for that purpose which said Lre of his Majesties being read together with a Lre from his grace Duke of Newcastle his Majesties principal Secretary of State to the like Effect It is hereby Ordered that a Proclamation issue Signifying his Majesties Royal Pleasure to all his Subjects of this Domin^{ion} to the end Such of the Inhabitants of this Colony as have Suffered the Seizure of their Goods or Effects by the Spanish Privatees may know where to apply for restitution pursuant to the Treaties between his Majesty & the King of Spain

His Majesties Additional Instruction to the Gov^r for assisting the Officers appointed in persuance of a late Act of Parliament for collecting the Six pence per M^o on all Seamans Wages for the Support of Greenwich Hospital was read & Ordered to be entred in the Council Books

At a Council held at the Capitol June 11th 1730

Present

The Governour

James Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Digges

John Robinson
John Carter
John Grymes &
John Custis Esq^r

On reading at this Board the Petⁿ of Daniel Hornby & Thomas Beal Son of Tho^s Beal the Elder praying that David Bray Gent may be Ordered to pay them the respective Sums of money allowed by a former Order for their Improvements on the lands recovered from them by the s^d David Bray

The Board taken into Consideration that the pet^r did not deliver possession of the s^d Land until twelve Months after they were directed to yield the Same & during that time had the Use of the Land & the Improvements & that M^r Bray was put to great Charges & lost the

Opportunity of making a Crop on the Said Land & at last was oblig'd to sue out Ejectments against the Pet^r

It is therefore Ordered that an Abatement be made out of the money formerly directed to be paid for the said Improvements & that M^r Bray pay to the said Hornby twenty five pounds Curr^t Money in full of his Demand & to the S^d Beal thirty five pounds of like money in full of his Demand & no more.

On hearing this Day at the Board the Petition of John Garner for a Grant of Seven hundred Acres of Land in the County of Isle of Wight & the Caveat of James Garner against the Same and it appearing that the Father of the Petitioner was possess'd of the Land afs^d & was said to have a Patent for the Same which is now lost & that in the Year 1684 he Demised part of the S^d Tract for the Term of ninety nine Years unto his Brother John Garner who now Claims the Same.

It is therefore Ordered that a Patent be granted to the Petitioner John Garner for the Land afs^d upon his Securing to his said Uncle John Garner so much of the Land demised & let by his Father as is included within his present Survey for the Residue of the Term of 99 Years yet unexpir'd

Present R^d Fitzwilliam Esq^r

Mosely Battely & Elizabeth his Wife late the Relict of R^t Talliafarro deced in behalf of themselves & of Mary & Eliz the Daughters of the s^d Rob^t having petitioned for stopping sev^l patents Sued out by James Dyer Tho^s Edins & Dennis Linsey for Land lying in the first fork of Rappedan River in the County of Spotsylvania Nineteen hundred thirty two Acres of w^{ch} said Land was formerly Survey'd by the s^d Rob^t Talliafarro in his life time on hearing the Parties It is this Day Ordered by the Governour with the advice of the Council that the s^d Nineteen hundred Eighty two acres of Land formerly Surveyed for the said Talliafarro be granted to his Widow & Daughters (viz) 500 Acres thereof to Eliz now the Wife of the s^d Mosely Battely & 1400 Acres the residue to Mary & Elizabeth Daughters & Heirs at Law of the s^d Robert and that the Patents prepared for the said Dyer Edins & Linsey be stopt Nevertheless reserving power to them to Sue out new Patents for so much of the respective Tracts as shall not be included within the bounds of the Patents hereby Ordered to Issue to the s^d Widow & Daughters of the s^d Rob^t Talliafarro

On reading this Day at the Board the petition of Ambrose Madison & Thomas Chew praying that a former Order made upon the Petition of W^m Todd of the County of King & Queen Gent may be set aside & the Petitioners discharg'd from paym^t of the Expence of the Survey made on the Lands in Controversy between them & the s^d Todd the Several Parties being now present & fully heard by their Council & the Pet^r refusing to Submit to the paym^t of any part of the Charge of the s^d Survey their Petition is therefore dismiss^t & the s^d W^m Todd left to his remedy at Law for the Charge he hath expended ascertaining the Bounds of the Lands Claimed by him & the Petitioners.

Humphry Pope & John Edy having Severally entr'd Caveat for Stopping any Patents Sued out by Henry Willis Gent for 1500 Acres of Land lying in the little fork of Rappahanock River the s^d Pope this day appeared & by his Council declaring that as the 300 Acres of Land which he claims was in the Year 1717 granted by a Deed of the Proprietor of the Northern Neck he would insist on his Title under that Deed & by the Same at Law whereupon it is Ordered that his Said Caveat be dismiss'd & that the other entred by the above named John Edy be continu'd to be heard at this Board the next Court of Oyer & Terminer

Abraham Abney & Thomas Clayborne having petitioned for a Grant of five hundred Acres of Land lying on the head of the South fork of Gilliet Creek in Henrico County which was Surveyed upwards of fourteen years ago for one John Robertson who neglected to Sue out any patent for the Same: It appearing to this Board by affidavit that the s^d Robertson hath been duly Sumoned & failing to appear It is Ordered that the s^d Land be granted to the Petitioners

The Caveat entr'd by Richard Hickman Edwin Hickman and Dennet Abney for Stopping Patents sued out by Robert Adams on two Several Surveys for 400 Acres of Land each lying on the Branches of Licking Hole Creek in the County of Goochland is continu'd for the pet^r to make appear that the s^d Surveys was made upon Entries posterior to theirs & within the Bounds described in their s^d Entry

The Several Caveats entred by Thomas Randolph Gent deced and Richard Hickman & Dennet Abney for Stopping of patents sued out for Nicholas Merriweather Gent for lands lying at the Chestnut Mountains in the County of Hanover by consent of the Exec^r of the s^d Thomas Randolph & the said Hickman & Abney are withdrawn And it is Ordered that the s^d Nicholas Merriweather have his Patent for the land therein mentioned

On reading this Day at the Board the petition of Susannah the Relict of Anthony Matton late of the Manittaw [Manikin] Town & of Gideon Chamber setting forth that the s^d Anthony being Seiz'd in Fee of two Several parcels of Land part of the Land assign'd for the French Refugees and having five Sons devised the s^d Land amongst his s^d Children & soon after departed this life that in a short time after his decease all his Children also dyed & his s^d Widow being possess'd of the afores^d Land for a valuable Consideration conveyed fifty three Acres thereof to y^e Petitioner Gideon Chamber, that one Thomas Jefferson hath lately sued out an Inquisition whereby the s^d Land is found to Escheat to his Majesty & praying that they may be preferred to the s^d Jefferson in the Grant of the said Land & the s^d Thomas Jefferson being heard thereupon & it appearing that the Petitioners have the most equitable pretention to his Majesties Favour the Governour is pleas'd with advice of the Council to order as it is hereby ordered that the s^d Gideon Chamber & the Widow of the s^d Anthony have patents for the s^d respective Quantities of Escheated Lands now in their possessions they paying the Composition due to his Majesty & reimbursing to the s^d Jefferson all necessary Charges in prosecuting the s^d Escheat

At a Council held at the Capitol the 17th day of June 1730

Present

The Governour

Rob^t Carter

James Blair

W^m Byrd

John Robinson

John Carter

R^a Fitzwilliam

John Grymes

W^m Dandridge &

John Custis Esq^r

Several Petitions being this Day offered to the Board for leave to take up Land on the River Sherrando on the North West Side of the great Mountains Rob^t Carter Esq^r Agent for the Proprietors of the Northern Neck moved that it might be entr'd that he in behalf of the s^d Proprietors Claimed the land on the s^d River Sherrando as belonging to the s^d Proprietors & within the Limits of their Grant & that it belonged Solely to the Proprietors to grant the s^d Lands w^{ch} Motion at his request is entred & then the Board proceeded to the hearing the s^d Petitions.

On reading at this Board the Petition of John Vanmeter Setting forth that he is desirous to take up a Tract of Land in this Colony on the West side of the great Mountains for the Settlement of himself & Eleven Children & also that divers of his Relations & friends living in the Governm^t of New York are also desirous to remove with their families & Effects to Settle in the same place if a Sufficient Quantity of Land may be assign'd them for that purpose & praying that ten thousand Acres of Land lying in the fork of Sherrundo River including the places called by the Names of Cedar Litch & Stony Lick and running up between the branches of the s^d River to Compleat that Quantity & twenty thousand Acres of the land not already taken up by Robert Carter & Mann Page Esq^r or any other lying in the fork between the s^d River Sherundo and the River Cahongaroota & extending thence to Opeckon & up the south branch thereof may be assign'd for the Habitation & Settlem^t of himself his family & friends The Governour with the advice of the Council is pleas'd to give leave to the s^d John Vanmeter to take up the s^d first mentioned Tract of ten thousand Acres for the Settlemen^t of himself & his family and that as Soon as the petitioner Shall bring on the last mentioned Tract twenty Families to inhabit or that this Board is Satisfied so many are ready to remove thither Leave be & it is hereby granted him for Surveying the last mentioned Tract of twenty thousand Acres within the Limits above describ'd in so many Several Dividends as the pet^r & his s^d partners shall think fit and it is further ordered that no person be permitted to enter for or take up any part of the afs^d Land in the meantime provided the s^d Vanmeter & his family & the said twenty other Families of his Relations and Friends do Settle thereon within the Space of two Years according to his proposal.

Isaac Vanmeter of the Province of West Jersey having by his petition to this Board Set forth that he & divers other German Families

are desirous to settle themselves on the West Side the Great Mountains in this Colony he the Petitioner has been to View the lands in those parts & has discovered a place where such Settlement may Conveniently be made & not yet taken up or possess'd by any of the english Inhabitants & praying that ten thousand Acres of Land lying between the Lands Surveyed for Rob' Carter Esq' the fork of Sherundo River & the River Opeckon in as many Several Tracts or Dividends as shall be necessary For the Accomodation & Settlement of ten Families (including his Own) which he proposes to bring on the s^d Land The Governour with the Advice of the Council is pleas'd to order as it is hereby Ordered that the s^d Isaac Vanmeter for himself & his Partners have Leave to take up the s^d Quantity of ten thousand Acres of Land within the Limits abovedescrib'd & that if he brings the above Number of Families to dwell there within two Years Patents be granted him & them for the same in Such Several Tracts & Dividends as they shall think Fit & in the Mean time that the Same be reserv'd Free from the entry of any other person.

Whereas Jacob Stover a Native of Switzerland hath by his Petition made humble Suit to this Board for Leave to take up ten thousand Acres of Land on the West side the great Mountains and on the Second fork of Sherundo River on both sides the Branches thereof for the Settlement of himself & divers Germans & Swiss Families his Associates whom he proposes to bring thither to dwell in two Years Space It is Ordered by the Governour with the advice of the Council that ten thousand Acres of Land lying within the bounds above Described be assigned the Petitioner to be laid of in Such Tracts as he shall think Fit for the Accomodation of himself & his Partners provided that one Family for each Thousand Acres do come to inhabit there within the time propos'd And in the mean time that no person be permitted to enter for or take up the same other than the Pet' & his Associates

Sundry Petitions for taking up wast Lands were read & granted as follows (viz)

To W^m Chamberlain 2600 Acres of Land on Cary Creek in Goochland County including 400 Acres of Land already patented.

To Stephen Hughs 1000 Acres of Land in Goochland County being at the beginning of W^m Mayo and Bowler Cocks lands on deep Creek

To R^d Jones Jun^r 1500 Acres of Land in Prince George County on Wests Creek being a Branch of Deep Creek including his last Survey.

To W^m Beverly 12000 Acres of Land in Spotsylvania County on Fox River Cannons Rivers by the Branches of Elk River red Oak Mountains & foot of the great Mountains

To W^m Mayo 2800 Acres of Land on Willis's Creek survey'd in Several Surveys lying Contiguous & adjoining to Benj^a Harrisons Land & Mary Webbs with Liberty to joyn the Same in one Patent.

To R^d Williams & Christ' Reynolds a parcell of Low grounds containing 1000 Acres or thereabouts lying in the upper Parish of Nansmond beginning at a red Oak on the N^o Side of Nittaway River & running down Nittaway River to the mouth thereof & thence up black

water to a pine on the River Side & thence crossing the Neck to the beginning

To W^m Chamberlayne 1200 Acres lying on Cubb Creek in Hanover County & the Surveyor to lay of the Same accordingly

To W^m Swift Clk 2000 Acres lying on the N^o Side James Church on the branches of the Deep Creek of Licking Hole in Goochland County & bounded on the S^o by the Land of Leonard Ballow on the S^o west by the Land of Cap' Tho^s Massy on the west by Sam^l's Burks land & on the other Sides by the land of Dudly Diggs George Southerland W^m Spurlock & Joseph Parsons

To Baldwin Rooks for 2000 Acres of Land in Henrico County lying on Peters Branch & Booths branch John Ellis & Richard Randolphs lines 800 Acres thereof being already entr'd on two distant Entries Surv^r' & leave to include the whole in one Patent

At a Council held at the Capitol July the 9th 1730

Present

The Governour

James Blair
Cole Digges
John Robinson

John Grymes
John Custis &
W^m Randolph Esq^r

On reading at this Board a Memorial of Coll Spotswood late Lieut Governour of Virginia Setting forth that in the Year 1722 at the Instances of both Houses of Assembly he undertook a Journey upwards of twelve hundred Miles to treat with the Northern Indians at Albany at Conestogo that upon his representing to the House of Burgesses how the kings Revenue given for the Support of the Governm^t was that Year so burthened with extraordinary Charges that it would hardly be able to bear the Expense of the intended Treaty without some Assistance from them they gave one Thousand pounds for that Service which Sum fell short of the Expences more than Six hundred pounds & which exceedings Governour Drysdale promised to lay before the next Assembly but nothing being done in that behalf he applied by a petition in England for a reimbursement of the s^d Expences but was answer'd he should first apply to the Governm^t here for the Same that before his Arrival in this Colony his Atty had given in that Claim to the House of Burgesses that the House had thereupon come to a Resolution which doth not reject the Charge but only declares that they have already paid as far as they had engaged to assist the Revenue & adding divers Reasons why he conceived his said Claim to be a Debt which this Governm^t ought in Honour & Justice to see discharg'd the Council took the s^d Memorial into Consideration and are thereupon of Opinion that tho it is reasonable that Colo Spotswood should be paid all necessary Disbursements expended by him for the Service of the Governm^t yet the Services mentioned in his Said Memorial having been performed Eight years ago and no Demand for the Charges thereof made till now

it is fit to wait for Directions from great Britain before any Determination thereof here & to that purpose that the Governour be pleas'd to represent the Case to the Lords Commission^r of Trade & plantations & to transmit a Copy of Colo Spotswoods Memorial and of the Account exhibited by him to the House of Burgesses requiring their Lordships directions thereon

Sundry Accounts of persons inhabiting in the County of Nansemond for the Charges & Expences of conveying thro' that County divers Pirates taken in North Carolina in the Year 1727 having been Presented to the house of Burgesses & rejected were now exhibited to this Board & ordered that the same be referr'd to the Officers of his Majesties Revenue to examine & report whether the same have not been paid to the Marshall of the Court of Admiralty who brought the Said Pirates from Carolina

Augustine Smith of the County of Caroline Gent by his Petition Setting forth that in the Year 1709 in Order to obtain a Patent for 1500 Acres of Land as lapsed From one John Bowsey he purchased of the then Receiver General 30 Rights and that the s^d Land being afterwards recovered from him & granted to Henry Willis Gent by reason of the Pet' not suing out his Patent in due time he hath demanded the said Rights out of the Secretary's Office but upon search the same are not to be found & praying relief therein It is Ordered that it be referred to the Officers of his Majesties Revenue to examine the Allegations of the s^d Petition & report their Opinion thereupon

Comissions of the Peace for the County's of Accomk New Kent & King William were this day ordered to Issue with the Addition of Sundry persons recomended to be Justices of the peace in the s^d respective Counties.

Also Coroners for the Counties of King & Queen & Prince George were appointed by the Governour in Council

On the Petition of Winifred Stevens Widow of John Stevens late of the County of Prince George deced Setting forth that her said Husband in his life time Surveyed 400 Acres of Land in the s^d County the Survey whereof was duly return'd into the Secretary's Office together with the rights in Order to obtain a Patent but dy'd before same was made out that the s^d John Stevens having no Issue did on his Death bed make his Will & Devise his Right to the said Land to the Petitioner & one Edward Sanders who had liv'd with him many Years that Since the s^d John Stevens Death one Stephen Hughs hath petitioned for the s^d Land Suggesting that the Petitioners late Husband had neglected to sue out a Patent according to the Orders of the Governm^t Whereas in Truth the s^d John Stevens had before his Death strictly Comply'd with the Orders of the Government to entitle him to a Patent for the said Land & the Issuing the s^d Patent only prevented by his Death & praying that the s^d Land may now be granted to the Pet' & the said Edward Sanders to whom the s^d John Stevens designed it The Governour with the Advice of the Council is pleas'd to Order as it is hereby Ordered that a Patent be prepared & Issue for the Land aforementioned in the name of the said Winifred Stevens Edward Sanders

It appearing by the Surveyor Certificate & Duty of the Rights in the Secretary's Office that the s^d John Stevens had in his life time done all that was incumbent on him for obtaining a Grant of the s^d Land & it is further Ordered that the Petition lately preferred by the said Stephen Hughs for a Grant of the Same Land be as it is hereby rejected

Sundry Petitions for taking up Waste land were read & granted as follows (viz')

To Stephen Cox eight hundred Acres in Goochland County lying on Appamatox River

To John Mayo One thousand Acres in Prince George County on Deep Creek including his old Land already patented

To W^m Eaton one thousand five hundred Acres on Butterwood in Prince George County including his two plantations there

To R^d Herbert one thousand five hundred Acres in Prince George County on the Southside Rowanty Swamp including his own Land already patented

To W^m Crawly one thousand Acres in Prince George County including his two Surveys on the Northside of Nottoway with Liberty of Joyning the whole in one Patent To Thomas Booth two thousand Acres in Prince George County on both Sides the Sweat House branch of Deep Creek including his old Land already Patented.

To John Jackson one thousand five hundred Acres in Prince George County on the Burthen Swamp

To Benj Harrison One thousand five hundred Acres lying in Goochland County near Willis's River & bounded by the land of W^m Mayo Ashford Hughs & the Petitioners own Land & that he may have leave to join the Same in with his other Land in one Patent

To Rob^t Bolling & James Mumford two thousand Acres in Brunswick County on the N^o side of Roanoke above Blew Stone Creek

To Adam Rutherford eighteen hundred Acres in Hanover County on falling Creek with the Land he has already patented & Surveyed in the said County

To George Alvis one thousand five hundred Acres in Hanover County on Maudlins folly Run

On the petition of John Mitlue Leave is hereby granted him to joyn in one Patent eight hundred acres of land in Hanover County already surveyed in two Surveys lying in Harris's Creek in the said County.

To R^d Randolph Gent Leave to joyn in one Patent 1450 Acres of Land joyning to 2700 granted to him by patent in

At a Council held at the Capitol the 28th day of Oct' 1730

Present

The Governour

Rob^t Carter
James Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Diggs

John Robinson
John Grymes
W^m Dandridge &
W^m Randolph Esq^r

Ordered that the General Assembly which now Stands prorogu'd to the twelfth day of November be further prorogu'd to Thursday the 20th of May next and a proclamation was proclaimed accordingly

Whereas notwithstanding the Several prohibitions in the Acts of Assembly now in force for preventing the unlawful Meetings & Combinations of Negro's & other Slaves Divers Meetings of great numbers of Slaves of late have been held in Several parts of this Colony whereby they have had Opportunity of framing Conspiracies against the publick peace of this Colony & the Lives & properties of his Majesty's good Subjects For preventing the like Dangers for the future The Governour with the advice of the Council is pleas'd to order that a Proclamation be forthwith prepared & Issue requiring a More Strict Execution of the Laws against the unlawful Assembly of Negro's and for prosecuting Such as shall Suffer or permit the Same to be held on any of their Plantations or do not perform their Duty in dispersing the Same with Directions to the Chief Officers of the Militia in the respective County's to order out parties of the Militia to Patrol at such Times & places as they Shall see fit And that all persons repairing to their respective Churches or Chappells on Sundays or Holy Days do carry with them their arms to prevent any Surprize thereof in their Absence when the Slaves are most at Liberty & have greatest Opportunity for that purpose

Sundry accounts and Contingent Charges for the last half Year and also an Account of Charges & Reparations about of the Governours house were Severally laid before the Board examined & allowed.

Whereas his Majesty by order in his Privy Council bearing date the 19th day of Nov' 1729 was graciously pleas'd to declare his Pleasure that the remission of Rights formerly granted to the of Lands in the Counties of Brunswick & Spotsylvania should be extended to all

Land not exceeding Six thousand Acres in the said County of Spotsylvania divers persons entituld to his Majesty's bounty have purchased the Rights lands granted them by Patent & have now made application for repayment of the Same It is Ordered that for all Tracts of Lands taken up under the Encouragement of Remission of Rights for the first of May 1721 to the first of May 1728 and for which Rights have been purchased by his Majesties Receiver Gen' the like number of Rights be returnd to the said Patentees so

as the quantity of Land for which the same are to be return'd do not exceed Six thousand Acres and the Officers of his Majesties Revenue are hereby empowr'd to deliver out Rights accordingly to Such persons as are entitul'd thereto

Alexander Ross & Morgan Bryan of the province of Pensilvania having by their petition to this board set forth that they & divers other Families of the s^d Province amounting to one hundred are desirous to remove from thence & Settle them Selves in the Government & praying that 100000 Acres of land lying on the west & North Side of the River Opeckan & extending thence to a Mountain called the North Mountain & along the River Cohongaruton & on any part of the River Sherundo not already granted to any other person may be granted them in as many Tracts or Dividends as shall be necessary for the Accomodation of the afs^d Number of families The Governour with the advice of the Council is pleased to order as it is hereby Ordered that the said Alexander Ross & Morgan Bryan the Petitioners in behalf of themselves and their partners have liberty to take up the said quantity of 100000 Acres of Land within the Limits abovedescrib'd and that upon the above Number of families coming to dwell there within two years Patents shall be granted them in Such manner as they shall agree to divide the same and in the mean time it is Ordered that the said lands be reserved free from the Entry of any other person

Upon presenting the aforementioned Petition R^t Carter Esq^r agent for the proprietor of the Northern Neck desired that it might be here entred that he in behalf of the said Proprietor claimed the said lands now petitioned for as within the limits of the said proprietors Grant.

John Cosby & Benjamin Hinson having Severally petition'd for 800 Acres of Land lying on a branch of little River in the County of Hanover Surveyed for William Weatherford in the year 1722 and no patent Sued out for the Same It is ordered that the Consideration of the said petition be refer'd until the meeting of the Council at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer & that the Parties concerned have notice to attend

John Cosby & Charles Barret having petitioned for 800 Acres of land Surveyed for Thomas Carr of the County of Caroline Gent 400 Acres thereof lying on the S^d Side of the South fork of little River in the County of Hanover and the other 400 Acres lying on both sides the said fork It is Ordered that the said Carr have notice to appear before this Board to shew cause why the said Lands ought not to be granted to the pet^r

On the Application of the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue It is ordered that a Number of Rights not exceeding 500 £ sterl be made to enable them to repay the Rights which by his Majesty's bounty are remitted to patentees in the new erected frontier County's

A new Comission of the Peace was ordered this Day for King William County and M^r Cornelius Lyde and M^r Humphry Hill were added to the said Comission

The Several petitions of Benj. Hinson for a grant of 1000 Acres of Land formerly Survey'd for John Ragland lying on the lower side of East Creek and on South River in Hanover County.

And for 1200 Acres of land in two Tracts lying on both sides Cubb Creek in the said County Surveyed for Thomas Rice & Edward Bullock And for 400 Acres lying on both sides of Cubb Creek above Adams Tract in the county afs^d

And for other 400 Acres of land lying on the north Side of the South fork of the said Cubb Creek in the County afs^d Surveyed for the said Tho^s Rice

And for 400 Acres Surveyed for W^m Harloe & Thomas Hender-son lying in the said County of Hanover on the North side of a Branch of South river called Tarapin Branch—And for a parcel of Land lying on both sides Bever Creek in the said County of Hanover Surveyed for R^d Clough Gent all which said Lands the pet^r Suggests have long since been taken up & Surveyed but no Patents ever sued out for the Same Whereby the Pet^r insists that the said Surveys are become void It is Ordered that the Several parties concerned be here before this Board the next Court of Oyer & Terminer and that the Pet^r give Notice thereof accordingly

On the petition of Charles Goodall praying a grant of 400 Acres of Land lying on the branches of Long Creek in the County of Hanover Surveyed about 8 years ago for one James Terry who neglected to sue out any patent for the same It is Ordered that the Said pet^r give the said Terry Notice to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer in Order to a Determination of the pretentions of the parties to the s^d Land

Matthew Issuet having petitioned for a grant of 400 Acres of Land in Hanover County Surveyed some Years ago for John Reglin who hath neglected to Sue out any patent for the Same It is Ordered that the Parties be heard on their pretentions to the said land at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer and that the pet^r do give Notice to the said Ragland to attend accordingly

Matthew Issuet having petitioned for a Grant of 800 Acres of Land lying between the lines of Thomas Rice &

White on both Sides Cattle branch in Hanover County Surveyed for Thomas Ford who hath neglected to Sue out any patent for the Same It is Ordered that the said parties be heard on their pretentions to the said land at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer & that the said petitioner do give Notice to the s^d Ford to attend accordingly

On the petition of John Sersey praying a Grant of 400 Acres on Cubb Creek in Hanover County long since Survey'd for John Harris who hath neglected to Sue out a patent for the Same It is Ordered that the Parties be heard on the Subject matter at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer and that the s^d Pet^r do give the s^d Harris notice to attend accordingly

Sev^l Petitions for leave to take up new Land were read & granted as follows

To Henry Willis Gent for 3000 Acres of Land in Spotsylvania County lying between Haxle River & the furthestmost North river and along the Side of the Mountains called the Battle and Red Oak Mountains.

To Francis Conway 1000 Acres of land lying on the River Rappadan on the branch thereof in Spotsylvania County near the great Mountains & Joyning on the land of Francis Kirkly Thomas Stanton & others

To W^m Byrd Esq^r for 3000 Acres of land lying on Licking Hole Creek in Roanoke River in the County of Brunswick

To William Jackson 600 Acres of Land in Henrico lying between the lines of Henry Randolph Gent deced Thomas Jeffers & Ralph Jackson and a Survey made by Henry Anderson for an Iron Work

To John Hopson 2400 Acres of Land in Goochland County beginning at a place called Snow quarter on Deep Creek & extending up both sides of the s^d Creek over the Ridge to the Branches of Appamatox 400 Acres thereof being already survey'd & to include the whole in one Patent

To George Wilson for 800 Acres of Land in Prince George County beginning on the lower line of the Land of William Worshan on Smaks Creek and between the s^d Worshans land & the land of Tho^s Webster

On reading at this Board the Petition of Colo George Braxton Rob^t Brooke W^m Brooke Humphry Brooke Ambrose Madison & George Braxton Jun^r setting forth that by an Order of this Board Dated the Second day of May 1729 there was granted to James Taylor Gent 10000 Acres of land lying in the County of Spotsylvania formerly Surveyed for W^m Parker deced & joining on a Tract of Land Comonly called by the name of Octuna That the said James Taylor soon after obtaining the said Grant fell sick & by his last Will & Testament Devised all his Interest therein to his Wife & soon after dyed And that the Widow of the s^d Taylor hath by an Instrument under her hand relinquish'd her right to the said pet^r and praying a Grant thereof in their Names It is ordered that a patent be granted the Pet^r for the s^d Lands they entring rights with the Survey hereof in the Secretary's Office

At a Council held at the Capitol the 4th day of Nov^r 1730

Present

The Governour

Rob^t Carter
James Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Diggs

John Robinson
John Carter
John Grymes,
John Custis Esq^r

The following Warrants on the Receiver Gen^l to be paid out of his Majesties Revenues were this Day Sign'd by the Gov^r in Council (viz^t)

Out of the 2s per hogshead Port Duty's & head Money.

To the Gov ^r 1/2 years Salary ending the 25 th of October	£ 1000,,,—,—
To the Gentlemen of the Council for the same time	175,,,—,—
To the Judges & Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held in June	100,,,—,—
To the Auditor General of the Plantations 1/2 years Salary ending 25 th of October	50,,,—,—
To the Solicitor of the Virginia affairs for the same time	50,,,—,—
To the Atty Genl. for the same time	20,,,—,—
To the Clk of the Council for the same time	50,,,—,—
To the armourer for the same	6,,,—,—
To the Gunners of the Several Battery's for the same	20,,,—,—
To Sundry Ministers attending the Genl Court & Assembly	20,,,—,—
To the Adjutant for the same time	75,,,—,—
To W ^m Prentice for Sundry Disbursements about the Governours House	54,, 7,, 3
To the Same for Sundry Expresses & other Contingent Charges	67,,12,,11½

And out of the Quit Rents

To M ^r Com ^r Blair 1/2 years Salary	£ 50,,,—,—
To M ^r Atty General 1/2 years Additional Salary	30,,,—,—

The Acco' of his Majesties Revenue of 2s per hogshead port Duties & Head Money ending the 25th of October was presented to by his Majesty's Receiver Gen' who made Oath thereto & having been first examin'd by the Deputy Auditor was certified by the Governour

Whereas divers persons have taken out patents for great Tracts of Land in Spotsylvania County for which they purchased no Rights but gave bond for the payment thereof when his Majesty's pleasure should be known And his Majesty having now Signified his pleasure for omitting the Rights 6000 Acres to each Patentee It is therefore Ordered that the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue do demand of the Several Patentees holding larger quantities than Six thousand Acres the mony due to his Majesty for the Rights of such Surplus Land & upon refusal of such payment to cause their Bonds to be put in Suit

W^m Dandridge & W^m Randolph Esq^{rs} present

On the petition of William Beverly Joseph Smith & Joseph Clapham Gent Leave is granted them to take up twenty thousand Acres of Land upon Cohongaratoon beginning at the Mouth of Conecachigh River and up both sides thereof and along the Bank of Cohongaratoon to include that quantity.

On the Petition of Aug Moore & John Robinson Gent leave is granted them to take up thirty thousand Acres of Land upon the River Cohongaratoon beginning at the Mouth or Andictan River & extending thence to within three Miles of the Mouth of Conecahigh River.

Joseph Smith Gent having petitioned for twenty thousand Acres of Land lying on the north side of the River of Opeckan It is Ordered that the s^d Petition be refer'd until the return of Alexander Ross & Morgan Bryan & their Partners from Pensilvania in order to discover whether the Lands mentioned in the s^d petition interfere with the Land granted to them

At a Council held at the Capitol the 10th day of Dec^r 1730

Present

The Governour

M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair	John Carter
Will ^m Byrd	John Grymes
Cole Diggs	W ^m Dandridge
John Robinson	John Custis &
William Randolph	Esq ^r

Sundry Petitions for leave to take up his Majesty's land were this Day read & granted as follows (viz')

To Charles Burgess of the County of Lancaster five thousand Acres of Land in the County of Spotsilvania bounding Southerly & Westerly on the Battle Run Mountains & on the Lands of George Proctor Edward Price & Robert Cave & Northerly on the land of John Price & on a main branch of the N^o River of Rapahanock

To Abraham Venables fifteen hundred Acres of Land lying on both sides the South River of Pamunky including 400 Acres of Land already patented in the Pet^r Name

To W^m Chamberlayne Merchant 1400 Acres of land on the S^o Side of the Rivanna in Goochland County joyning to the land of M^r R^d Cocke including 400 Acres thereof already patented.

To Adam Rutherford 1500 Acres of Land on both sides of falling Creek in Hanover County part thereof already patented in the Pet^r Name with Liberty to take out a new Patent for the whole.

To W^m Swift Clerk 2000 Acres of Land lying upon the branches of Deep Creek near licking hole in the County of Goochland—and bounded by the Lands of Capt Tho^s Massie George Southerland Andrew Spurlock & John Hodges

To James Quarles having petitioned for a grant of one Thousand Acres of Land lying in Spotsilvania County near the great Mountains & joining to the lands of W^m Banks Surveyed for Gilbert Pattison about three years ago & no Patent Sued out for the Same It is Ordered that the s^d Pattison have notice to appear at the Council to be held at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to answer the s^d petition

To Edm^a Powell 1000 Acres in P. George County joyning to the Land of Ball^e Herbert Thomas Gent & John Smith including the Pet^r land already patented.

To Michael Holland for 3000 Acres in Henrico lying on the Branches of Chickahomony & Deep Run & joyning in the Pet^r Own land with leave to take an inclusive patent for the whole.

To Chr Degraffenreed for 2000 Acres on Brunswick County on the N^o Side of Maherrin River beginning at a white Oak markd I F at the Mouth of a large Creek called Switz Creek & up the s^d River & Creek for the quantity

To John Syme Ambrose Joshua Smith & Lawrence Statham 4000 Acres on Gold Mine Creek and the branches thereof on Hanover County including an Entry made by Benj Brown & Assign'd to the pet^r

To Abraham Venable 4000 Acres on the Branches of the Byrd in Goochland County.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 16th day of April 1731

Present

The Governour

James Blair Com ^r	John Carter
W ^m Byrd	W ^m Dandridge
John Robinson	John Custis &
W ^m Randolph Esq ^r	

Pursuant to the Act of Assembly for amending the Staple of Tob^o & preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs The Governour in Council was pleasd to nominate & appoint Commissioners in the Several Counties of this Colony for directing the building the Warehouses established by the s^d Act & Settling the Rents thereof and a form of the Comissions for the purposes afs^d being prepared was read & approv'd

At a Council held at the Capitol the 19th day of April 1731.

Present

The Governour

James Blair Com ^r	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	W ^m Dandridge
Cole Diggs	John Custis
John Robinson	W ^m Randolph &
John Carter	Hen Harrison Esq ^r

Hen Harrison Esq^r presenting his Majesty's Lre bearing date the 19th of Nov^r 1730 directing his being admitted one of his Majesties Council of this Colony this Day took the Oaths appointed by Act of parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy the Abjuration Oath mentioned in the Act of Parliament made in the first year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the first

Entitul'd an Act for the further Security of his Maj^{ty}'s person & Governm^t and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princess Sophia being protestants and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended prince of Wales & his open & Secret Abettors subscribed the Test and was accordingly Sworn & admitted one of the Council

April the 24th 1731

Present

The Governour

Rob ^t Carter	Jn ^o Carter
James Blair	Jn ^o Grymes
W ^m Byrd	W ^m Dandridge
Cole Diggs	John Custis
Jn ^o Robinson	W ^m Randolph &
Hen Harrison Esq ^r	

The following persons were this Day nominated & appointed by the Governour Sheriffs of the undermentioned Counties for the ensuing Year viz For the County of

Essex	Nicholas Smith
Charles City	Sam ^l Harwood
Nansemond	Thomas Godwin
Surry	Rob ^t Wynn
Westmoreland	Andrew Monro
Spotsylvania	W ^m Johnson
Norfolk	Nath ^l Newson
Henrico	Hen Anderson
Princess Anne	Fran ^s Mosely
Prince George	Jam ^s Mumford
Middlesex	Geo Harding
York	R ^t Armistead
James City	W ^m Brown
Lancaster	W ^m Bale
Isle of Wight	Tho ^s Applewhaite
Hanover	Chr Clark
Accomack	Geo Parker
Caroline	Jn ^o Talliaferro
Eliz City	Joseph Banister
King & Queen	Sam ^l Smith
Richmond	Newman Brokenborough
New Kent	R ^s Richardson
King William	James Fontain
Northumberland	Jn ^o Waughop
King George	John Champ
Stafford	Tho ^s Grigsby

Ordered that the persons following be appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of James City R^d Booker W^m Brodnox W^m Marable Willis Wilson Michael Sherman Lancelot Woodward & Joseph Marston Gent and that a new Commission issue for the s^d County with the Addition of the Justices afs^d

A new Commission of the Peace for the County of Caroline is ordered to be prepared and John William Talliaferra Rob^t Fleming John Taylor James Taylor & John Roy Gent added to the Justices in the former Commission

A new Commission of the peace for the County of Spotsylvania Ordered to be prepared & John Chew James Barber & John Finlason Gent added to the former Justices for that County

A new Commission of the peace for the County of Stafford Ordered to be prepared & John Lee W^m Brine Henry Washington Rob^t Massie James Carter & James Markham added to the former Justices for that County.

A new Commission of the peace for the County of King George Ordered to be prepared & Lansford Lomax & John Champ Gent added to the former Justices for that County

A new Commission of the peace for the County of Surry ordered to be issued & R^d Cocke John Chapman Tho^s Edmond & William Simmons Gent added to the former Justices for that County.

And also A New Commission of the Peace for the County of Lancaster Ordered to be issued & Henry Carter in his former Rank & Henry Lawson Gent added to the former Justices for that County.

On reading this Day at the Board a Memorial of Will^m Mayo Surveyour of Goochland County complaining of the Inconveniences daily arising to the Inhabitants by means of the uncertainty of the lands between that County & Hanover For remedying whereof It is ordered that the Surveyors of the s^d two Counties do as soon as may be cause the dividing line to be run & marked from the place where the former Surveyours left of in a due N^o west Course for [far] westward as the Courts of the respective County's shall judge necessary for ascertaining the Boundary between the s^d two Counties.

April the 27th 1731

Present

The Governour

Robert Carter
James Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Digges

John Carter
John Grymes
W^m Dandridge
John Custis &

W^m Randolph Esq^r

For the better putting in Execution the Act of Assembly for amending the Staple of Tob^o and preventing frauds in his Maj-

esties Customs The Governour with the advice & Consent of the Council this Day nominated & appointed Inspectors for the Sev^l Warehouses established by the s^d Act as follow (vizt)
To the Warehouses at

Shackoes & Warruck	{ James Holman Arthur Mosely John Radford
Bermudas & Turkey Island	{ Joseph Royal Wm Worsham John Povall
Appamatox, Munford & Powels Creek	{ Daniel Walker W ^m Poythres Peter Jones
Merch' Brandon & Cabbin point	{ Tho ^s Cocke Moses Johnson Wm Simmons
Creek & Warrexqueak	{ Benj Edwards John Simmons Jun ^r Arthur Smith Jun ^r
Swineheards & Soans	{ John Soan Sam ^l Harwood Jun ^r W ^m Royal
Wainwrights & Lawrences	{ Joseph Godwin Sam ^l Davis Tho ^s Swan
Constancy & Sleepy hole	{ John Milner Joseph Godwin Jun ^r Tho ^s Brewer
Norfolk & Kemps	{ George Newton Sawyer John
Hampton, Warwick Town & Rows	{ John Tabb Harlow Harwood Daniel Moor
York & Gloucester	{ Sam ^l Reid Rob ^t Sheild Coleman
Williamsburgh, Tackanack & Hogneck	{ Rob ^t Goodrech W ^m Morris Matt Peirce
Deacons Neck and Poropotank	{ Peter Richardson Robert Throckmorton Mordecai Cook
Crutchfields & Merriweathers	{ Ralph Crutchfield John Tally Chr Smith

Todds & Alletts	{ Chr Beverly W ^m Lawson W ^m Byrd Richards
Hobbs hole & Bowlers ferry	{ Tho ^r Threshly John Griffin W ^m Beal
Glanocks & Deep Creek	{ W ^m Glasook W ^m Downman W ^m Ball Jun ^r
Quarles's, Mantepoke & Shepherds	{ Tho ^r Stark John Quarles John Collier
Chamberlayns and Williams's	{ Walter Clopton John Baily W ^m Cradock
Urbanna & Kemps	{ John Curtis John Robinson Geo Harding
Falmouth & Fredericksburgh	{ Hen Willis Benj Strother John Chew
Corrotomen, Davis's & Indian Creek	{ Jos Carter Hen Fleet David Ball
Cherrystones, Nasswadox & Hungars	{ Peter Bowdoin James Forse Rob ^t Nottingham
Naylors & Totuskey	{ Newman Brockenborough Tho ^r Wright Belfield Sam ^l Peachy
Laytons, Brays & Maddox	{ John Martin Wight W ^m Strother
Roys, Conways, Gibsons	{ John Champ Francis Conway John Roy
Wicocomico & Coane	{ John Hack Tho ^r Berry Charles Pellin
Nominy & Yeocomico	{ Partrick Spence Geo Eskredge Jun ^r
Boyds & Marlborough	{ John Washinton Townsend Dade R ^d Barner

Quantico & Hunting Creek	{ Francis Awbry Benj Strother Cadwallad' Dade
Pungoteague, Pitts & Guilford	{ R ^d Drumond W ^m Andrews Hancock Nichols

The Governour with the advice of the Council was pleas'd to nominate Justices of the Peace for the new erected County of Prince William viz Thomas Harrison Dennis MC^cCarty W^m Linton Francis Awbry Rob^t Jones Burr Harrison & Moses Quarles of the Quorum & Leonard Barker W^m Harrison Valentine Barker John Wright John Allen W^m Hackney & Joseph Hudnall Gent.

And also to appoint Rob^t Jones Gent Sheriff of the said County of Prince William for the ensuing Year

Joachim Michael Gent was this Day nominated & appointed Sheriff of the County of Northampton

Whereas the Court House of Stafford County was lately burnt down & Application made to the Governour for fixing a place where a new Court House for the said County shall be erected It is the Opinion of this Board that the s^d new Court House be built where the late Court House stood

And the Justices of the s^d County are directed to cause the Same to be done with all Convenient Speed

On the Application of the Inhabitants of Prince William County for settling the place where the Court of the said County might be held It is ordered that the Court of the said County be held on the upper Side of Occaquan River near the ferry Landing And that the Justices of the s^d County take care that a Court House prison Pillory & Stocks according to Law be ordered at that place with all convenient speed.

Ordered That the Surveyor of Prince William County do as Soon as conveniently may be run & mark the dividing Line from Chappawansuck to Deep run to ascertain the Bounds between the said County & those of Stafford & King George pursuant to the directions of the Act of Assembly.

On the application of his Majesties Receiver General for ascertaining what is the present Course of Exchange whereby he may be enabl'd to remit into his Majesty's Exchequer the money he hath receivd for his Majesty's quit Rents It is Certified that 22 1/3 per Cent is the present difference between Current money & Sterl: And the Rec^t Gen^l is allowed to charge so much in his Accounts for reducing the money receiv'd by him for quit Rents into Sterl.

April 29th 1731*Present*

The Governour

Rob^t Carter
 James Blair
 W^m Byrd
 Cole Diggs
 John Robinson

John Grymes
 W^m Dandridge
 John Custis
 W^m Randolph &
 Hen Harrison Esq^r

The account of Disbursements for Sundry Reparations about the Governours House and Also the account of Expresses and other Contingent Charges for the last half Year were Severally examin'd & allowed.

On the Application of Giles Cook of the County of Gloster & Ambrose Addison of the County of Caroline for reimbursm^t of the money paid by them for the purchase of Rights to Lands in Spotsylvania County before his Majesties pleasure was Signified for remitting to each Patentee the Rights of 6000 Acres It is Ordered that the Rights to their Respective Tracts not exceeding 6000 Acres each be return'd to them pursuant to his Majesties Royal bounty to the Inhabitants of the County.

John Grymes Esq^r his Majesty's Rec^r Gen^l producing to this Board a Copy of his Security's Petition to the hon^{le} the L^{ds} Com^{rs} of his Majesty's Treasury And the Order thereupon for delivering up the Bond given there for the Execution of his Office as Receiver Gen^l to his late Majesty & moving that the Bond he entr'd into here may also be delivered up & the Security Vacated seing he hath given fresh Security upon his receiving his present Majesty's Commission It appearing that the Rec^r gen^l hath duly accounted for & paid all Moneys receivd by him by Virtue of his late Majesty's Commission It is Ordered that this Bond be delivered up & Vacated and the Same was delivered up accordingly.

The Governour was pleas'd to Constitute & appoint Comm^{rs} for directing the Building & Settling the Rent of the Warehouses in the new erected County of Prince William pursuant to the Act of Assembly for amending the Staple of Tob^o &c.

M^r Tho^s Booth was this Day nominated & appointed Sheriff of the County of Gloucester for the ensuing Year

On reading at this Board the petition of Henry Harrison Esq^r Leave is granted him to take up two thousand acres or any greater Quantities he shall find on the back lines of the lands Assign'd for the Benefit of the late of Virginia India Comp^r & the Lands of M^r Tho^s Cocke within the bounds formerly laid out for the Saponie Indians & that he have a Patent for the Same distinct from the other Lands formerly granted him within the s^d Indian bounds

Sundry Petitions for Leave to take up his Majesty's lands not already patented were read & granted (viz)

To Charles Hudson Jonathan Crutchley & Charles Linch for 6000 Acres in Goochland County beginning near or upon the first great Creek that makes out of the South branch of the N^o Branch of the N^o fork of James River & heads Ag^t the ragged Mountains & running towards the great Mountains for that quantity.

To Charles Hudson 1060 Acres to be included in one patent lying on both Sides Hardware Run in Goochland County & now laid out on two Several Surveys being part of a Larger Tract granted to John Carter Esq^r & the pet^r & others

To Joel Terrill & David Lewis for 3000 Acres in Goochland County beginning on a Creek known by the name of Moors Creek on the South side of James River of the first Creek that runs into the s^d River above the first Mountains including both sides the s^d Creek to the foot of a piney Mountain.

To John Evans for 1000 Acres on Sapony Creek on P. George County including his plantation there & joyning on the land of M^r W^m Starke.

To Lewis Delony for 2000 Acres on Flatt Cocke Creek on Roanoke River in the County of Brunswick including a Survey of 790 Acres purchased by him for M^r Tho^s Cocke

To George Wharton for 1000 Acres in Brunswick County beginning at a Corner of R^d Leadbetters on Quarrell Swamp and running up both Sides of the Swamp to include that Quantity.

On the petition of Joseph Dabbs for a grant of 400 Acres of Land lying on Bollings Creek on the N^o Side of James River in Goochland County survey'd about four Years ago for John Hawkins & Thomas Edwards or one of them who have never sued out any patent for the Same It is Ordered that the said Hawkins & Edwards have notice to attend this Board to answer the said petition

Joseph Dabbs petitioning for a Grant of three Several Tracts of Land containing four hundred Acres each lying on Appamatowx River in Goochland County Surveyed about four Years ago by Thomas Rocket & no patent Sued out for the Same It is Ordered that the s^d Rocket have notice to attend this Board to answer the s^d petition

On the Application of Joseph Temple Gent Leave is granted him to sue out an Inclusive patent for two Contiguous Tracts of Land in Spotsylvania County the one Containing One Thousand Acres granted him by patent bearing date the 14th of Sep^r and the other for 250 Acres by patent bearing date the 28th of the s^d M^o 1728

May the 6th 1731

Present

The Governour

James Blair	Jn ^o Grymes
Cole Digges	W ^m Dandridge
Jn ^o Robinson	John Custis
John Carter	W ^m Randolph &
Hen Harrison Esq ^r	

The following Warrants on the Receiver Genl. to be paid out of his Majesties Revenues were this day Sign'd by the Gov^r in Council (viz')

Out of the 2s per hh^d Port Duty's & head Money.

To the Governour $\frac{1}{2}$ years Salary ending the 25 th of April	£1000, —, —
To the Gentlemen of the Council for the same time	175, —, —
To the Judges & Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held in December	100, —, —
To the Auditor General of the plantations $\frac{1}{2}$ years Salary	50, —, —
To the Solicitor of the Virginia Affairs for the Same time	50, —, —
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the Same time	20, —, —
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time	50, —, —
To Sundry Ministers preaching before the general Court	8, —, —
To the Armourer for his Salary for the time above	6, —, —
To the Gunners of the Several Batterys	20, —, —
To W ^m Prentis for Sundry disbursments about the Governours House	40, 7, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
To the Same for Sundry Expresses & other contingent Charges	32, 6, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
To the Adjutant $\frac{1}{2}$ years Salary	75, 0, —

And out of the Quit Rents

To M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair $\frac{1}{2}$ years Salary	50, —, —
To the Atty General $\frac{1}{2}$ years additional Salary	30, —, —

The Acco^t of his Majesties Revenue of 2s per hh^d Port Dutys & head money ending the 25th of April last examin'd by the Deputy auditor was presented by his Majesties Receiver Gen^l who made Oath thereto And it was thereupon Certified by the Governour as usual

The acco' of his Majesties Revenue of Quit Rents & Compositions for Escheated lands examind per the Auditor was presented by his Majesties Rec^r General who made Oath thereto And was Certified by the Gov^r in the usual Form.

On the Application of the Officers of his Majesties Revenue It is Ordered that they be and they are hereby impow^d to Issue a Number of Rights not exceeding the value of £500 Sterl for the Supply of such as have Occasion to take up his Majesties Lands

Whereas Mary Aggie a Christian Slave belonging to Anne Sullivan of the City of Williamsburgh Widow was at a Court of Oyer & Terminer held in York County convicted of Felony for which if she was a Free woman She ought to have the Benefit of the Statute made in the 3^d & 4th of King William & Queen Mary It is Ordered that a pardon be prepar^d for her upon condition that she be transported out of this Colony to Some other of his Majesties plantations there to be sold as a Slave.

For recording all Doubts & Questions which may hereafter arise whether Negro Mulatto or Indian Slaves

It is ordered that M^r Attorney Genl. M^r Holloway M^r Randolph and M^r Hopkins do meet & prepare a State of the Case agreeable to the Laws & Constitution of this Colony together with their Reason for & against the said priviledge in order to be transmitted home for the Opinion of his Majesties Atty. & Sollicitor General or such others as his Majesties principal Secretary of State or the L^o Commissioners for Trade & Plantations shall think fit to Consult thereon and that the Charge thereof be defray^d out of his Majesties Revenue

The Justices of Accomack County having transmitted a Complaint ag^t M^r W^m Andrews for misdemeaning himself in his Office as a Justice of the Peace It is ordered that a Copy of the said Complaint be sent to the said Andrews and that he do return his Answer thereto with all Speed

Ordered that the Genl. Assembly be prorogu^d to Thursday the 24th day of June next and a proclamation was prepared accordingly

Whereas the Battery's at York and Tindales Point are become very ruinous & their Platforms much decayed It is ordered that the said Batterys As well as the other Batterys in the Colony w^{ch} shall be found to require the same be forthwith put in good repair and that the Charge thereof be defray^d out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2s per hh^o.

John Carter keeper of the publick Goal by his petition representing that by means of the many Criminals committed to the s^d Goal he has been at a Considerable charge and is like to be at a far greater before the next Meeting of the Assembly & praying that a Sum of Money may be advanced him out of his Majesties Revenue on the Condition of what is already become

due to him from the Publick to enable him to defray that Charge It is accordingly Ordered that the Sum of fifty pounds Curr^t money be advanced to the said Carter he giving the Receiver General an Assignm^t for so much out of what is due to him from the Assembly for repaym^t of the same And it is further Ordered that his Salary be paid him half Yearly the better to enable him to Support the Charges of the said Office.

W^m Randolph Esq^r & R^d Randolph Gent by their Petition setting forth that Sometime ago they obtained a Grant of ten thousand Acres of Land in the fork & on the Branches of Appamatux but upon further enquiry into the Scituation of the s^d Land they find it extends into three Several Counties whereby they have been disabled from getting Surveyed thro the interfering pretensions of the Several Surveyors & praying that they may have Liberty to employ which of the said Surveyors they shall think fit to lay out the s^d Tract It is accordingly Ordered that the Surveyor of either of the Counties of Henrico Brunswick or Goochland On the Application of the Pet^{rs} be & he is hereby empowered and required to lay of the said Tract of Land & return a Survey thereof notwithstanding the same may Run into either of the adjacent Counties.

On the petition of W^m Chamberlayn Merch^t Leave is granted him to take up fourteen hundred Acres of wast Land adjoining to a Tract of four hundred Acres granted by patent bearing date the 26th of Oct^r 1725 Ebenezer Adams & by him sold to the Pet^r lying in the County of Goochland And the pet^r is allowed to Sue out an Inclusive patent for both the s^d Tracts.

On the Petition of Charles Burgess Merch^t setting forth that on December last he obtain'd an the Leave of this Board to take up 5000 Acres of Land in Spotsylvania County bounding on the battle Run Mountain & the Lands of George Proctor Edw^d Price & John Price & that Since obtaining that Order he hath purchased the adjacent Land of the s^d Proctor & Edw^d & John Price viz 1000 Acres of each granted to them by patents bearing date the 28th of Sept^r MDCCXXVIII & praying he may have an inclusive patent for the s^d eight thousand Acres It is Ordered that upon the Return of the Survey of the s^d Land the Pet^r have leave to take out an inclusive patent for the s^d eight thousand Acres according to the prayer of his petition.

Sundry petitions for Leave to take up his Maj^{ty}'s Lands were read & granted (vizⁿ)

To David Walker for 1000 Acres joyning to the pet^{rs} land on Buckskin Creek in Prince George County & bounded by the lines of Rob^t Munford Joseph Stroud John Lines and Israel Robertson

To W^m Cabbell for 3200 Acres in one or more Dividends in Goochland County lying on both sides the Fluvanna (but excluding the said River out of the quantity) below the second Fork &

beginning at the Mouth of a Creek on the North side of the River near an Island called Buffalo Island

To Booth Napier for 1200 Acres in Goochland County beginning at the mouth of a Branch that falls into the upper side of the Byrd above the Fork of that River

To Francis Epes Gent for 2000 Acres on Swift Creek in Henrico County to W^m Bass for 400 Acres in Henrico County adjoining to a Tract of the like Quantity already Surveyed for him with Leave to Sue out an inclusive patent for both Tracts.

Henry Edlo by his petition praying a Grant of 292 Acres of Land in Brunswick County Surveyed For James Nibbell of Surry County in the Year 1728 but no patent Sued out for the Same It is Ordered that the s^d Nibbell have notice to attend this Board to answer the s^d petition And in the Meantime that no patent be granted him for the s^d land.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 10th day
of June 1731

Present

The Governour

M^r Com^{ry} Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Digges
John Carter

John Grymes
W^m Dandridge
John Custis
W^m Randolph &

Hen Harrison Esq^r

This Day being appointed for hearing & determining the pretensions of Sundry persons to Grants of Land upon Surveys returnd into the Secretary's Office & Caveats entred ag^t the Same the Several parties were called in & heard And upon hearing Council on the Matter in dispute between Thomas Butt & John Simmons of the County of Surry Gent concerning the Right to a piece of Land called Ranson Island It appearing to the Board that the Pet^r Butts hath not any pretence to the said land as within the natural Bounds of his Patent nor is entitl'd thereto under the Denomination of Sunken Grounds thereto adjoining in regard the s^d Island contains 300 Acres of Plantable land It is Ordered that his Caveat be vacated & that a patent be granted for the s^d Island to the said John Simmons who purchased the Right of the Nattoways Indians thereto by the Licence & Approbation of the Governm^t.

Nathaniel Bassett having petition'd for a grant of 400 Acres of Land lying on the head branch of Jones Creek & joyning on the lands of Edward Maxwell the elder & younger Survey'd for John Woodson Jun^r in 1727 & Since his Death possessed by his Father Joseph Woodson but no patent sued out by either It

appearing that the s^d Joseph Woodson had due notice to attend & failing to appear It is ordered that the said Land be granted to the pet^r.

Ann Parnell Widow having entred a Caveat ag^t a Patent sued out by John Garner for land in Isle Wight County and Suggesting that the said Garner hath in his late Survey exceeded his Ancient bounds & run within the bounds of her Patent & taken away Lands whereof she has been long in possession It is ordered that the said Garner do at his own Charge cause the said Parnells land to be Surveyed according to the ancient Bounds of her patent And that the said Survey be return'd to this Board to the end a final Determination may be made between the said Parties.

John Cosby & Benj Hinson having Severally petitioned for 800 Acres of Land Surveyed for W^m Wetherford in 1722 and by him Assigned to R^t Jennings & by the s^d Jennings assigned to Hugh Owen deced but no patent ever sued out by either of the s^d parties And now the Pet^rs appearing Benjamin Hinson declared he relinquished all pretensions to the said Land but the pet^r Cosby insisting on a Grant thereof to be made to him since the Entry & Assignm^t were all become void for not suing out a Patent pursuant to the orders of Governm^t. Whereupon John Syme Gent appeared & in behalf of Anne Daughter & heir of the above named Hugh Owen informed the Board that soon after Wetherford Surveyed the said Land he Assigned his Entry & Survey to Rob^t Jennings who in a very Short time exchanged the s^d Land with Hugh Owen father of the said Anne for a tract of Land whereof the said Hugh was Seiz'd in fee & imediately was possess'd thereof That the s^d Hugh Owen soon after departed this life leaving the said Anne his Heir then not above three Years of age that his Widow married one Craghill who being much in Debt remov'd out of this Colony into North Carolina Sev^r years ago carrying with him the said Anne Owen who has been out of this Colony ever Since and forasmuch as the said Anne by reason of her tender Years & her being destitute of friends to assist her was incapable to Sue out her patent he prayed that a Patent might be now granted in her name offering to advance for her the purchase money for the Rights & all other Charges of this Patent & Sealing rather than the s^d Orphan should be defeated of the only recompence she is like to have for the loss of her Inheritance conveyed by her Father in lieu of the lands now in dispute Whereupon the Board taking the whole matter into Consideration have thought fit to Order as it is hereby ordered that a Patent issue in the name of the said Anne Owen if the said M^r Syme will take out the Same within the space of six M^o from this date paying down the purchase of the Rights & all other Charges according to his proposal, and he is also to pay to the pet^r Cosby his expenses in prosecuting this petition And if he fails to take out the said

Patent Ordered that the Land be granted to the s^d Cosby And it is the opinion of this Board that the s^d Anne Owen or whoever else in her Right shall take benefit of this Patent ought to pay M^r Syme all his Disbursements & Charges thereon

John Cosby having petitioned for a grant of 400 Acres of Land formerly Surveyed for M^r Tho^s Carr Jun^r on which the said Carr was ordered to be Sumoned but the Pet^r not making it appear that the said Carr had due Notice It is ordered that he give the said Carr Notice to attend this Board at the Council to be held at next Court of Oyer & Terminer to shew cause why the said Land ought not to be granted to the pet^r.

On hearing the Parties on the Caveat entr'd by Benj Henson for stopping a Patent to Rich^d Clough for Land in Hanover County It appearing by the Oath of M^r Syme the Surveyor that he tendered the Survey made for M^r Clough within six Months of its Date at the Secretary's Office & that the same was refus'd because he had no Directions from the s^d Clough to pay for the parchment on which it was to be engross'd And that soon after the petition & Caveat of the s^d Henson was entr'd It is ordered that the s^d Rich^d Clough have leave to take out his Patent for the s^d Land he paying the said Henson the Expenses of prosecuting this Petition.

The Caveat entred by Dennit Abney & Edwin Hickman for stopping the Patents sued on Surveys made by Tho^s Randolph deced W^m Dandridge Esq^r & Rob^t Adams for Land in the County of Goochland is continued to be heard at this Board on the 5th day of the next General Court at which time all the Parties concern'd together with M^r Mayo & M^r Woodson Surveyor of Goochland County are Ordered to attend

On the motion of the Heirs of R^d Kendale deced It is Ordered that the Dispute arising on the Escheat of the Lands of Joseph Chermeson deced be heard & determin'd at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer and that W^m Marable & all others concern'd do attend accordingly

On hearing the petition & Caveat of James Harris against the Granting a patent to John Peter Bilbo for 200 Acres of land in Goochland County The pet^r failing to make out the Allegations of his Pet^r the same is therefore dismiss and the s^d Bilbo allow'd to take out his patent for the 200 Acres of Land entered for by him but if there be found any greater Quantity untaken up than the two hundred Acres aforesaid It is ordered that the Pet^r have a Grant thereof he returning a Survey thereof in due time.

Whereas it was Ordered on the pet^r of James Pitillo for a Certain piece of Land lately possess by one Roger Archer Deced lying in the County of Prince George that the Widow of the s^d Archer should have notice to attend & make out her pretentions to the said Land and it now appearing that the s^d Roger Archer at the time of his Death left a Son who is since dead leaving a

Widow & one Daughter an Infant It is Ordered that the pet^r give notice to both the said Widows to attend this Board at the Council held at next Court of Oyer & Terminer to shew cause if any they have why the s^d Land ought not to be granted to the Pet^r.

The Several Caveats entr'd by Benj Henson for Stopping the grant of two several Tracts of Land in Hanover County survey'd long Since by Tho^r Rice are Ordered to be heard at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer

In the Caveat entr'd by Burnett ag^t a patent su'd out for Chicholine for Surplus land found in a Deed granted to one Tho^r Petit It is ordered that the partys have leave respectively to take the Affidavits of Witnesses before any one or more Justices of the Peace of the County or Counties where the s^d Witnesses reside giving due notice to the adverse party of the Time & Place of Such examination and that the matter in Dispute be heard at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer.

On the Petition of Benj Henson for stopping a patent sued out by John Ragland for 1000 Acres of Land in Hanover County Oath being made by the s^d Henson that he gave due notice to the said Ragland to attend this day who answered that he would not for the Land was lost It is Ordered that a patent be granted the Pet^r for the s^d Land.

Matthew Jouett having entred a Petition & Caveat ag^t granting a Patent to Benj Brown for 400 Acres of Land on on Contrary River in Goochland County and the s^d Brown having been duly Sumoned & not appearing It is Ordered that the s^d land be granted to the pet^r.

The Caveats entr'd by Benj. Henson ag^t Thomas Rice are continued to be heard at the Council held next Court of Oyer & Terminer

The Caveat entr'd by Tho^r Walker ag^t Bartholomew Cox for 1600 Acres of Land in Goochland County is continued to be heard at the Council held next Court of Oyer & Terminer

David Woodroof having petitioned for 400 Acres of land in Spotsylvania County Surveyed for Chr Smith deced in MDCCXVIII and no patent Sued out It appearing that Ambrose Joshua Smith Son of the Said Christopher hath had due Notice to attend & not appearing It is Ordered that the land afs^d be granted to the Pet^r.

The matter in Dispute between Tho^r Jefferson & Gideon Chamber touching the Grant of Land found to Escheat from Matton is referr'd to be heard in April next the Heir of the s^d Matton being in England as is Suggested & intending to traverse the said Escheat.

The petition & Caveat of Will^m Brown Gent ag^t W^m Natt for stopping the s^d Natts patent for 385 Acres of Land in Brunswick

County is ordered to be heard at next Court of Oyer & Terminer & the Pet' to attend accordingly.

Ordered that the General Assembly which now stands prorogu'd to the 24th be further prorogu'd to Thursday the 18th of Nov' next

Whereas Matt. English & John Fitzpatrick try'd & convicted at last Court of Oyer & Terminer for Burglary & Felony in breaking the Storehouse of John Washington Gent & stealing there out divers Goods and it being represented by the Judges of the s^d Court that the said persons being very Young are fit objects of Mercy It is the Opinion of the Council that the said English & Fitzpatrick be pardoned & transported out of this Colony into some other of his Majesties Plantations for the Term of Seven Years.

On reading at this Board the petition of Mujaiah [Micajah] Perry Esq^r Alderman of London Setting forth that in the year MDCCXXIX he sent into this Colony a Ship called the Princess Carolina whereof W^m Holliday was Master to load Tob^o for acco^t of the Pet' that the s^d Ship took on board 540 hhd^s of Tob^o for the Duties of which & the port Duty's the s^d Master drew Bills of Exchange on the pet' for £65,,14,,3 which he hath p^d. That the s^d Ship in her Voyage home was cast away in a violent Storm & all the Lading entirely lost and praying that he may be rep^d the said Sum of £65,,14,,3 out of his Majesties Revenue of 2s per hh^d port Duty's & head money or that he may be allowed to ship the like quantity of Tob^o with the like Allowance of Tonnage free from paym^t of Duty's It is the Opinion of this Board that the port Duties being due upon the first entry of the Ship in this Colony cannot be drawn back or abated on any subsequent loss or accident hapning after her departure from hence and that the 2s per hh^d are due from & may be recovered of the respective Freighters & ought not to be p^d out of his Majesty's Revenue nor any allowance for shipping the like quantity duty free there being no Precedent for any Such allowance.

The Governor laid before the Council the Copy of a Memorial presented to the R^e Hon^{le} the Lords Com^{rs} for Trade & plantations in answer to certain Objections offered by the Com^{rs} of his Majesty's Customs ag^t the Act of Assembly for amending the Staple of Tob^o & preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs & the said Memorial was read and there upon resolv'd that Mr. Leheup hath done an acceptable Service to this Colony in presenting the said Memorial and that not only his necessary Disbursements in favour of the s^d Act be repaid him but that all [att] the making up the next Account of the Revenue a Suitable gratification be made him for his personal trouble and care in Solliciting the Approbation of the Same.

On reading at this Board the petition of Will^m Beverly of the County of Essex Gent, Joseph Smith of the County of King &

Queen Gent Joseph Clapham Tho^s Watkins & Simon Jeffries Setting forth that they are desirous to take up & Seat a large Tract of Land beyond the Mountains within this Dominion upon the Same Terms & Conditions as Lands have been granted to John & Isaac Vanmeter Morgan Bryan & others and praying a Grant of twenty thousand Acres of Land lying Westerly of the blew Ridge of Mountains in the Main fork of Opeckan & up the Northern Branch in fork thereof to it's head & from thence to Conai als the lost River & up the Southerly Side thereof for the northerly bounds of the s^d Tract & for the Southerly bounds to run up the Southern branch of the said fork of Opeckon to the head thereof and from thence to Cedar Creek which issues out of the Northern branch or fork of Sherundo River thence up the Southern Side of the said Creek & the most Southerly Branches thereof to its head & from thence westerly to a branch of the afs^d River Conai or the lost River It is Ordered that the pet^{rs} have leave to take up the afs^d quantity of twenty thousand Acres of Land within the bounds above described not being already granted to any other person Upon Condition nevertheless that the pet^{rs} do within two years from the Date of this present Order bring twenty families to inhabit the said Tract or otherwise this present Grant to be void and it is further Ordered that as soon as the pet^{rs} shall have settled the said Land with twenty families a Patent be granted them for the same upon the like Reservation of Quit Rents & Conditions of seating & planting as other Lands held of his Majesty within this Dominion

On the petition of John Fishback Jacob Holtzklow Henry Setler Jacob Senzaback Peter Reids Michael Shower John Vaindehoase George Wolf W^m Carpenter & John Richler in behalf of themselves & other German Protestants for leave to take up fifty thousand Acres of Lands on the Westerly side of the great Mountains It is Ordered that Leave be granted the pet^{rs} to take up the said quantity of Land on the East side the second fork of the River Sherundo & running up that fork & crossing the Neck of the s^d fork above the Land of Jacob Stober & his partners upon Condition that the Petitioners do within two Years from this Date bring fifty Families to inhabit the s^d land Otherwise this present Grant to be void and if upon their performing the s^d Condition Patents be granted them for the s^d Land under the Same Conditions of Cultivation & planting and paym^t of quit Rents as other Lands held of his Majesty within this Dominion.

Sundry Petitions for Leave to enter for & Survey his Majesties Wast Lands were read & granted as follows (viz')

To Henry Walthall for 1500 Acres in Henrico County joyning on the Lines of W^m Moseley Jn^s Harlow John Ralph Blankinship W^m & John Pride John Parkinson Ralph & W^m Jackson & on the Pet^{rs} own Land with Liberty to sue out an Inclusive patent for that Tract & 500 Acres thereto adjoining.

To John Phelps for 800 Acres in Goochland County lying on deep Creek of James River

To R^t Ashurst for 1200 Acres on the Southside of Swift Creek & on both Sides the Turkey Branch on Henrico County

To Charles Lewis & R^t Lewis Gent for ten thousand Acres of Land lying on Ivy Swamp on the S^o Side of the N^o Branch of James River in Goochland County

To R^d Stewart for 1200 Acres in Prince George County on the N^o Side Moccasoneck Creek between the Lines of James Pitillo W^m Toby R^d Cocke John Butler & James Bank & the Road called Rowantie Road

To Tho^s Ravenscraft Gent for 10,000 Acres lying on a Creek of Maherrin River called Pigeon-West Creek & the branches of Roanoke River which lock in with the s^d Creek in Brunswick County

To W^m Edwins for one thousand Acres in Spotsylvania County joyning to the plantation whereon the pet^r now dwells and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Henry Willis Gent for 1000 Acres in Spotsylvania County adjoining to the Lands of Buckeror Rowston Rowland Thornton & Augustine Smith.

To Michael Holland for 7000 Acres in one or more Tracts lying on the Branches of the Byrd & Licking Hole Creek in Goochland County.

On the petition of Robert Brooke Gent Leave is granted him to Sue out an inclusive patent for three Tracts of Land lying contiguous in Spotsylvania County One whereof containing 331 Acres lately found to Escheat from W^m Thomas & Since granted to the Pet^r One other Tract containing 400 Acres conveyed to the pet^r by John Catlett to whom it was granted by Patent and the third containing two hundred & twenty Acres adjoining to the two former & bounded as in the s^d petition is describ'd.

Thomas Bassett by his Petition praying a Grant of eight hundred Acres of Land on Deep Creek in Goochland County Survey'd above two years ago for David Lyles & no patent sued out for the Same It is Ordered that the Pet^r & the s^d Lyles be heard thereon before this board & that they attend accordingly at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer

Abraham Abney praying a Grant of 400 Acres of Land long Since Surveyed for Hugh Hogen lying in Hanover County & joyning to the Land of Tho^s Prustwood & Paul Harrolson who hath failed to Sue out a Patent for the same in due time It is Ordered that the Parties be heard before this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer & that they have notice to attend accordingly

The Petition & Caveat of Abraham Abney ag^t John Wooley for stopping the granting a Patent to the s^d Wooley upon a Survey made four Years ago of 400 Acres of Land in Hanover County

lying on Beverdam Creek & no patent being Sued out in time is
 referr'd till next Court of Oyer & Terminer at which time both
 parties are Ordered to attend.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 21th of
 October MDCCXXXI

Present

The Governour

James Blair	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	W ^m Dandridge
Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	W ^m Randolph &
John Carter	Henry Harrison Esq ^r

The Governour this Day communicated to the Board a Lre
 from M^r Alderman Perry dated the 8th of May last signifying that
 upon a Petition of the Merchants and Inhabitants of Barbado's a
 Bill had been prepared & passed the House of Comons prohibiting
 all Trade between his Majesty's Plantations on the Continent &
 the foreign Sugar Islands in the West Indies & likewise a Lre
 from M^r Leheup advising that a Petition was prepared & intended
 to be presented to the House of Comons next Session of Parliam^t
 for prohibiting by Act of Parliament the passing any Laws in
 the Plantations which may affect the Trade & Navigation of great
 Britain for Subjecting Lands here to the paym^t of Debts & for al-
 lowing Appeals from the Judgment of the General Court here for
 any matter or Sum of the Value of one hundred pounds, Which
 s^d several Letters together with the papers therein Mentioned were
 read and the Governour also laid before the Board a Copy of his
 Lre & Observations Sent to the R['] hon['] L^{ds} Com['] for Trade &
 Plantations in relation to both the afs^d Subjects whereupon the
 Council after returning his Hon['] thanks for his Care & Vigilance
 in Opposing those measures projected by the Bristol & West
 India Merchants to the great prejudice of his Majesties Subjects
 of this Colony as well as of the other Plantations on the Con-
 tinent Resolv'd that an humble representation from this Board be
 prepared & transmitted to the Right hon['] the Lords Com['] for
 Trade & plantations Setting forth as well the Injustice of what
 is pray'd by the Barbadoes Merchants & Inhabitants as the hard-
 ships attending this Colony in Case such an Act of Parliament
 should pass as by the Bristol Merchants is petitioned for

Ordered

That the General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday the 18th
 day of May next.

New Comissions of the Peace for the Counties of Henrico and
 Charles City were this Day ordered to be Issued with the addition

of the Several persons recomended by the Courts of the said respective Counties

On the petition of Rob^t M^cKay Joost Heyd of the Province of Pensilvania setting forth that they & divers others Families to the number of one hundred are desirous to remove from thence & seat themselves on the back of the great Mountains within this Colony & praying that one hundred thousand Acres of Land lying between the Lines of the Land granted to John Vameter Jacob Stover John Fishback & others may be assigned them and that the Residue of the s^d one hundred thousand Acres may be assign'd upon & including the Several Branches of Sherundo River above the Lands of the said Stover & Fischback and his Partners The Governour with the advice of the Council is pleas'd to order as it is hereby Ordered that the pet^r in behalf of themselves & their Partners have leave to take up the s^d quantity of 100,000 Acres of Land within the Limits above described & that upon the above Number of Families coming to dwell there within two Years Patents shall be granted them in such manner as they shall agree to divide the same

John Cosby & Charles Barrett having petitioned for four hundred Acres of Land in the County of Hanover on the South side of the S^o fork of Little River & four hundred Acres more on both sides the s^d Fork survey'd for Thomas Carr of the County of Caroline Gent & now producing an Instrument of Writing under the hand & Seal of the s^d Carr relinquishing his pretensions to the s^d Land It is ordered that the Same be granted to the Pet^r

Nov^r the 2^d 1731

Present

The Governour

Rob^t Carter

James Blair

W^m Byrd

John Robinson

John Grymes

W^m Dandridge

John Custis &

W^m Randolph Esq^r

A Representation from the Council to the R^t Hon^{le} the Board of Trade being prepared pursuant to the resolution of this Board the 21st of last Month was now read & approv'd & Ordered to be fairly transcrib'd & Signed by all the Council

Whereas by his Majesties Instructions to the Governours of this Dominion a Mapp of this Colony hath been requir'd to be prepared & transmitted to his Majesty for the better complying with his Majesty's Commands It is resolved that John Robinson Esq^r be & he is hereby appointed to have the Dierection and Care of preparing a General Map of this Colony from the Sea to the utmost extent thereof now inhabited & that as Soon as conveniently

may be he lay before this Board a Scheme for the better accomplishing this Work together with a Computation of the Expence thereof.

The Governour informing the Board that the Battery erected at York being built upon the Beach & thereby Subject to inundations by which means it is greatly decayed & proposing to remove the s^d Battery to a more Convenient Scituation upon the Bank of the River the Same is approv'd & recommended to the Governour to give the necessary directions therein

The Acc^t of Contingent Charges & for Repairs about the Governours House were examin'd in Council & allowed.

John Gay of London Merchant by his Petition setting forth that a Ship Chartered by him called the Thomas & Elizabeth of Whitby laden with two hundred & fifteen hogsheads of Tob^o for the Duties of which W^m Clark the Master drew Bills of Exchange upon the Pet^r & Sail'd out of York River about the latter end of last July

That the s^d Ship before her departure out of the Capes was Cast away on a Place called the Middle Ground & the s^d Lading of Tob^o entirely lost & praying that he may be discharg'd from the payment of the Duties on the s^d Tob^o or that he may be allowed to ship of a like quantity of Tob^o duty free Upon Consideration of the s^d Petition & of the Act of Assembly for raising a publick Revenue It is the Opinion of this Board that the s^d Act having made no provision for refunding the s^d Duty of 2s per hh^d in case of an accidental loss after clearing and that the s^d Duty is payable to the Master of the Ship by the Freighter & whereby neither he nor the Owner can incur any prejudice—Wherefore the said Petition is rejected.

On reading at this Board the Petition of William & Margaret Stamps Infants by Marg^t Stamps their Mother & next Friend setting forth that Timothy Stamps the Father of the Pet^r having in his life time Surveyed a Tract of four hundred Acres of Land in Spotsylvania County in the Main Fork of Rappahanock joyning upon the Lands of John Ashly & Christ: Simmerman & having returned the Survey thereof into the Secretary's Office in order to obtain a patent & Supposing the same to have been passed in his life time did by his last Will & Testament bearing date the 25th of febr 1726/7 devise the s^d four hundred Acres of Land to be equally divided between his two Children W^m & Marg^t Stamps the now Pet^r in Gen^l Tail whereas in Truth the said Patent did not pass the Seal till some time after the Death of the s^d Timothy & therefore praying that a new Patent may be granted them for the s^d Land in such manner as this Board shall think fit It is accordingly Ordered that upon Surrender of the Patent granted to the s^d Timothy a New Patent be granted in the Name of the Pet^r for the s^d 400 Acres of Land pursuant to the prayer of their Petition:

Nov' the 4th 1731

Present

The Governour

Rob ^t Carter	John Carter
James Blair	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	Will Dandridge
Cole Diggs	John Custis &
John Robinson	W ^m Randolph Esq ^r

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2s per hh^d port Duties & Head Money were this day Sign'd by the Gov' in Council (viz)

To the Governour ½ Salary ending the 25 th of Oct' last	£1000,,,—
To the Gent of the Council for the Same time	175,,,—
To the Judges & Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100,,,—
To the Auditor Gen ^l of the Plantations ½ years Salary ending as above	50,,,—
To the Sollicitor of the Virg ^a Affairs the like Salary	50,,,—
To the Atty Gen ^l for the like Salary	20,,,—
To the Clk of the Council for the same	50,,,—
To Sundry Ministers attending one Gen ^l Court	6,,,—
To the Armourer	6,,,—
To the Gunners of the Sev ^l Battery's	20,,,—
To W ^m Prentis for Sundry Expresses & other Contingent Charges	115,, 7,, 2½
To the Same for Sundry Disbursements ab ^t the Gov ^r house	53,, 11,, 7½
To the Adjutant Gen ^l ½ years Salary	75,,,—

And out of the quit Rents

To M ^r Com ^r Blair one half years Salary	50,,,—
To the Atty Gen ^l ½ years Additional Salary	30,,,—

The acco^{ts} of his Maj^{ty}'s Revenue of 2s per hh^d port Duties & Head Money ending the 25th of O^br last was Presented by the Rec^r Gen^l who made Oath thereto & being examin'd by the Depty Auditor were Certified by the Governour as Usual

Whereas John Robinson Esq^r is appointed to have the Care & Direction of Surveying & preparing a Gen^l Mapp of this Colony It is Ordered that for his Trouble therein he be allowed the Salary of one hundred & fifty pounds Sterl. per Annum to commence from the 25th of O^br last & that the same be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2s per hh^d.

On hearing this day in Council the Matters in dispute between the Naval Officers of the upper & lower Districts of James River touching the right to receive the Port Duties of Ships & Vessells entering in one District & loading in the other It is ordered by the Gov' in Council That for the future when any Ship or Vessell shall arrive in any District of this Dominion with intent to unlade there any part of the Merchandize on board & thereafter to go into another District to lade Tob^o or other Comodities chargeable with a duty, the Naval Officer of the District where such Ship or Vessell shall enter shall not demand the Port Duties or Governours Dues but the same shall be rec^d together with the other Duties by the Officer where the s^d Ship or Vessel shall take in her Lading who is in Order to measure her Provided always that if any Ship or Vessell shall unload in one District & there take in any part of her outward bound loading the Naval Officer of that District is hereby directed to receive the Port Duties & the 2s per hh^d for so much Tob^o as shall be laden in that District and if such Ship shall proceed to any Other District to compleat her Loading the Naval Off^r of that District shall be entitl'd to receive the Duties of so much as shall be taken in there & no more but the s^d Naval Officers are hereby directed & required to take care that all Ships & Vessells entering & unloading any goods in their Districts & bound for any other Plantation or Colony do pay their Tonnage & other Dues before their Departure Ordered that a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Prince Will^m & that Charles Broadwater Will^m Godfrey Benj Grayson & R^d Osborne be added to the present Justices in the s^d Commission.

Whereas it has been represented to this Board that the Justices of Spotsylvania County have neglected to apoint Commissioners to lay out & Ascertain the dividing line between that County & Hanover notwithstanding the frequent application made by the Justices of the s^d County of Hanover for that purpose It is ordered that the Justices of the s^d County of Spotsylvania do with all convenient Speed appoint Commissioners on their part to meet those of the County of Hanover & at such time & place as shall be agreed on by both Courts & proceed to lay out the s^d dividing Line as near as may be agreeable to the Act of Assembly for establishing the s^d County of Spotsylvania

Sundry Petitions for Land were read & granted as follows To Abraham Venable for 1500 Acres of Land lying on both Sides the River Southanna below the round about Tract including four hundred Acres already patented by the Petitioner in Hanover County.

To Joel Terrill & David Lewis for 3,000 Acres in Goochland County beginning on a—Creek known by the name of Moors Creek on the South side of James River or the first Creek that runs into the s^d—River above the first Mountains including both sides the said Creek to the foot of a Piney Mountain.

To Sam^l Nichols for 2,000 Acres in Goochland County beginning at the mouth of Maple Swamp on the S^e side James river running up Stephen Hughs Line & up Muddy Creek to Walton's & up that line & the head line of Stephen Hughs & John Merryman to include that Quantity in two Surveys

To Nathan Hoggard for 1500 Acres beginning on Chamberlayn's Bed & joyning on the Lands of Jones & Lewis there upwards for that Complem^t in Prince George County

To Miles Cary for 2,400 Acres lying on Cary Creek & the River Rivanna & adjoining to 1600 Acres already patented by the Pet^r in Goochland County & to have an inclusive patent for both

On the Petition of Charles Hudson for 800 Acres of Land in Hanover County on both sides of Bever Creek survey'd in Oct^r 1730 for John Dashpar (in two distinct tracts) who hath neglected to sue out a patent for the same It is ordered that s^d Dashpar have notice to attend this Board at the Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held in June to answer the s^d petition.

This day the representation from the Council to the board of Trade being sign'd by the whole Board together with a Lre to Horatio Walpole Esq^r & another to Alderman Perry were presented to the Gov^r with their humble request that he would be pleas'd to transmit the same by the first opportunity.

At a Council held at the Capitol Dec^r 15th 1731

Present

The Governour

W ^m Byrd	John Grymes
John Robinson	W ^m Dandridge
John Carter	John Custis &
W ^m Randolph Esq ^r	

The Governour communicated to the Board Lre from the Right hon^{le} the L^{td} Commission^{rs} for Trade & Plantations dated the 27th of May 1731 inclosing a report of their Lordships to his Majesty on the Act for amending the Staple of Tob^o & preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs with an Order of his Majesty in Council approving of their Lordships Report for suffering the s^d Act to ly probationary and their Lordships think fit therefore to recommend an Impartial Extion of the s^d Act so as it may answer the Ends propos'd thereby.

An Order of his Majesty in his privy Council dated the 12th of Aug^r 1731 declaring his Majesty's Disapprobation of the Act passed last Session of Assembly for continuing the Act for laying a Duty on Liquors with sundry alterations was read at the Board & thereupon resolv'd that a proclamation issue declaring the s^d Act to be repeal'd.

Sundry Petitions for Land were read & granted as follows

To W^m Rowlet for 2500 Acres (four hundred acres thereof being already Survey'd) on the Beaver Pond branch joyning on the Pet^r's own lines & those of John Tally Geo. Stegall Ralph Jackson & Tho^s Neal in Prince George County

To Francis Willis for 5,000 Acres beginning at Ripping Hickman & Goughs Corner in the line that divides the Counties of Hanover & Spotsylvania so down the s^d line on each side For that Compliment.

To Charles Chiswell for 5,000 Acres on the branches of the Robinson & adjoining to the Land taken up by the Germans in Spotsylvania County

To Charles Chiswell for 10,000 beginning at the upper line of Rob^t Beverly's land called the Octuna to a South branch or fork of Rappidan River & to go Southwards to the Branches of the N^o Fork of James River in the Counties of Spotsylvania & Hanover.

To Edw^d Booker for 3,000 Acres in Prince George County

To Edw^d Booker for 1,000 Acres beginning on Sailors Creek or in Sandy river in Prince George County & extending thence Such Courses as will include that quantity.

To Peter Wynn For 1,000 Acres on the N^o Side of Butterwood called the old Fields including a Survey of the Pet^r's of 150 Acres beginning at the upper Corner of the s^d Survey thence along M^r Woodliffs Entry to the road from thence down to W^m Bowmans Land & from thence to Fra^s Colemans line for the Complement

On the petition of Roger Quarles setting forth that 400 Acres of Land in Caroline County were long since surveyed for Buckner & Bullard & by them lapsed about four years ago & granted to John Martin who hath neglected to sue out a Patent for the same & praying a Grant thereof It is Ordered that the s^d Martin do attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Term^t to shew cause why the s^d Land should not be granted to the Pet^r.

On the petition of Thomas Ballard Smith for a grant of 400 Acres of Land lying in Hanover County on the branches of Tailors Creek Survey'd long since for R^d & W^m Wetherford who have not return'd the Survey thereof nor sued out a Patent for the Same It is ordered that the s^d R^d & W^m have notice to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to shew Cause why the s^d Land should not be granted to the pet^r.

The Gov^r Communicated to the Council a Scheme projected in Great Britain for putting the Tob^o under an Excise instead of the present method of paying the Duties thereof & desir'd their Opinion thereon, Whereupon the Board are of Opinion that the Scheme proposd would be greatly for the Interest of his Majesty in securing his Customs prevent the running of Tob^o prove very beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Country But forasmuch as this Matter is of very great Moment & divers of the Members of this Board being absent the Council are of Opinion that if the

Weather will permit a full Council be called to meet hereon the 23^d instant or Otherwise that the Gov^r will be pleas'd to send Copies of the Scheme afs^d to the several absent Members & receive their Sentiments thereon & accordingly transmit his answer to the person from whom he rec^d the said project

At a Council held at the Capitol the 6th
day of March 1731

Present

The Gov^r

James Blair

Cole Digges &
John Custis Esq^r

Whereas the Counties of Stafford & King George were by an Act made last Session of Assembly divided & a new County erected called by the Name of Prince William County which S^d County is now entitul'd to the priviledge of chusing two Burgesses to represent them in the Gen^r Assembly

Ordered That a Writ issue for electing two Burgesses for the said County to serve in the next Session of Assembly wth is to meet the 18th of May & a Writ was prepared & Sign'd by the Gov^r accordingly

At a Council held at the Capitol the 17th
day of March 1731

Present

The Governour

M^r Com^r Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Digges

John Carter
John Custis &
Will. Randolph Esq^r

The Governour Communicated to the Board the advices he late-ly receiv'd that the Publick Warehouses at Deep Creek in the County of Lancaster were last Week in the night Time set on fire & burnt down by Some malicious & evil dispos'd persons as yet unknown & desiring the Opinion of the Board in what manner the Authors of so great a Villany may be detected & brought to punishment & the like Attempts prevented for the Future It is the opinion of this Board & accordingly Ordered that a Proclama-tion issue offering a Reward of one hundred pounds Curr^t money to any one that shall discover the person or persons concern'd in burning the S^d Warehouses & that if any of the Actors in that Felony shall make such Discovery of their Accomplices Such Discover[er] shall have his Majesty's most gracious pardon and be also entitl'd to the said Reward of one hundred pounds so as the persons

accused be thereof Convicted And to the end the Ignorant may be inform'd of the Penalties inflicted by Law for such Offences It is ordered that Notice be given in the s^d Proclamation that by an Act made last Session of Assembly, the malicious burning of Tob^o Houses or other Houses is deced [decreed] to be Felony & the Offenders ousted of all benefit of Clergy & that the Justices of the Peace in the sevl. Counties do Cause to be Secur'd & bound to the good behavior all such as they shall Find going about to stir up the People to any Acts of Violence in Opposition to the Establish'd Laws, And it is further Ordered that the Inspectors do appoint some trusty person to keep watch at the respective Warehouses at Such times as they do not attend themselves.

Ordered that a new Writ Issue for electing a Burgess for the County of Surry in the Room of Henry Harrison Esq' now appointed by his Majesty to be one of his Council of this Colony

The Governour was pleas'd to acquaint the Board that Since their last meeting he had been obliged to appoint two new Inspectors in the Room of two lately dead (viz.) John Snead in the Room of R^d Drumond one of the Inspectors in Accomk County & Pelham Moore in the room of John Baily one of the Inspectors in New Kent & King William Which Appointm^t was approv'd

On reading a Representation from the Sheriff of the County of King William setting forth that by reason of the Severity of the Winter & other Accidents the Inhabitants of the s^d County had not obtain'd their Tob^o to be inspected nor procur'd Inspectors Notes for the paym^t of his Maj^{ties} quit rents & other dues arising in the s^d County whereby he is disabl'd to make up his Acco^{ts} & praying that further time may be given him for collecting the publick dues of his County before he be discharged of his office. It appearing to the Board that divers other Sheriffs labour under the same Inconvenience It is therefore resolv'd that none of the s^d Sheriffs unless they desire it be discharg'd from their offices till the Courts held for the respective Counties in the month of July to the end they may be the better enabl'd to perfect their collection of the publick Dues.

Whereas there was this day laid before the Board the Opinion of his Majesty's Atty Gen' upon a case stated touching the payment of six pence per M^o to Greenwich Hospital by persons employ'd in Sloops & other Vessells transporting Tob^o cross the Bay or into the province of Maryland to be there laden for Great Britain & it appearing in the State of the s^d Case there are divers Misrepresentations of Matters of Fact the Governour is therefore requested to cause a true State of the Case to be drawn up & transmitted to the Com^{rs} for Greenwich Hospital, for satisfying them that divers of the persons mentioned in the s^d Opinion of his Majestys Atty Gen' cannot be chargeable with the payment of the s^d six pence per M^o within the intent of the Act of Parliam^t for the more effectual collecting in Great Britain & Ireland & other parts of his

Dominions the Duty granted for the Support of the Royal Hospital at Greenwich & particularly to represent the Case of the People upon the Eastern Shore who are Oblig'd to transport their Tob^o over the Bay in order to it's being shipt for great Britain & many of them to cross the Bay twice a year to attend their necessary Affairs at the Gen^l Courts & have no other means to defray their necessary Expences on these Occasions than by the Sale of their grain & provisions which they frequently bring with them for that purpose & that therefore it would be a hard Construction of the s^d Act of Parliam^t to oblige them or such as they may have Occasion to hire to assist them in their Shallops or other Vessells to pay the like duty as Sailors employ'd in Voyages of a different Nature.

Whereas Capt Joseph Younger of the Ship Nelson in his Voyage hither from London met with a dutch Ship called the Frow Anna of Amsterdam at sea about 70 Leagues Westward of the Western Islands and the s^d Ship being then in great distress & ready to sink the s^d Cap^t Younger took on board his Ship the Master & 21 Men being the whole Crew of the s^d Dutch Ship & hath brought them in hither together with Some European & West India Goods saved out of the s^d Wreck And whereas Application hath been made by Capt Peter Statama M^r of the s^d Wreck'd Ship for leave to land & dispose of the s^d Goods for the Subsistance of himself & his Crew until they can meet with a passage to Great Britain It is the Opinion of this Board & accordingly Ordered that Leave be given to the s^d Joseph Younger to unlade & put on shore the s^d Wreck'd Goods & that Capt. Statama have Liberty to sell the Same for the necessary Subsistance of himself & his Crew.

Sundry Petitions for Leave to take up Lands under his Majesty's Grant were read & allowed (viz:)

To John Woodson & Joseph Dabbs three thousand Acres of Land in Goochland County lying on the back of Rock Castle & Flemings park Creek between Licking Hole & the Byrd & joyning on the Lands of Carleton Fleming Bowler Cocke Stephen Hughs Tho^s Massie Leonard & Tho^s Betlow W^m Cabbell John Woodson Isham Randolph John Bolling Henry Webb & Tho^s Carter Jun^r.

To Tho^s Williams 1500 Acres of Land lying on Arthurs Swamp. in Prince George County adjoining to the lands of Perkins Thomson & Sam^l Chamberlayne.

To John Fitzgerald 5000 Acres of Land in Prince George County beginning on his Land already Surveyed on the S^e side of Namasun Creek & including the Surveys made by W^m Rice & John Hamlin assigned to the pet^r & so extending to Rob^t Bollings upper line on the s^d Creek & to sue out an inclusive Patent for the Same & his other Lands on both sides the afs^d Creek.

To John Fitzgerald 3,000 Acres of Land beginning at a blaz'd white Oak on the N^o side of the middle Creek near a Pond of Water running towards the main deep Creek thence to Hoods line & so to the beginning for the Complement in Prince George County.

To Francis Bolling 2,000 Acres of Land including two hundred Acres survey'd in the Year 1728 for James Cole & by him deserted adjoining to the Pet^r Land already patented with an inclusive Patent for the whole

To John Syme & William Robertson for 6,000 Acres of Land lying on round about Creek in Hanover County including four thousand Acres formerly granted the pet^r by order of Council & four hundred Acres survey'd for Mary English Widow & assign'd to them

To Adam Rutherford for 2,000 Acres of Land on falling Creek including his former patented land in Hanover County.

To George Robertson Clk for 6,000 Acres of Land lying on Platt Creek in Prince George County & including several Surveys already made for the pet^r in that place

To Will^m Crawly for 1500 Acres of Land including an Entry made by one Tobins & assign'd to the Pet^r in P George County

To Joseph Pritchett for 1000 Acres of Land including the pet^r old Land on Butterwood Swamp in Prince George County

To Will^m Westbrook for 500 Acres of land lying up on the Seller Fork of Deep Creek in Prince George County

To Tho^s Jones for 4000 Acres of Land lying on the west Creek of Deep Creek & the forks thereof & to include his old land thereto adjoining in Prince George County.

To John Michie leave to joyn in one Patent two Surveys containing 400 Acres each lying on Harris's Creek in Hanover County.

On the petition of Geo Woodrooff setting forth that 400 Acres of Land in Caroline County were about three years ago granted by an Order of the Gen^l Court as lapsed to Jn^o Martin who hath not sued out a Patent for the same & praying for a grant thereof It is ordered that the s^d Martin do attend this Board the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to Shew Cause why the s^d Land may not be granted to the Petitioner.

On the petition of Matthew Jouett for a grant of 300 Acres of Land adjoining to Jeremiah Glen Thomas Rice & John Blalock in the Fork of Cubb Creek in Hanover County long Since Survey'd for Benj Henson who hath neglected to sue out a patent for the Same It is ordered that the s^d Henson have notice to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to answer the said petition.

On the petition of Matthew Jouett for a grant of 1000 Acres of Land joining on the Lands of Marmaduke Kimbrow John Horn Tho^s Rice John White & William Harrison both sides the upper

fork of Cubb Creek in Hanover County surveyed six Months ago for John Blalock who hath not taken out a patent for the same It is ordered that the s^d Blalock have notice to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to answer the s^d petition

On the petition^r of George Freeman setting forth that about Six Years ago there was Survey'd for W^m Spragg 400 Acres of Land lying in Henrico County on Deep run & on the Lines of John Waters Abraham Childers Tho^s Cotterell & Tho^s Randolph deced for which the s^d Spragg has never sued out any Patent It is ordered that unless he (having due notice hereof) do appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer & make out his pretensions to the s^d Land the same be granted to the pet^r.

On the petition of Joseph Dabbs & John Woodson for a grant of two hundred Acres of Land lying in the fork of Fleming's Park Creek in Goochland County survey'd about a Year ago for R^t Napier Jun^r & no Patent su'd out for the same It is ordered that unless the s^d R^t Napier (having due notice hereof) do appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer & make out his pretensions to the s^d Land the same be granted to the Pet^r.

On the petition of Joseph Dabbs & John Woodson for a grant of 384 Acres of Land lying ag^t the head of Amos's branch of the deep Creek of Licking Hole in Goochland County Surveyed for Leonard & Thomas (having due Notice hereof) do attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer, held in June & make out their pretensions to the s^d Land the same be granted to the Pet^r.

At a Council held at the Capitol the
26th day of March 1732

Present

The Governour

M^r Com^{rs} Blair

John Carter &

John Grymes Esq^r

Whereas the Governour was this day pleas'd to communicate to the Members of his Majesty's Council now present a Lre sent him by Express from Coll Tho^s Harrison of the County of Prince William advising that a Number of the meaner sort of People of that County consisting of fifty Men were got together in Arms designing as they gave out to destroy the Publick Warehouses in that & the adjacent Counties expecting to be joyn'd by other Malecontents from the neighbouring Counties in the Northern Neck It is the Opinion of this Board that for the more effectual Suppressing the s^d Insurrection it is necessary that Orders be forthwith Issued to the Comanding Officers of the Militia in the Northern neck to call together the several Troops & Companies under their re-

spective Comands and cause to be read to them the Act of Assembly for establishing the Militia & to acquaint them that this is such an Insurrection as they are bound by that Act to suppress under the Penalties therein mentioned & in Case the Mutineers in Prince William County should presume to Continue in Arms that they then march ag^t & endeavour to suppress them and that the like Orders be issu'd to the Comanding Officers of the Militia on this Side Rappahanock river to take all necessary Measures for preserving the peace of their Counties & for obstructing the Passage of any number of Men from the Northern Neck who shall attempt to cross that River And in like manner to seize & secure all such as they shall find going about to stir up the People to mutiny or disobedience to the Laws sending from time to time to the Gov^r accounts of their Proceedings to the end they may receive his further directions therein

At a Council held at the Capitol the 18th day of April 1732

Present

The Governour

M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair	John Grymes
Will Byrd	W ^m Dandridge
Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	W ^m Randolph &
Hen Harrison Esq ^r	

M^r Auditor Blair representing to the Board that divers of the Sheriffs who according to Order had been with him to acco^t for his Majesty's Quit Rents have inform'd him that partly through the badness of the Weather & partly through the dilatoriness of the People to bring their Tob^o to be inspected at the public Warehouses they the s^d Sheriffs have hitherto receiv'd very little of his Majesties Quit Rents or other publick Dues & praying the Directions of this Board therein It is thereupon Ordered that the Sheriffs of the respective Counties be & they are hereby directed (without proceeding to distrain to accept & receive his Majesty's quit Rents from all such persons as shall tender payment thereof in money or Inspectors Notes at any time before the first day of June next & that the s^d Sheriffs do attend the Auditor sometime before the tenth day of the s^d Month to make up their Acco^{ts}.

John Carter Esq^r Present

On the Application of the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue It is Ordered that a Number of Rights not exceeding the value of five hundred pounds be issued by them for the use of such as have Occasion to purchase the same for obtaining Grants of his Majesty's Lands.

The Governour was pleas'd to Communicate to the Council an Additional Instruction from his Majesty bearing date the 10th day of December MDCCXXXI whereby his Majesty doth prohibit the laying any Duty to be paid by the Importer on any Negro's brought into this Country for Sale nor any Duty whatsoever on Felons imported from Great Britain Which s^d Instruction was read & ordered to be registr'd in the Council Books.

On reading at this Board a Lre from Rip Van Dam Esq^r President of his Majesty's Province of New York desiring the Concurrence of this Governm^t in representing to his Majesty the Encroachments made by the french from Canada in building a Port at Crown Point on Corlaer's Lake within the Limits of the s^d Province & within three days journey of Albany The Council did thereupon request the Governour to write to M^r Leheup to be assisting to the Agent of New York in any Application which shall be thought proper to be made to his Majesty for removing the French from their said Settlem^t at Crown Point & preventing for the future any Encroachm^t on his Majesty's Dominions on this Continent

On reading at this Board sundry Depositions taken upon an Information of Piracy ag^t John Brown Master of the Brigantine Three Brothers & John Sears Master of the Sloop Catharine & Capt R^d Joel accused of plundering a Ship belonging to Bristol at the Island of Henjago in the West Indies & it being Suggested that one Thomas Hamlin now Mate of a Ship in James River & John Ruffin of the County of Surry can give Some Account of the plundering the afs^d Ship It is the Opinion of this Board that a further Enquiry be made into the matters above complain'd of & that the s^d Hamlin be forthwith sent for & examin'd touching the Premises

April the 22^d 1732

Present

The Governour

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
W^m Dandridge
John Custis
W^m Randolph &
Hen Harrison Esq^r

Capt. John Hutchins & Capt. Nath^l Tatam Owners of the Brigantine three brothers whose Master & Crew together with John Sears Master of the Sloop Catharine were accused of piratically plundering a Bristol Ship in the West Indies this day exhibited before this Board attested Copies from Jamaica whereby it appears that upon a Counterfeit Lre written in the name of

one Jonathan Turner a foremast Belonging to the said Brigantine & directed to Rear Admiral Stewart Capt R^d Joel now Master of the said Brigantine had been taken up by the s^d Admiral at Jamaica & a full enquiry made into the pretended piracy charged on him & others the Crew of the s^d Brigantine and Sloop Catharine & that it appear'd the Ship said to be plundered was called the Windham of Bristol

Master who by accident run upon the rocks at Heniago & was wreck'd & deserted by the Master & Crew Several days before the s^d Brigantine & Sloop Sailed out of Jamaica & that a true Acco^t had been given to the Agent at Jamaica for the Owners of the s^d Ship of all the Goods taken out thereof by the said Brigantine & Sloop & after deducting the Salvage agreed upon to be due, full satisfaction given to the said agent for all the said Goods and also produced an Affidavit of the s^d Jonathan Turner wherein he positively denies that ever he wrote any Such letter as is above mentioned to Rear Admiral Stewart or was privy to the writing thereof But forasmuch as this Board are desirous to examine all the parties mentioned in the said papers now produced It is ordered that Capt R^d Joel Capt John Sanders M^r Solomon Willson & M^r Joseph Hodges of Norfolk County do attend this Board on Tuesday the 2^d day of May in Order to a further Examination of the matters above mentioned.

Edmund Scarburgh Gent Naval Officer of the District of Accomk having resign'd that Office the Governour was this day pleas'd to nominate & appoint Henry Scarburgh Jun^r Gent Naval Officer of the s^d District

Whereas in pursuance of the Act of Assembly for erecting the County of Brunswick a Court house for the said County is now built & by the increase of Inhabitants the said County judged in a Capacity to have Magistrates of its own It is ordered that a Comission of the Peace be prepared for the s^d County & that Henry Fox Henry Embry John Wall John Irby George Walton R^d Burch Nathaniel Edwards W^m Wynn Charles King & William Mecklin Gent be appointed Justices for the said County and the said R^d Burch is appointed Sheriff for the S^d County for the ensuing Year

Ordered that a Writ issue for erecting [electing] two Burgesses for the Said County of Brunswick to serve in the next Session of Assembly appointed to meet the 18th of next Month

Ordered

That a new Comission of the peace Issue for the County of Accomk & that the following persons be added to the Said Commission (viz')

Henry Scarburgh Jun^r John Wise Edmund Baily Littleton Scarburgh Major Thomas Teackle Abel Upshur W^m Bell Hancock Nichols & Griffith Savage.

Ordered that a new Commission of the peace issue for King W^m County with the addition of the following persons viz' Tho^s West Edmund Littlepage Joseph Temple Humphry Brooke Matthew Mawry & R^d Gregory.

April 29th 1732

Present

The Governour

Robert Carter	John Carter
James Blair	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	W ^m Dandridge
Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	W ^m Randolph &
Henry Harrison Esq ^r	

Sundry Lre^s from M^r Leheup & Capt Isham Randolph relating to their Negotiations in the Affairs of this Governm^t were read.

The Governour also comunicated to the Council a Lre from the hon^o Commissioners of his Majesties Customs received by George Phenny Esq^r Surveyor General of his Majestys Customs in the Southern District of America which Letter is dated the 26th of January last intimating that a Compl^t had been made to them that M^r Carter Naval Officer of Rappahanock was removed to potomack fifty miles distant from the port where the Collector resides to the great hindrance & delay of Masters of Ships in their clearing This Board do declare that the Information given to the Comm^{rs} of his Majesty's Customs in this Case is groundless Since upon M^r Carter's removal to Potomack another Naval Officer was appointed in his Room for the District of Rappahanock whose Office is kept in the same Port with that of the Collector.

Sundry Acco^{ts} for Reparations about the Governours House & also the acco^t of Contingent Charges for Expresses & other publick Services during the last half year were Severally examin^d in Council & allowed.

Whereas John Grymes Esq^r his Majesties Receiver Gen^l hath this Day represented to the Board that he is charged by his Correspondent in London for all the Bills remitted from hence on Acco^t of the Revenues of quit Rents two Shillings per hh^d port Duties & head Money $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent for his trouble in negotiating & receiving the Same besides a considerable Charge for the postage of the Letters wherein the s^d Bills are remitted & praying to be reimburs^d the said Charges This Board taking the Same into Consideration have thought fit to Order as it is hereby Ordered that the Rec^r Gen^l be repaid out of the s^d Reve-

nues whatever he hath heretofore been charged for Postage of Letters relating thereto & that for the future he be allowed as well the said Charge of postage as the $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent charged by his Correspondent for Negotiating & receiving the money arising due on the s^d Bills remitted on Acco^t of the afs^d Revenues & whereas for the better advancing that part of his Majestys Revenue arising by the Sale of Rights the Receiver Gen^l hath been at the Expence of keeping an Office in Williamsburgh & a person constantly attending for the more convenient furnishing the said Rights to such persons as have had occasion to purchase the Same whereby that Branch of the Revenue hath been greatly increas'd It is further Ordered that he be allowed for that Service the Sum of ten pounds per annu. from the time of his first entring upon his S^d Office to be p^d out of his Majesties s^d Revenue and that the like allowance be continued hereafter until further Order.

Ordered that there be pd to Peter Leheup Esq^r fifty guineas for his extraordinary Care & Diligence in Solliciting his Majesty's Approbation of the Act for laying a Duty on liquors and for other Services performed by him for this governm^t.

May 2^d 1732

Present

The Governour

R^t Carter Esq^r

M^r Com^{rs} Blair

W^m Byrd

John Carter

John Grymes

John Custis &

W^m Randolph Esq^r

His Majesty having been pleas'd by Order in his privy Council bearing date the 25th of Nov^r 1731 to declare his Disapprobation of an Act of Assembly passed here in the year 1705 Entitl'd an Act ag^t Tob^o from North Carolina & other places without the Capes & by an other Order of the Same date declaring his disapprobation of an Act made in the Year 1726 entitl'd an Act for the more effectual preventing the bringing Tob^o from North Carolina & the bounds in Controversy.

Ordered that a Proclamation issue to notifie the same & that pursuant to his Majesty's pleasure the s^d two acts are repealed & made void.

Ordered that Henry Morrison Esq^r Collector of his Majesty's Customs in S^o Potomack be added to the Commission of the peace for Westmoreland County.

Whereas Cap^t R^o Joel Cap^t John Sanders M^r Solomon Willson & M^r Joseph Hodges of the County of Norfolk this day attended the Board according to Order & were exam^d touching the Supposed Piracy committed on the Ship Windham of Bristol

by John Brown Master of the Brigantine three Brothers & John Sears Masters of the Sloop Catharine of Norfolk & it appearing upon the examination taken that the Accusation of piracy where-with they are charg'd is groundless It is Ordered that they be discharged from all further Prosecution

On reading the petition of James Bland John Shumach Thomas Furr & others concern'd in the late Insurrection in Prince William County humbly acknowledging their Offence and praying pardon for the same It is the opinion of the Council that before the Pet^r be receiv'd into the benefit of his Majesty's pardon They ought to appear before this Board to answer such Matters as they shall be interrogated on touching the design of that Tumultous & unlawful meeting wherein they were engaged and it is accordingly Ordered that the Sheriff of Prince Will^m County Sumon the said James Bland Thomas Furr & Thomas Furr the younger together with Henry Filkins of the Same County to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Ter-miner held the second Tuesday in June and that all the other persons concerned in the said Insurrection upon their giving Security for their good behaviour for one twelve month & one day before the Court of the s^d County of Prince William be Discharg'd from all further prosecution for their afs^d Offence and the Justices of the said County of Prince William are to notifie the Same & to take recognizance accordingly

May 5th 1732

Present

The Governour

M^r Com^r Blair
William Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson

John Grymes
John Custis
W^m Randolph &
Hen Harrison Esq^r

Divers of the Sapony Indians being return'd into this Colony from the Cattabaws this day attended the Gov^r & in behalf of their Nation desir'd that they may have leave to settle again under the protection of this Governm^t intimating also that the Saraw Indians are willing to cohabit with them and it is there-upon resolv'd That Leave be granted the s^d Sapony Indians to return into this Colony with such of the Saraws as shall think fit to incorporate with them & to seat themselves on any Lands they shall chuse not being already granted to any of his Majesty's Subjects either on the River Roanoke or Appamatox & that upon their notifying to the Governor the place they shall chuse a Tract of Land be laid out for them equal to that they formerly held at Christanna

Ordered that a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Isle of Wight & that Lawrence Baker Thomas Woodley & Thomas Gale Jun' be added to the s^d Commission

The following petitions for leave to take up ungranted Lands were this day read & granted as follows (viz.)

To John Robinson Esq^r 20,000 Acres on Monocassie on the north side Cohongaratoon River if the s^d Lands appear to be within the Bounds of this Colony.

To W^m Beverly Gent 15,000 Acres on the Northwest Side of Sherundo River including a place called the Masanutting Town provided the same do not interfere with any of the Tracts already granted in that part of the Colony.

To W^m Dandridge Esq^r 5000 Acres on Allens Creek & Turkey Creek in Hanover County.

To Henry Willis Gent 4000 Acres in Spotsylvania County near & upon the Mountains on the s^o side of the north river & up the little fork to compleat that quantity

To John Woodson two hundred acres of land adjoining to a Tract of 400 Acres already patented & 110 Acres granted by Patent to Josiah & Stephen Woodson & assigned to the Pet^r with liberty to take an inclusive patent for the whole the s^d Land lying on Genito Creek in Goochland County.

To Charles Barrett & John Cosby 800 Acres of Land in Hanover County adjoining to the pet^r's lands on little River

To Hen Wyatt 1000 Acres of land lying on Butterwood Creek in Prince George County beginning on Woodliff's lower line & running down the Main Creek to Colemans line & thence bounding on the old fields branch & Bowmans line & including an Entry of 150 Acres made by Peter Wynn & Assigned to the petitioner

To Augustine Smith Gent 4000 Acres on the head branches of the Mountain run Meander run & difficult Run in Spotsylvania County.

To Francis Willis Gent John Lewis & Francis Kirkly 10,000 Acres in Spotsylvania County at Sherundo begining on the north River about a Mile below Swifts Creek running up & down each side of the River to compleat that quantity.

To R^t Brooke & George Braxton Jun^r 10,000 Acres in Spotsylvania & part in Hanover Counties joyning to the Lands of Capt. John Camm & along the Southside of Merry Mount to compleat that Quantity.

To Francis Willis Jn^o Lewis Gent & Francis Kirkly 10,000 Acres at Sherundo in Spotsylvania County beginning at the mouth of Hawks Bill on the South River & running up the River & on each side thereof to include that quantity.

To W^m Fleet 1500 Acres on the Head branches of muddy Run in the fork of Rappahanock in Spotsylvania County

To Jonathan Cratchly & Marmaduke Kimbrow 2,000 Acres on the lower fork of the first great Creek that runs out of Rock fish River & on the west Side the little Mountains in Goochland County

To John Williamson 2,000 Acres on the South side the South Anna in Hanover County including his patented land to Compleat that quantity

To W^m Worsham 1000 Acres on the upper side of Smacks Creek in Prince George County & to have an inclusive patent for that & his old land thereto adjoining.

To Edw^d Booker & W^m Towns 2000 Acres on Buckskin Creek in Prince George County

To Edw^d Booker & Will^m Towns 2000 Acres on Flatt Creek in P. George County.

To Abraham Cocke 2000 Acres in the County of Brunswick beginning on Hound Creek a little above the fork & extending upwards on both sides that Creek to compleat the quantity.

To R^d Kennon Jun^r 1000 Acres in Brunswick County on the north side of Roanoke River beginning at a white Oak on the Rivers Bank about a quarter of a mile below the upper end of Thomason's low grounds & down the River to make up that quantity.

To John Bolling 5000 Acres in one or more Tracts in Goochland County on both sides the Southbranch of James River near the great Buffalo lick beginning at Buffalo Island & extending up the river to compleat that quantity

To James Baugh 1000 Acres in Prince George County adjoining to & including his patented land on black Water

To R^d Jones 2000 Acres in Prince George County on Deep Creek & the Deep branches thereof adjoining to his former patent to include both.

On the petition of Henry Willis Gent setting forth that by order of Council bearing date the 13th day of June 1728 leave was granted to Larkin Chew John Chew W^m Johnson Joseph Smith W^m Russell & others to enter for & Survey 10,000 acres of land lying on both side of Happy Creek & joining on the great Mountains in Spotsylvania County and by an Order of the same date there was also granted to Tho^s Chew W^m Johnson & George Home 6000 Acres of Land in the fork of Leanock river in the s^d County and by another Order of the Same date there was granted to Larkin Chew Joseph Smith Thomas Chew W^m Russell W^m Johnson & George Home 10,000 Acres of Land lying in the fork of Cape Leanock run in the afs^d County of Spotsylvania That none of the s^d parties have ever Sued out any Patents for the s^d Lands & Praying he may have a Grant of the same It is ordered that the Sev^l parties be Sumoned to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to shew Cause why the Sev^l Tracts pray'd for Should not be granted to the pet^r.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 7th 1732

Present

The Governour

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson

John Carter
John Grymes
John Custis &
W^m Randolph Esq^r

Capt Isham Randolph by his Letter of the 25th of March last having represented to this Board the progress of his Negotiations in opposing the Bill depending before the Parliament in behalf of the Sugar Islands for prohibiting the Importation of any Sugar or Mulassoes into any of his Majesty's Plantations on the Continent and the Bill prosecuted by the Merchants for the more easy Recovery of Debts in his Majesty's Plantations & Colonies abroad and having also transmitted the printed Cases published by him in Opposition to the said two Bills The Board approving his Conduct therein It is Ordered that the Sum of two hundred pounds Sterl. be paid him out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2s per hh^d, towards reimbursing the Charge & Expence of his Sollicitation in the affairs afs^d & that the Same be remitted him by his Majesty's Receiver General, with the first convenient Opportunity

On reading at the Board a Letter from the Right Hon^o the Lords Commissioners for executing the Office of Ld high Treasurer of great Britain bearing date the 29th day of Feb^r last & directed to the Governour & Council directing them to examine the Demand of Coll Alexander Spotswood late Lieut. Governour of this Dominion for the sum of six hundred pounds for defraying the Charges he was at in a journey to treat with the Indians at Albany & Conestogo & to report to their L^{ds}ships what may be just & reasonable to allow in Satisfaction for the same. It is ordered that a Copy of their Lordships said Lre be forthwith sent to Col^o Spotswood & that he be desir'd as soon as convenient may be to lay before this Board the Acco^t of his Expences & such Vouchers as he hath for proof thereof to the End this Board may be the better enabled to make a Suitable Report thereupon

A Petition of the greater part of the Freeholders & Inhabitants of S^t John's Parish in the County of King William complaining that the Vestry of the s^d parish lately passed an Order for discontinuing the two Churches in the s^d parish & for erecting one Church in lieu thereof in the Centre of the s^d Parish to the great Grievance & Inconvenience of the Pet^{rs} & there being at the same time laid before the Board a Survey & Map of the s^d Parish whereby it evidently appears that the Church propos'd

to be built by the s^d Vestry will be very inconvenient to the greater part of the Inhabitants of that parish It is Ordered that the s^d Vestry do not proceed any further therein but that according to their first Order they apply themselves to the erecting two Churches in the most convenient places in the s^d parish for the general Ease of the Inhabitants

June 10th 1732

Present

The Governour

M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair	John Carter
W ^m Byrd	John Grymes
Cole Digges	W ^m Dandridge
John Robinson	John Custis &
W ^m Randolph Esq ^r	

The following persons were this Day nominated by the Governour to be Sheriffs for the respective Counties for the ensuing Year (Viz')

For the Counties of

Goochland.....	John Woodson
Henrico.....	Henry Anderson
Prince George.....	William Epes
Brunswick.....	R ^d Birch
Surry.....	Nicholas Cocke
Isle Wight.....	Jos Bridger
Nansemond.....	Tho ^s Godwin
Norfolk.....	Willis Wilson
Princess Anne.....	
Eliz City.....	John Brodie
Warwick.....	Henry Seasbrook
York.....	Sam ^l Timson
James City.....	Willis Wilson
Charles City.....	Edward Cocke
New Kent.....	Ebenezer Adams
Hanover.....	Christopher Clark
Spotsylvania.....	W ^m Johnson
Caroline.....	R ^s Fleiming
King Will ^m	Leonard Claiborne
Essex.....	Nicholas Smith
King & Queen.....	Geo Moore
Gloucester.....	Tho ^s Booth
Middlesex.....	James Reid
Lancaster.....	John Selden
Northumberland.....	Jn ^o Waughop
Richmond.....	Tho ^s Belfield

Westmoreland.....	Andrew Monro
Stafford.....	Jn ^o Washinton
Prince W ^m	R ^r Jones
King George.....	
Accomack.....	John Custis
Northampton.....	Joachim Michael

A New Comission of the Peace for the County of Hanover was this day ordered to be issued with the Addition of Several Gentlemen recommended to be Justices of the said County. And the like Commission for the County of King George.

For remedying the Inconveniencies which often arise thro' the interfering Entries for land made by the Leave of this Board It is resolv'd & Ordered that where two or more persons shall petition & obtain Orders for one & the Same Tract of Land the Surveyors to whom Such orders shall be delivered Shall return the Survey for the person who obtain'd the first Order & if there be any Surplus land remaining for satisfying Subsequent Orders the persons obtaining the same be prefer'd thereto according to the priority of their respective grants. And it is further Ordered that all Licenses from this Board for the taking up any Land & delivered to the Surveyors pursuant to the Orders of the Governm^t shall according to their respective Dates take place of all Subseq^t Entries made with the Surveyors

John Grymes Esq^r his Majesty's Rec^r Gen^l moving the Board to certifie the present difference between Curr^t Money & Bills of Exchange in order to enable him to Settle his Acco^{ts} of his Majesties Quit Rents & to remit the Ballance It is accordingly hereby certified that 22 1/3 per Cent is the present Course of Exchange between the Currency of this Country & Sterl. payable in London.

June the 14th 1732

Present

The Governour

R ^r Carter Esq ^r	John Carter
M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	W ^m Dandridge
Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	W ^m Randolph &
Hen Harrison Esq ^r	

Ordered That a New Comission of the peace issue for the County of York & that W^m Barbar John Timson & Anthony Robinson Gent be added to the Present Justices in the s^d Comission.

Thomas Walker having petitioned for a certain Tract of Land in Goochland County survey'd Some Years ago for Bar-

tholomew Cox & no patent taken out the Parties this day appeared at the Board & relinquish'd their several pretensions thereto in favour of John Bolling Gent & on his Motion it is Ordered that a Patent be granted him for the same.

Frances Bolling Widow having petitioned for a Grant of two thousand Acres of Land in the County of Prince George including a Survey of two hundred Acres made for one James Cole in the Year 1728 & no patent sued out for the Same & it having been directed by this Board on the 17th of March last that the s^d Cole should be sumoned to shew cause why the s^d two hundred Acres of Land should not be included in the pet^r grant the Sheriff of the s^d County of Prince George this day made return that the s^d Cole is withdrawn out of this Colony & is not to be found

Whereupon it is Ordered that Leave be granted to the Pet^r to survey two thousand Acres of Land (including the s^d Coles Survey) adjoining to her patented Lands in the County of Prince George & that she have leave to Sue out an inclusive patent for the whole.

The Caveat entr'd by Anne Parnell Widow ag^t a Patent sued out by James Garner for land in Isle wight County is hereby vacated it appearing by the Report of the Surveyor that the s^d Anne Parnell hath no right to any lands within the Bounds Survey'd for the s^d Garnet.

Ordered that M^r Drury Stith Surveyor of the County of Brunswick cause the line of the s^d County to be run & mark'd from that part of Bush river where he formerly left of to the nearest place on Appamatox River as the Boundary between that County & the County of Prince George

June the XVth MDCCXXXII

Present

The Governour

M^r Com^r Blair
W^m Byrd
John Robinson
John Grymes

W^m Dandridge
John Custis
W^m Randolph &
Hen Harrison Esq^r

On hearing this Day at the Board the petition & Caveat of Thomas Bassett ag^t David Liles it appearing that the s^d David Liles had taken all due means for obtaining a Patent for the land petitioned for but that the Same was delay'd through the negligence of the Surveyor It is therefore Ordered that the s^d Liles have a Grant of the said Land provided he sue out his Patent within two months from this date & pay the Pet^r his costs otherwise the s^d Land is to be granted to the s^d Pet^r

Edwin Hickman & Dennit Abney having entr'd a Caveat for stopping a Patent for W^m Randolph Son & Heir of Tho' Randolph Gent deced for two thousand four hundred Acres of Land in the County of Goochland under pretence that the Same is within the Bounds of an Entry made by them with the former Surveyor of that County the Parties were this day heard by their Council thereupon & it appearing that the s^d Hickman & Abney have not pursued the Directions of this Board in relation to their Entry & that Tho' Randolph lately deceas'd in his life time did regularly Survey the said twenty four hundred Acres of Land pursuant to the licence given him for that purpose It is ordered that the Cavéat of the s^d Hickman & Abney be vacated & that a Patent be granted to W^m Randolph Son & heir of the s^d Thomas for the said two thousand four hundred Acres of land according to the Survey therein made for his s^d deced father

Edwin Hickman & Dennit Abney declaring they would no longer insist on their Caveat entr'd against Rob' Adams Patent for four hundred acres of Land in Goochland County It is ordered that a Patent be granted to the s^d Adams for the same

On hearing the matter in Controversy upon the petition of Stephen Hughs ag^t Bowler Cocke & W^m Mayo for Land on deep Creek in the County of Goochland Upon examination of sundry Witnesses as well on the one part as on the other It is the opinion of this Board that the said petition is frivolous & vexatious & therefore Ordered that the same be dismiss

James Pitillo having this day made Oath that he Serv'd the Widow of Roger Archer deced & also the Widow of his deced Son with a Copy of the Order made the 15th day of June last on his petition & that the Sons Widow had answered him that she would not have no Concern with any part of the s^d Land either on her own Account or her Daughters & that the Widow of the s^d Roger Archer had consented to his obtaining a Patent he permitting her the Occupation of that part of the s^d Land possess^d by her deas'd husband during her natural life It is thereupon Ordered that the Surveyor of Prince George County do survey the Land petitioned for by the s^d James Pitillo including the Plantation & houses late in the Occupation of the above named Roger Archer & that upon such Survey a Patent be granted him he giving Bond to leave the use of that part thereof formerly in the possession of the s^d Roger Archer to his s^d Widow during her natural life pursuant to the agreem^t between them

Joost Heid in behalf of himself & partners entr'd a Caveat to stop the granting a Patent to William Russell for Land on the western side of the River Sherundo granted by Order of this Board in June 1730 to John Vanmeter It is ordered that the pretensions of the Several parties be heard before this Board on the second day of the next general Court & on the Motion of the

s^d W^m Russell leave is granted him to take the depositions of Witnesses in the province of West Jersey to be made use of at the time of hearing he giving the said John Vanmeter & Joost Heid timely notice when & where he will take the Examination of the s^d Witnesses.

On hearing the Parties upon the Petition of Benjamin Wheeler ag^t Capt Tho^s Dansie for Land in Hanover County it appearing to this Board that the Survey of the land mentioned in the s^d Petition was never perfected by the Surveyor It is Ordered that the s^d Petition be dismissed & that the further time of six Months be allowed the s^d Dansie for perfecting his Survey & returning the same into the Secretary's Office

On the petition of Joseph Fox & by the Consent of John Horn It is ordered that the Land petitioned for formerly Survey'd for the s^d Horn be granted to the petitioner

On the application of Thomas Jefferson praying that Gideon Chamboon may be ordered to pay him his proportion of the Charge for escheating the Land of Anthony Matton deced according to the quantity of Acres granted to the said Gideon It is accordingly Ordered that the s^d Chamboon pay his proportion of the s^d Charge to be regulated and settled by the Clerk of the Council But for as much as it is represented to this Board that there is an Heir at Law of the said Anthony Matton now living in Great Britain who intends to traverse the Escheat of the s^d Land It is ordered that M^r Jefferson do give the said Gideon Chamboon Bond & Security to repay the s^d Charges in Case the Land be evicted from him

Matthew Jouett & Ambrose Joshua Smith having Severally petitioned for a Grant of one thousand Acres of Land formerly surveyed for John Ragland & afterwards granted to Benj Hinson who hath neglected to sue out any Patent for the Same On hearing the Arguments of both Parties it is Ordered that the s^d Land be granted to the s^d Matthew Jouett & that the Surveyor of Hanover County do return a Platt & Certificate thereof in his Name in Order to his obtaining a Patent.

The Caveat entr'd by Thomas Burnet ag^t Chishom is Cont^d for the Parties to examine Witnesses in the Countrey touching their pretensions to the Land therein mentioned

The Caveats entr'd by Matthew Jouett ag^t Benjamin Hinson & John Blalock are by Consent of the Parties continu'd for further hearing as is also

The caveat entr'd by Tho^s Williams ag^t John Finney & Rob^t Anderson for Land in Hanover County.

Whereas Drury Stith Gent Surveyor of the County of Brunswick hath represented to this Board that in pursuance of the Orders he receiv'd from hence he did run & mark out the dividing Lines between the s^d County of Brunswick and those of Isle of Wight & Surry & by a Subsequent Order hath also mark'd

out a line between the s^d County & that of Prince George except for a very small distance which he is now preparing to mark out & praying the Directions of this Board where he is to apply for Satisfaction for his trouble & Expence in that Service It is the opinion of this Board that it is most reasonable that the Expence arising by marking out the Boundaries of the s^d Counties be equally born by the s^d Counties as receiving an equal benefit thereby And the s^d Drury Stith is accordingly directed to lay before the respective County Courts afs^d the Account of his trouble & Charge to the end each of the s^d Counties may contribute it's fourth part of the Same to be paid out of the next County Levy.

June the 16th 1732

Present

The Governour

R ^t Carter Esq ^r	John Grymes
M ^r Com ^r Blair	W ^m Dandridge
John Robinson	John Custis
John Carter	W ^m Randolph &
Hen Harrison Esq ^r	

Coll^o Spotswood this day attended the Board & pursuant to the Directions of the R^t hon^lo the L^d Com^{rs} of his Majesty's Treasury delivered in the acco^t of his Disbursements on the Treaty with the Northern Indians at Albany in the Year 1722 He also laid before the Board several Extracts of the Minutes of Council & Assembly whereby he was requested to take the trouble of presiding in the Negotiation of the s^d Treaty & producing Some Vouchers to shew the greatness of the Expence Submitted to the Consideration of this Board whether it was possible to keep a particular Account of every Sun disburs'd considering the Variety of the Expence Whereupon this Board taking the Same into Consideration & being Sensible that the keeping regular Vouchers for every Article expended in that Service was impracticable from the Nature of the Thing thought fit to propose that Coll Spotswood should make oath to what he believes in his Conscience that Journey & Service cost over & above the one Thousand pounds given by the Gen^l Assembly And accordingly the said Coll Spotswood made Oath that he verily believes the expence of the s^d Journey & Treaty at Albany did not cost him less than the sixteen hundred Pounds charged in his Acco^t The Governour & Council came to the following Resolution

That in as much as it appears that the said Journey to Albany was undertaken by Coll. Spotswood at the joint Request of the Council & House of Burgesses met in Assembly and that it is generally acknowledged that his presence at the s^d Treaty

was of Singular Service for the establishing that Peace with the Indians which ever Since has kept the Frontiers of this Colony in quiet it is highly reasonable his Expences on that Service should be paid which appears to amount to Six hundred pounds Virginia Currency at that time fifteen per Cent less in Value than Sterl. But in regard he hath lain so long out of his Money & hath been put to the trouble & expence of divers Journies to Sollicit the payment thereof first from the Gen' Assembly and afterwards from this Board it is fit he should be repaid in Sterl. as much as the s^d Expences amount to

And whereas it also appears that, during Coll. Spotswoods Absence on the Service afs^d he was Superseded in his Governm^t by the Arrival of Coll Drysdale it seems unjust that he Should serve this Governm^t in so important a Negotiation at his own expence when the Com^{rs} that attended him had an honourable Allowance from the time of their Departure till their return and therefore it seems reasonable that Coll Spotswood on whose Conduct the Success of that Treaty chiefly depended should at least have double the allowance given to the first Comissioner chosen out of his Majesty's Council which was six & twenty Shillings per Diem & that a Report pursuant here to be prepared to be sign'd by the Gov' & Council & transmitted to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury & to assure their Lordships that if upon the whole they shall be of opinion that Coll Spottswood ought to be paid out of his Majesty's revenues the s^d Sum of six hundred pounds the Ballance of his Disbursmts together with the aforementioned Gratifications for his personal Trouble & Services this Board will readily order the Paym^t thereof upon the first signification of their Lordships Pleasure.

June 26th 1732

Present

The Gov^r

R^t Carter Esq^r
M^r Com^r Blair
Cole Digges
John Carter

John Grymes
Will^m Dandridge
John Custis &
Hen Harrison Esq^r

Whereas James Fontain Gent Sheriff of the County of King William hath discovered 17500 Acres of concealed Lands in the s^d County which never heretofore p^d quit Rents to his Majesty. It is ordered that for a reward for his Service herein he be allowed to retain in his hands the Quit Rents of the said Lands for this Year according as hath been practised heretofore upon the like discoveries

June 29th 1732*Present*

The Governour

Robert Carter Esq ^r	John Carter
M ^r Com ^r Blair	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	W ^m Dandridge
Cole Digges	John Custis &
Hen Harrison Esq ^r	

The following Warrants upon his Majesty's Receiver Gen^l to be p^d out of the Revenue of 2s per hh^d port Duties & Head money were this Day Sign'd by the Gov^r in Council (Viz^t)

To the Gov ^r ½ years Salary ending the 25th of April last	£1000,,—,—
To the Gentlemen of the Council for the same time	175,,—,—
To the Judges & Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held in December last	100,,—,—
To the Auditor Gen ^l of his Majesty's Plantations ending the 25 th of April last	50,,—,—
To the Solicitor of the Virg ^a Affairs for the same time	50,,—,—
To the Atty General for the same time	20,,—,—
To the Clk of the Council for the same time ..	50,,—,—
To the Ministers for their Attendance one gen ^l Court	6,,—,—
To the Armourer ½ years Salary	6,,—,—
To the Gunners of the several Battery's ½ years Salary	20,,—,—
To the Adjutant for the like Salary	75,,—,—
To the Surveyor Gen ^l appointed for making a Map of the Colony ½ years Salary	75,,—,—
To W ^m Prentis for Sundry Repairs about the Gov ^r House	26,, 4,,—
To the Same for Sundry Expresses & other Contingent Charges paid last half Year ..	681,,19,, 9¼

And out of the Quit Rents.

To M ^r Com ^r Blair half Years Salary	50,,—,—
To the Atty Gen ^l half Years additional Salary ..	30,,—,—

The acco^t of his Majesties Révenue of Quit Rents for the Year 1731 made up in April last being exam^d by the Deputy Auditor was this day presented by his Majesty's Receiver General who made oath thereto & was Certified by the Governour as usual.

The Acco^t of his Majesty's Revenue of 2s per hh^d port Duties & Head Mony ending the 25th of April last exam^d by the Auditor & sworn to by the Rec^t Gen^l was this day Certified by the Governour.

On the application of the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue It is Ordered that they may be empowered to make out a Number of Rights not exceeding the value of £500 for Supplying such as have occasion to purchase the same in taking up his Majesty's Lands

John Taylor Esq^r presenting his Majesty's Lre mandatory bearing date the 29th of feb^r last for swearing & admitting him one of his Maj^{ty's} Council of this Colony & having taken the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliam^t to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy & taken & Subscribed the Abjuration Oath mentioned in the Act made in the first year of his late Majesty King George the first together with the Test was sworn one of his Majesty's Council & took his place at the Board

John Taylor Esq^r Present.

Ordered

That a proclamation for the more speedy discovery of the person who burnt the publick Warehouse at Falmouth in the County of King George & offering the reward of one hundred pounds given by the house of Burgesses for making Such discovery

July 1st 1732

Present

The Governour

R^t Carter Esq^r

M^r Com^r Blair

W^m Byrd

John Carter

Cole Digges

W^m Dandridge &

John Taylor Esq^r

A Report to the Lords of the Treasury in relation to Coll. Spotswoods Services & Disbursements being prepared pursuant to the Resolution of the Board the 16th of last month was this day Sign'd by the Governour in Council

Ordered that new Comissions of the peace issue for the Counties of Northumberland & Northampton & that the Several Persons recomended be added to the former Justices in the s^d respective Com^s

On reading at the Board a Petition of John Clayton Esq^r his Majesties Atty General representing that by the increase of Crimals of late Years especially since the importation of Con-

victs from great Brittain his Trouble in the prosecution of them at the General Court & Courts of Oyer & Terminer is greatly increas'd & many of these Offenders being of low Circumstances have for that reason been discharg'd by the s^d Courts without paying the usual Fees allowed on [to] the Atty General on the like prosecutions.

That the Pet^r laid his Claim for the prosecution of Eight such Criminals before the House of Burgesses who have refus'd to make him any Allowance for that Service & praying Relief therein The Council taking the Same into Consideration and being sensible how greatly the Trouble of the Attorney General is increas'd by the many Burglaries & Felonies committed chiefly by imported Convicts do request the Governour to represent the Pet^r's Case to the R^t hon^{le} the L^{ds} Commissioners for executing the Office of L^d high Treasurer of great Britain that by their Lordships Application to his Majesty the Salary allowed to the General Attorney & paid out of his Majesty's Quit Rents may be augmented to one hundred pounds Sterl. per Annu which with the Allowance he hath out of the 2s per hh^d may be a Suitable Encouragem^t for the Additional Trouble he is like to have in the discharge of his Office.

Sundry Petitions for leave to take up his Majesties Lands were read & granted as follows (viz')

To R^t Bolling Gent 1000 Acres adjoining to his old Land on Squirrell Level & to have an exclusive patent for the whole

To Thomas Westmorland 700 Acres in Prince George County on the N^o Side Nottoway River joyning on the Lands of George Brooke John High Morgan McKenny Henry Green Joshua Wall & Gabriel Hanison & on the Licking place Branch & Walls Run with Liberty to include the same and the Pet^r's old Land in one Patent

To Matthew Talbot 1000 Acres of Land lying upon Sturgeon Run in Brunswick County.

To R^t Munford Jun^r 1000 Acres lying on the North side Roanoke River at the mouth of Cubb Creek on the upper Side thereof & up the s^d River & Creek for the Complement in Brunswick County.

To Francis Epes Jun^r & Isham Epes 1000 Acres lying between the Gravelly Run & the Cattail joining on the petitioners Lines in Prince George County.

To Will^m Hudson 486 Acres lying on Stony Creek joyning on the Lines of Jones & Winagin above the mouth of Cedar Island Branch in Prince George.

To W^m Kennon 2000 Acres on the Northside Roanoke River beginning on the s^d River half a mile below the Mouth of Licking hole Creek & up the River to compleat the s^d quantity.

To W^m Kennon 2000 Acres on the s^o side Roanoke river opposite to Thomason's low Grounds in Brunswick County

To Abraham Venables 1500 Acres of Land on Hardware river in Goochland County.

To Ambrose Joshua Smith 1000 Acres of Land in hanover County lying upon Elk Creek.

To Samuel Spencer for Leave to include in one patent 1200 Acres of Land Survey'd in four Tracts lying on both sides the S^o Fork of James River & adjacent to the Sycamore Islands

On the petition of John Simmons Gent Setting forth that he formerly patented two Tracts of Land the one containing 710 Acres & the other 350 lying in the County of Isle of Wight That between & adjoining to these Lands & the Lands of the Nottoway Indians & of John Arrington W^m Simmons & Jn^o Doyle in that County there is a quantity of Sunken grounds not yet entr'd for & praying a Grant of the Same & to have it included with his— s^d other two Tracts in one Patent It is thereupon Ordered that the s^d John Simmons have leave to take up the said Sunken Grounds & include that & his other two Tracts afs^d in one Patent according to the prayer of his Petition

On the Petition of Rob^t Lewis setting forth that by Order of Council bearing date the 10th day of June 1731 there was granted to the Pet^r & Charles Lewis a Tract of Land containing 10000 Acres lying on Ivey Swamp on the S^o Side the N^o Branch of James River in Goochland County.

That the s^d Charles having quitted his part of the s^d Grant the Pet^r produced Rights for his Moiety thereof to the Surveyor who refus'd to Survey the Same without receiving Rights for the whole Tract & praying Relief therein It is Ordered that the Surveyor of the s^d County of Goochland lay of 5000 Acres of the s^d Land including the Noth Garden in one or more Surveys as the Pet^r shall think fit.

Benj Hinson having petitioned for a Grant of 200 Acres lying on the N^o Side of James River at the mouth of Hardware River in Goochland County Survey'd some Years ago for John Stevens & Rob^t Adams who have neglected to sue out a Patent for the Same It is ordered that the s^d Stevens & Adams be Sumoned to appear before this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer & to shew Cause why the s^d Land ought not to be granted to the Pet^r.

Joseph Fox having petitioned for a Grant of 800 Acres of Land lying on the S^o side of James River at the upper end of the Seven Islands in Goochland County survey'd long since for Tho^s Billow & W^m Kennon who have not taken care to patent the Same It is Ordered that the s^d Parties attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer in Order to a Determination of the matter in Dispute.

Tho^s Bassett having petitioned for a Grant of 350 Acres of Land lying on Deep Creek in Goochland County joining on the Land of Bowler Cocke & George Stobal Survey'd about four

Years ago for William Hughs & no patent sued out for the Same It is ordered that the S^d Hughs do attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to shew Cause why the s^d Lands should not be granted to the Pet^r.

Henry Cary having petitioned for a Grant of 800 Acres of Land lying on the Byrd & on the lines of Coll. W^m Cole deced Jonas Lawson John Bostwick & Ebenezer Adams survey'd in two Surveys for George Payne who hath not Sued out a Patent for the Same It is ordered that the S^d Payne be Sumoned to appear before this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to answer the S^d Petition

Ambrose Joshua Smith having petitioned for a Grant of 400 Acres of Land lying on the northside of Newford River & joyning to the Lands of Capt. Crawford & Benja Saunders Survey'd in the Year 1727 for George Pemberton who hath neglected to Sue out a Patent for the same It is ordered that the s^d Pemberton be sumoned to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to answer the said Petition.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 20th day of
October. 1732

Present

The Governour

M^r Com^{rs} Blair

W^m Byrd

Cole Digges

John Robinson

John Grymes

W^m Dandridge

John Custis

W^m Randolph &

John Taylor Esq^r

In pursuance of the Act of Assembly for preventing Frivolous & vexations Suits & for regulating Attornies practising in the County Courts John Clayton Esq^r his Maj^{ties} Atty Gen^l John Holloway Esq^r & M^r W^m Hopkins are appointed & each of them is hereby authorized to examine into the Qualifications of the several persons applying for Licences to practise as Attorneys in the County Courts & to report their Opinions thereupon to this Board.

Whereas the General Court has been hitherto attended only by the under Sheriffs of the County of York who being often changed & new ones appointed who know little of their business and Duty many Inconveniencies do thereby frequently arise For preventing whereof It is resolved that a Standing Officer be appointed to attend each general Court to perform the Duty of Cryer & such other Services as by the s^d Court shall be appointed him & that he be allowed the Sum of ten pounds Sterl for each Court to be paid out of his Majesties Revenue of two Shillings per hh^d &

October the 22^d 1732*Present*

The Governour

M^r Com^r Blair
W^m Byrd
John Robinson
John Grymes

W^m Dandridge
John Custis
W^m Randolph &
John Taylor Esq^r

The Governour with the advice of the Council was pleas'd to nominate & appoint the following Persons to be Inspectors of Tob^o at the Several Warehouses within this Colony pursuant to the late Act of Assembly. (viz') for

Shackoes—John Radford, James Holman
Warwick—Arthur Mosely, Joseph Wilkinson
Turkey Island—John Povale, W^m Royal Jun^r
Bermuda—Joseph Royal, Will^m Worsha
Munfords—P^r Jones Jun^r, R^d Kennon
Appamatox—W^m Poythres, Peter Jones
Soane—Sam^l Harwood Jun^r, James Williams
Wainwright—Nich Parker, Tho^s Applewhaite
Lawrences—Sam^l Davis, Tho^s Swann
Constances—Wright, Joseph Godwin Jun^r
Sleepy hole—Tho^s Brewer, Anthony Holiday
Norfolk—George Newton, Thomas Scott
Kemps—Arthur Sayer
Merch^t Brandon—C^t Tho^s Cook, Moses Johnson
Cabbin Point—Coll Tho^s Cocke, W^m Simmons
Grays Creek—R^d Cocke, John Simmons
Warixqueak—Arthur Smith, Thomas Hill
Swinyards—W^m Royal, James Epes
Gloucester—Thomas Coleman, John Stubbs
W^mburgh—Matthew Peirse, R^t Goodrich
Tuskanask—W^m Morris, W^m M^rkain
Hogneck—W^m Walker, W^m Broadnox.
Deacons Neck—P^r Richardson, R^t Throckmorton
Portoportank—John Royston, Tho^s Booth Jun^r
Crutchfields—Ralph Crutchfield, Christopher Smith
Hampton—Thomas Tabb, John Kirby
Rows—Dan^l Moore, Anthony Robinson
Warwick—W^m Harwood, Miles Wills
York—R^t Shield, Sam^l Read
Mantipike—W^m Ferguson, Tho^s Stark
Shepherds—John Collier, R^t Dudley
Chamberlayn's—Walter Clopton, Pelham Moor
Williams—William Cradock, James Mason
Urbanna—John Robinson, John Roads

Kemps—George Hardin, John Curtis
 Hobbs hole—James Griffin, W^m Roane
 Bowlers—John Vass, Abr Mountague
 Nailors—Tho^s Wright Belfield, R^d Barnes
 Totuskey—Tho^s Nash, Henry Miskill
 Quantico—John Turly, Tho^s Osborne
 Meriweathers—John Tally, Tho^s Glass
 Todds—Chris^r Beverly, W. Byrd Richards
 Ayletts—W^m Lawson, Jos Birkley Jun^r
 Quarles—John Quarles, R^d Gregory
 Deep Creek—Joseph Chin, R^t Mischell Jun^r
 Laytons—R^t Parker, Tho^s Jones.
 Brays—W^m Jett, Abraham Barns
 Mattox—John Martin, John Elliot
 Roys—John Roy, R^d Booker
 Comways—John Taylor, Rice Curtis Jun^r
 Falmouth—Francis Thornton, Anthony Strother
 Fredsburgh—Zachary Taylor, Hancock Lee
 Wicocomico—Tho^s Berry, W^m Betts
 Glascock—W^m Downman, Martin Sherman
 Hunting Creek—Lewis Elzey, John Awbry
 Pohick—Edward Berry, Francis Awbry
 Boydshole—Townsend Dade, John Washington
 Marlbro—Benj. Strother, Charles Brent
 Nominy—Patrick Spencer, Wharton Randall
 Nasswadox—Tho^s Marshall, Jonathan Stott
 Cherry stones—W^m Scott, John Savage
 Hungars—R^t Nottingham, W^m Kendall
 Guilford—W^m Andrews, John Snead
 Pungoteague—Edw^d Revell, Daniel Rogers
 Yeocomico—Sam^l Uskridge, Willoughby Newton
 Pitts—Griffith Savage, John Kendall Or James Wishart

A new Comission of the peace for New Kent County is ordered to issue & that Joseph Allen R^d Littlepage & Walter Clopton Gent be added to the Present Justices in the s^d Comission

Also a new Comission of the Peace for Middlesex & John Walker John Robinson & W^m Montague be added to the present Justices in the s^d Comission

The Inspectors of the Several Warehouses having made application to this Board for paym^t of the Watchmen appointed at the s^d Several Houses It is the opinion of this Board & accordingly Ordered that where the said Watchmen have diligently perform'd their Duty they be paid for the same after the rate of 20s per M^o for the time of their Attendance in that service out of his Majesties Revenue of 2s per hh^d.

Whereas upon the Complaint of the Saponie Indians the great Men of the Nottoways were ordered to attend here to justify themselves & their Nation of the murder of some of the Saponie Nation with which they are charg'd & have neglected to appear It is Ordered that the Comanding Officer of the Militia in the County of Surry do forthwith cause the s^d Nottoway Great Men be seiz'd & brought under a Guard to Williamsburgh in order to their Examination.

Oct^r 26th 1732

Present

The Governour

M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	W ^m Dandridge
Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	W ^m Randolph &
John Taylor Esq ^r	

On reading at the Board a petition of divers of the Justices & Inhabitants of the County of Prince William complaining of the Inconvenience of the public Warehouse appointed by the Act made last Session of Assembly to be built at Pohick & praying that another House in Lieu thereof may be built at Ocoquan It is the Opinion of this Board that the s^d Petition be rejected & thereupon it is Ordered that the Com^{rs} appointed for directing the Building of the public Warehouses in the s^d County of Prince William do take care that a convenient Warehouse or Warehouses with all Suitable Accomodations thereunto belonging be forthwith built at Pohick afs^d pursuant to the directions of the Act of Assembly.

On the petition of Ellison Armistead under Sheriff of York County praying that a Fine impos'd on him by Order of the General Court for returning on the Grand Jury a person who was not a Freeholder & owning & acknowledging his offence It is Ordered that the s^d Fine be remitted.

Sundry Testimonials of the Qualifications of persons petitioning for Licences to practice as Attorneys in the County Courts were this day read at the Board & Licences accordingly Ordered to those reported qualified.

On reading at this Board sundry Letters from [to] the Governour from Edwin Conway of the County of Lancaster Gent complaining of the Misbehaviour of Joseph Carter & others the Inspectors of Tob^o in that County It is ordered that the matter of the s^d Compl^t be heard before this Board on this day Sevnnight & that Notice thereof be given as well to the s^d Edwin Conway as to the s^d several Inspectors to bring with them such Witnesses as

they think fit on either Side for the better clearing the matter in Controversy.

The acco^t of Contingent Charges for the last half year was this day laid before the Board & being examin^d was allow^d Also an Acco^t of Disbursements for Repairs about the Gov^r House was this day examd & allowed.

Ordered that 300 Copies of the Law concerning the Militia be forthwith printed & dispers^d among the sev^l Officers for their better direction in their duty & that Copies of the two Tob^o Laws be also printed for the Service of the sev^l Inspectors at each Warehouse.

On reading at this Board the petition of Sarah Syme of the County of Hanover Widow representing that in a Obedience to an Order of this Board the pet^r late husband Coll. John Syme was at Considerable Charge in fitting himself & his Attendants to run the dividing line between the s^d County of Hanover & the County of Goochland that after he had set out in order to Perform that Service he was taken ill of that Sickness whereof he soon after died but nevertheless dispatch^d his Assistant with necessary provisions & the like Accomodations as he had provided for himself, but that Service was disappointed by the Nonattendance of the Surveyor of Goochland County & praying the Consideration of this Board in the Premises & a Reimbursement of the Charges expended on that Service great part whereof she hath paid since her Husbands death. It is the Opinion of the Council & accordingly Ordered that it be recomended to the Justices of the County of Hanover to examine the pet^r Acco^t of Disbursements on the Service afs^d & to make her a Suitable Allowance for the Same in the next County Levy as a Charge which ought to be born by the s^d County

October the 27th 1732

Present

The Governour

M^r Com^r Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson

John Grymes
John Custis
W^m Randolph &
John Taylor Esq^r

On hearing this day at the Board the matter in dispute on the Caveat of Joost Heyd Assignee of John & Isaac Vanmeter for Stopping a Patent sued out by W^m Russell for land on Sherundo River It is ordered that the s^d Joost Heyd have a Grant of all that Tract of Land included in the Entries of John & Isaac Vanmeter which lyes on the lower side of the first Western Branch of Sherundo otherwise called Cape Leanock & the

Branches thereof including the Land between that & the Mountains next to Opeckan & extending from Sherundo river along the lines of the Land taken up by Rob' Carter Esq' deced to the s^d Mountains & thence Westerly as far as will include the quantity of 20,000 Acres granted to the s^d John & Isaac Vanmeter & that if the s^d W^m Russell will take up the Quantity of Land he pretends to claim by Vertue of his Entries & Surveys he be permitted to make a new Entry for the same beginning over against the Mouth of Happy Creek & running up the Western side of the s^d western branch but not to cross the same so as to interfere with the grant hereby made to the s^d Joost Heid But for as much as during the dispute between him & the s^d Russell he hath been interrupted in seating the s^d Land according to the Condition on which the Same was granted to the s^d Vanmeter further time is allowed him till the next General Court for complying with the s^d Condition & he is accordingly hereby directed to have the number of Families on the s^d Land by that time on pain of forfeiting this Present Grant

On the petition of W^m Russell leave is granted him to Survey 20,000 Acres of Land in lieu of the 19,000 formerly Survey'd for him lying on both sides of Sherundo River above Happy Creek & in the fork of the s^d River joining upon the land of Joost Heid & others interested in the Entry of John Vanmeter as the same is this day ascertain'd by the Board.

On the petition of Alex^r Ross & others his partners for a Grant of 20,000 Acres of Land joining on the S^o side of the Line of the Province of Pensilvania & on the west side of the Boundary of my Lord Baltimores Grant for the province of Maryland & joining to the Lands lately entr'd for by John Robinson Esq' It is ordered that the Entry of the Petitioners for the s^d Tract be received & that if upon Settling the Boundaries of Pensilvania & Maryland the Said Land shall appear to be within this Government the Pet^r be prefer'd to a Grant thereof

Ordered That the surveying the several Grants made to John Robinson Esq' Augustine Moore & John Robinson Jun^r Gent for Lands on Conicachigah & Anditank be Suspended until the Bounds of the province of Maryland be first settled.

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Northampton & that the Sev^l Persons recomended by the Court be appointed Justices for the s^d County.

Oct^r 28th 1732*Present*

The Governour

M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	Will Dandridge
Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	Will. Randolph &
John Carter	John Taylor Esq ^r

The great Men of the Nottoway & Sapony Indians this day attending the Governour in Council upon the Complaint of the said Sapony Indians against the Nottoways for divers Murders committed on their people since their return into this Government & more particularly for joining with divers foreign Indians in an attack made on the said Sapony Indians at their Fort in the month of August last Contrary to the express Orders sent them by the Governour & it appearing to the Board by the Testimony of Mary Tatum that one Jeminy a Nottoway Indian on his return from the Sapony Fort own'd at her House that he & others of that Nation had been that day fighting with the Saponies and it also appearing that the said Nottoways have at their Town four Prisoners of the Saponie Nation taken from the plantation of Coll. R^t Mountford It is ordered that the s^d Nottoway Indians for their Contempt in disobeying the Orders of the Governour be fined in the sum of ten pounds to be paid to the Saponies or the Value thereof in Goods, being the Compensation they agree to accept for the loss they have sustain'd by means of the said Nottoway Indians and that the same be accordingly paid before the fifteenth day of April next. And it's further Ordered that the s^d Jemmy & two other of the great Men of the Notoway Indians be committed to the Public Goal & there detain'd until the Sapony Prisoners be delivered up to their Nation and for the better preserving the Peace between the s^d Nations for the future It is ordered that neither of the s^d Nottoway or Sapony Indians do presume hereafter to disturb or Molest one another in their Hunting and if either of them shall offend herein the Indians found guilty of being the first Aggressours shall be transported out of this Colony and if any Murder shall be committed by either of the s^d Nations on the other that Nation whose Indians shall comit the Same shall be answerable for such Murder unless they deliver up the Persons concern'd therein to be tried & punishd according to Law and whereas the Nottoway Indians frequently entertain at their Town parties of the Tuskaroro's inhabiting in N^o Carolina & under Colour thereof do receive among them divers of the Six Nations under the Governm^t of North Carolina & under Colour thereof do receive amongst

them divers of the six Nations under the Governm^t of New York who by their Treaties of peace are bound not to pass through any Part of this Country to the Eastward of the great Mountains or to the Northward of Roanoke River without a Passport from the Governour of New York and then not exceeding ten in one Company the said Nottoway Indians are for the future to forbear entertaining at their Towns or giving encouragement to their coming into this Colony any of the said foreign Indians on pain of being made accountable for any Mischief or Injury the s^d Tuskarooras or other foreign Indians shall do either to his Majesties Subjects or to the Saponies and on the other hand the Sapony Indians are to be accountable for any Injury or mischief which shall be done to his Majesty's Subjects or to the Nottoways by any of the Cattabaw Indians their Confederates who shall resort to their Town.

Which Orders & Injunctions aforementioned being Communicated & fully explained to the s^d Nottoways & Sapony Indians were by their respective great Men severally agreed & Submitted to and it is Ordered that Copies hereof be deliverd to the Interpreters of the said Several Nations to be by them communicated to all the Indians at their respective Towns.

On the Petition of Will^m Byrd Esq^r leave is granted him to Survey & patent 3,000 Acres of Land on the S^o side of Roanoke River over against Occanecchy & Stewkanock Islands in Brunswick County.

Nov^r 2^a 1732

Present

The Governour

M^r Com^{ry} Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
W^m Dandridge
John Custis
W^m Randolph &
John Taylor Esq^r

The Governour acquainted the Council that he had appointed the Several Naval Officers Collectors of the Duties on Liquors & Slaves

Ordered That the General Assembly which stands prorogu'd to the 16th instant be further prorogu'd to Thursday the 15th of March next & that a Proclamation issue accordingly Several petitions for Land were read & granted as follows (viz^t)

To John Blalock leave to include in one patent one Thousand Acres of Land lying contiguous on both sides of Cubb Creek in Hanover already survey'd in three distinct Surveys

To Christopher Smith & John Snelson for 2400 Acres in Hanover County joining on the land late of Coll John Syme on Gold Mine Creek in the fork of pamunky

To Peter Jones Jun^r for 3,000 Acres on Deep Creek in the County of Prince George adjoining to the Lands of Rich^d Jones Jun^r & to the land already granted to the Pet^r by Patent with Liberty to take out an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To John Hamlin for 2,000 Acres in Brunswick County on the southside of little Nottoway opposite to the Stone house running up to the Horse pond Creek, thence up the s^d Creek about a Mile & half thence across to great Nottoway thence down Nottoway parallell with the beginning & thence across to the beginning

On the petition of John Allen setting forth that about six Years ago there was Survey'd for a certain person whose Name the Pet^r cannot learn, a Tract of Land containing 322 Acres or thereabouts in Henrico County which said Land soon after the survey was assign'd over to Tho^s Boatwright who hath neglected to sue out any patent for the same pursuant to the Orders of Governm^t & praying the said Boatwright may be Sumoned to defend his Title to the said Land It is accordingly Ordered that a Sumons issue for the said Boatwright to attend this Board at the Council to be held after the Oyer & Terminer in June next to shew Cause if any he have why the said Land ought not to be granted to the Pet^r

The following Warrants on the Rec^d Gen^l to be paid out of his Majesties Revenue of 2s per hh^d &c were this day Sign'd by the Governour in Council (viz')

To the Governour 1/2 years Salary ending the 25 th of October	£ 1000,,,—,—
To the Gentlemen of the Council the like Salary	175,,,—,—
To the Judges & Officers of the Oyer & Terminer held in June last the like Salary	100,,,—,—
To the Auditor General of the Plantations for the Same time	50,,,—,—
To the Solicitor of the Virginia Affairs for the same time	50,,,—,—
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the same time	20,,,—,—
To the Clk of the Council for the same time	50,,,—,—
To Sundry Ministers attending one gen ^l Court & Assembly	20,,,—,—
To the Armourer 1/2 years Salary	6,,,—,—
To the Gunners of the Sev ^l Batterys for the same time	20,,,—,—
To W ^m Prentis for Sundry Repairs about the Gov ^r House	125,, 1,—,—
To the same for Expresses & other Contingent Charges	536,,15,, 2
To the Adjutant one half Years Salary	75,,,—,—
To the Surveyor Gen ^l the like Salary	75,,,—,—

And out of the Quit Rents

To M ^r Com ^{ry} Blair ½ years Salary	50, —, —
To the Atty Gen ^l ½ years additional Salary	30, —, —

The Acco^t of his Majesties Revenue of 2s per hh^d port Duties & Head money ending the 25th of October last examd by the Deputy Auditor was presented by the Rec^r Gen^l who made Oath thereto was Certified by the Gov^r in the usual Manner

Nov^r 3^d 1732

Present

The Governour

M ^r Com ^{ry} Blair	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	W ^m Dandridge
John Robinson	John Custis &
John Carter	W ^m Randolph Esq ^r

On hearing this Day at the Board the Complaint of Edwin Conway Gent ag^t M^r Carter M^r Ball & M^r Brent Inspectors of Tob^o at the Warehouses in Lancaster County & at Indian Creek 'tis the opinion of this Board that the s^d Complaint is vexatious & groundless & forasmuch as it hath appeared upon the Examinations of divers Witnesses of Undoubted Credit that the s^d Inspectors have honestly & diligently perform'd their Duty It is Ordered that they be Continu'd in their s^d Offices.

At a Council held at the Capitoll the 15th of December 1732

Present

The Governour

Cole Digges	W ^m Dandridge
John Grymes	John Custis &
W ^m Randolph Esq ^r	

Whereas Information was this day given to the Board that the Tuscororo Indians in Conjunction with divers Indians of the six Nations under the Governm^t of New York are now amongst the Frontier plantations in the County of Brunswick lying in wait to cut of the Sapony Indians for preventing the Mischiefs w^{ch} may happen as well to the Inhabitants on the s^d Frontier as to the s^d Saponie Indians living under the protection of this Government It is the opinion of this Board & accordingly Ordered that the Comanding Officers of the Militia in the Several Frontier Counties give immediate Orders to take up & Secure all such of the Northern Indians as shall be found on the North side Roanoke river & Eastsides of the great Mountains within the Limits of this Colony not having Passports from the Governour of New York

conformable to the Treaty made with them in the Year 1722 & all Tuscaroro Indians living within the province of North Carolina who shall be found within the Bounds of Virginia without Licence & to cause them & every of them to be Conveyed under a Guard to W^m. Burgh there to be proceeded ag^t according to the Directions of the Act of Assembly in that Case made & provided.

On Consideration of the Claim & Demand of the Inspectors at Roys Gibsons & Connoways Warehouses for Watchmen at the s^d houses It is ordered that there be paid to them one Moiety of their s^d Demand & that the paym^t of the rem^t be suspended until they shall make appear that the services therein mentioned were necessary & that they have paid the Sums Charged for the Same.

Whereas it hath been represented to this Board that divers of the Publick Warehouses being only Singly covered are become leaky & unfit to secure from damage the Tob^o brought thereto & that at other prizes for the convenient packing thereof are wanting & the Wharfs Cranes necessary for landing & Shipping of Tob^o either entirely neglected or so slightly built as to be of small use & it being necessary for the Interest of the people & the advancement of the Trade that these inconveniences should be speedily remedied It is Ordered by the Governour in Council that the Comissioners appointed for directing the Building of the publick Warehouses in the several Counties do as Soon as conveniently may be make enquiry into the Condition of the s^d respective Warehouses with the prizes Wharfs & Conveniences thereunto belonging & where they find any Deficiency therein that they cause such Ware Houses to be immediately repair'd so as to secure the Tob^o to be lodg'd therein from all damage that may be Occasioned by the Weather and where the same is not already to cause necessary prizes Wharfs & Cranes to be set up & erected according to the Intent of the Act of Assembly in case made & provided and if any of the proprietors of the s^d Warehouses shall refuse to make such Reparations and Conveniences that then the s^d Com^{rs} do direct the same to be made & the Charge thereof deducted out of the rents payable by the Inspectors for the s^d Warehouses respectively.

A New Comission of the Peace is ordered to be issued for the County of Gloucester & that Henry Whiting John Washington Beverly Whiting Gent be added to the said Comission according to their respective ranks

Ordered that a new Comission of the peace Issue for the County of Spotsylvania & that Francis Thornton jun^r Francis Talliaferro John Holiday & Rice Curtis jun^r be added to the s^d Comission

Ordered that the General Assembly be further prorogu'd to Thursday the 21st of June next and that a proclamation issue accordingly.

On reading at this Board the petition of John Griffin late one of the Inspectors at Roys & Gibsons Warehouses Complaining of his being misrepresented whereby he hath been displaced from his office & producing sundry Testimonials of his good behaviour It is thereupon ordered that the s^d John Griffin be appointed an Inspector upon the

first vacancy that shall happen at either of the Warehouses that lye convenient for him.

On reading at this Board a Representation from the Court of Hanover County complaining that the dividing line appointed to be run between the s^d County & Goochland Upon the representation of the Surveyor of Goochland County was made without their knowledge or privity & greatly to the prejudice of the S^d County and praying that the said dividing line may be run parallel with that of Spotsylvania It is ordered that a Copy of the s^d Representation be sent to the Justices of Goochland County & that if they have any Objection to what is propos'd therein they be heard thereon on the third day of the next General Court.

Sundry Petitions for Land were read & granted as follows (viz')

To Nicholas Meriweather 1618 Acres of Land on round about Creek in Hanover County survey'd for W^m Robertson & by him assigned to the said Meriweather with leave to include the same in one Patent with 800 Acres thereto adjoining already granted by Patents to the pet'.

To Christopher Clark Ambrose Joshua Smith & John Henry 3000 Acres of Land in one or more Tracts beginning on the S^e Fork of the North branch of James River above the mouth of Ivy Creek & running up the lines of Lynch Hudson & Lewis & outwards towards the great Mountains & crossing over the said South Fork to the N^e fork & over the said N^e Fork to the Piney Mountain in Hanover County

To John Ragland all the Kings land upon the branches of Chickahomony Swamp & Stony run & joining on the Lands of Michael Holland John Sutton R^d Wynne John Pulliam Francis Clark & others & to include in one Patent the s^d Land & four hundred Acres already patented by the Petitioner

To Francis Flourney 2,000 Acres in Henrico County on the Southside of Swift Creek joining on the Lands of Jn^o Woolridge, R['] Ashurst & Alex['] Marshall

To R['] Beverly W^m Beverly & John Corrie fifty thousand Acres of Land lying upon Sherundo River on both sides thereof & next above a Tract formerly granted to the said W^m Beverly called the Massanutting Town

To W^m Chamberlayne all the Kings land beginning on his own line upon Locust Creek & joining on those of R['] Hood & Pouncy Anderson & running along his own Linds on Hinsons Creek & those of Daniel Williams & the entry of Tho["] Maples & joining on the lands of Matthew Sins on the s^d Locust Creek with leave to take an inclusive patent for that & two other Tracts of four hundred Acres each the one granted by Patent to David Meriweather & convey'd to the s^d Chamberlayn & the other Patented by himself the s^d Land lying in Hanover County.

On the petition of R^d Randolph Gent setting forth that Stephen Evans about the Year 1727 entered for 850 Acres of Land in Brunswick County upon the encouragement of his Majesty's remitting the Rights & quit rents & as Soon as the Surveyor of the County laid out

the Same assign'd his Right therein to the Pet^r who hath since made divers Entries & Surveys adjoining to the said Evans's Entry amounting to the Quantity of 4000 Acres including the Entry of the s^d Evans & praying to have an inclusive Patent for the s^d 4000 Acres & also the benefit of his Majesty's Bounty for the s^d 850 Acres thereof as the s^d Evans was entitul'd unto It is ordered that the Petitioner have an inclusive Patent for the s^d 4000 Acres but that he pay Rights & Quit rents for the same as other Patentees.

Arthur Moseley by his Petition setting forth that by Patent bearing date the 22^a of Febr^r 1724 there was granted to him & one Samuel Hancock 500 Acres of Land at a place called Butterwood Swamp in the County of Henrico which said Land is since Solely come to the Pet^r who hath lately surveyed four hundred Acres more adjoining thereto & praying he may have an Inclusive patent for the whole Leave is accordingly granted him to include the said two Tracts in one patent according to the prayer of his petition

On the petition of Benj Roberts setting forth that the Petitioners Father John Roberts did in the Year 1724 enter for & Survey 400 Acres of Land in Spotsylvania County in the fork of Rappahannock River & on both sides of the Mountain Run upon the Encouragement of the Kings Bounty the Platt whereof the said John returned into the Secretary's Office & soon after departed this life & by his last Will & Testament did devise the s^d Land to the pet^r who was then an Infant & by reason of his continuing a Minor for sev' years thereafter & no patent hath ever issued for the said Land & praying he may now have a patent on the same Terms his father might have had for the same It is Ordered that the said Benjamin Roberts have a patent for the s^d Land accordingly

On the petition of Simon Stubblefield setting forth that the Pet^r Brother John Stubblefield late of Gloucester County deced being in his life time seized in Fee of one thousand Acres of Land in Spotsylvania County granted to him by Patent & having a Right to a Tract of five hundred Acres of Land in the same County by a Certificate granted him by the hon^o General Court the 20th of October last as lapsed from Thomas Dimmock by his last Will & Testam^t did devise to his two Sons 800 Acres of the said Lands & to the pet^r 700 Acres and forasmuch as the abovemention'd five hundred Acres was intended as part of the seven hundred devis'd to the pet^r & that he is by the said Will Obligated to have the other Tract devis'd to the decd Sons and praying a Patent may Issue in his Name for the five hundred Acres lapsed from the said Dimmock It is ordered that the s^d Stubblefield have a patent for the said five hundred acres as part of the Land devis'd to him

On the petition of Martha Taylor Widow & Executrix of James Taylor late Surveyor of King William County setting forth that her said Husband about the Year 1723 did survey for one Edward Arnold four hundred Acres of Land & for one Thomas Allen two hundred forty three Acres both in the s^d County of King William & did return the several Platts thereof to the Secretary's Office together with a Sufficient Number of Treasury Rights for obtaining Patents thereon That

some time thereafter Enquiry being made for the s^d Patents it hapned the s^d Platts could not be found Whereupon the Pet^r Husband was oblig'd to purchase new Rights & then obtain'd Patents for the s^d two Tracts & sometime after the first platts & Rights being found by the Clks of the Secretary's Office new Patents were by them made out for the same Lands as will appear by the Records of the s^d Office & praying She may be reimburs'd the purchase Money which her Husband paid for the Rights of the said six hundred forty three Acres of Land It is Ordered that M^r Auditor Blair do examine the Allegations of the s^d petition & make report to this Board.

On the petition of John Netherland Gent leave is granted him to take up 1200 Acres of Land lying on Licking hole Creek in Goochland County & joining to the Lands of John Bolling John Fleming Ebenezer Adams & Thomas Paterson.

Henry Willis Gent having petitioned for a Grant for 1000 Acres of Land in Spotsylvania surveyed for Richard Maulden & the s^d Maulden being return'd Sumoned & not-appearing ordered that a patent for the s^d Land be granted to the petitioner

At a Council held at the Capitol the 26th of April 1733

Present

The Governour

M ^r Com ^r Blair	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	John Custis
Cole Diggs	W ^m Randolph &
John Taylor Esq ^r	

The following Persons were this day nominated & appointed by the Governour in Council to be Sheriffs for the under mention'd Counties for the ensuing Year (viz') For the County of

Essex	Alex ^r Parker
Prince W ^m	Tho ^r Harrison Jun ^r
Warwick	Anthony Armistead
Hanover	David Crawford
Spotsylvania	Joseph Brock
Eliz. City	John Brodie
York	Sam ^l Timson
Middlesex	Armistead Churchill
Henrico	Henry Cary
Northumberland	Matt Kennor
Gloucester	Sam ^l Buckner
Westmoreland	Henry Lee'
James City	Willis Willson
Princess Anne	Jacob Elligood
Surry	Nich ^r Cocke
Northampton	John Stratton

On reading at the Board a Lre from the Right hon^o Horatio Walpole Esq^r Auditor Gen^l of his Maj^{ty} Plantations directed to the Governour with the Copy of a Lre directed to the Deputy Auditor containing divers objections ag^t allowing in the Acco^{ts} of his Majesty's Revenue of 2s per hh^d the Salary's to the Surveyor General & Adjutant & the charge of 5.5/8 per Cent for remitting in Bills of Exchange that part of his Majesties Revenues which is received in Spanish Silver & the half per Cent claimed per the Rec^{rs} Generals Correspondent for negotiating the Bills of Exchange in England It is the unanimous request of the Council that the Governour will be pleas'd to represent to the right hon^o the L^{ds} Com^{rs} of his Majesty's Treasury the Reasons & Motives for appointing a Surveyor Gen^l & Adjutant the first in Compliance with his Majesty's Instructions so often repeated for causing an exact Map & Survey of this Colony to be prepared & transmitted to his Majestie & the L^{ds} Com^{rs} for Trade & plantations & the letter for modelling the Militia into one Uniform Order & Method of Discipline without which it can be of little service if there should be Occasion to draw together divers bodies to oppose the Invasion of foreign Enemies or to Suppress Insurrection of Slaves & seeing the Revenue of 2s per hh^d &c was raised & appropriated as well for the defence of the Country as for the Support of the Governm^t & contingent charges thereof & that the Governour with the advice of the Council has always been allowed the proper Judge of the Measures Necessary for that purpose & the rewards to be given to such as act in the publick Service It is therefore humbly hoped that the Lords Com^{rs} of his Majestys Treasury will be pleas'd to approve of the Establishment of the Adjutants until the Militia be once regularly disciplind when it always was intended the Salary as well as the office should cease & if their Lordships shall be of opinion that the Expences of Obtaining a Mapp of this Colony pursuant to his Majesty's Instructions is too great that they will be pleas'd to move his Majesty to dispen^{ce} with the said Instructions for the future and it is also the opinion of this Board that the paym^t of the said Salarys be suspended till his Majesty's pleasure be further known and as to the allowances of 5 & 5/8 per C^t to the rec^r gen^l for remitting by Bills of Exchange the Several branches of his Majesties Revenue which are paid in Current money this Board request the Governour to represent to the R^t hon^o the Auditor General & the necessity of

Ordered that fifty barrells of Gun powder be sent for, for the Service of the Governm^t & that his Majesty's Receiver General pay for the Same out of his Majestys revenue of 2s per hh^d for as much as the quit Rents for this year were Collected before the Arrival of the auditor General's Letter it is the further opinion of this Board that the same Allowance of 5 & 5/8 per Cent to the Rec^r Gen^l must necessarily be charged in the Account of the present years Revenue for Such money as hath been already received which he cannot be enabled to remit the same to England

Ordered that the General Assembly be further prorogu'd to Thursday the 15th of Nov^r next & that proclamation issue accordingly

Ordered that a new Commission of peace issue for the County of Prince George that Thomas Ravenscroft & W^m Stark Gent who were formerly Justices of the peace be placed according to their former rank & that John Bannister R^d Bland Edw^d Booker & Theophilus Field be added to the s^d Commission

Ordered that New Commissions issue for the following Counties (viz^t)

For the County of Norfolk & that John Phrip John Ellegood John Hutchins Stephen Wright Lemuel Langley & R^d Church be added to the said Commission

For the County of Surry & that John Cargill Charles Binns & Sam^l Thompson be added to the s^d Commission.

For the County of Westmorland & that Willoughby Newton W^m Stephenson John Rushroad John Ashton Wharton Rersdale Thomas Chelton Benjamin Waddy Humphry Pope & James Hore be added to the said Commission

For Spotsylvania County & that Joseph Thomas & John Minor be added to the said Commission

For the County of Prince William & that John Colvil be put the third in the Commission for the s^d County

Sundry acco^{ts} & Certificates for watching the Warehouses at Roys Gibsons & Conways on Rappahanock River were this day laid before the Board & allowed.

The acc^t of Contingent Charges for the last half year & also the Acco^t of Work & Repairs about the Governours house were severally examin'd & allowed.

John Colvil Merch^t by his petⁿ praying a remission of the port Duty's of his Ship Tankervil which entred in potomack River with intent to load Tob^o but through the Scarceness of the Crop was obliged to depart thence empty for Petapsco River in Maryland upon Consideration whereof it is ordered that the s^d Ship be discharged from the payment of Port Duty's & that Coll Tho^s Lee the Naval Officer in Potomack cause the Same to be repaid to the pet^r

May 4th 1733

Present

The Governour

James Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Diggs
John Robinson

John Grymes
John Custis
W^m Randolph
John Taylor Esq^r

Ordered that a new Commission of the peace issue for the County of Nansemond & that David Mead Thomas Brewer and Thomas Jordan be added to the s^d Commission

Ordered that a new Commission of the peace issue for the County of King & Queen & that Philemon Byrd Rich^d Tunstall John Bickerton & John Maddison be added to the Present Justices in the s^d Commission.

A Warrant under his Sign Manual dated the 25th of Jan^r last & Countersign'd by the Lords Com^{rs} of his Majestys Treasury was this day read in Council directing of the Payment of the Sum of nine hundred thirty six pounds twelve Shillings to Coll Alex^r Spotswood out of the revenue of two shillings per hh^d in full of all demands for his Expences & Service in Negotiating a Treaty with the Indians at Albany in the Year 1722 and it is accordingly ordered that a Warrant be prepared for the Governors Signing for the Payment of the afs^d Sum pursuant to his Majesty's pleasure in that behalf.

The following Warrants on the Rec^r Gen^l to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2s per hh^d port duty's & head Money were this day Signed by the Governour in Council (viz')

To the Governour ½ years Salary ending the 25 th of April last	£1000,,,—
To the Gent of the Council for the Same time	175,,,—
To the Judges & Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held in December	100,,,—
To the Auditor Gen ^l of the Plantations ½ years Salary ending the 25 th of April	50,,,—
To the Solicitor of the Virginia Affairs for the same time	50,,,—
To the Atty Gen ^l for the Same time	20,,,—
To the Clk of the Council for the Same time	50,,,—
To the Armourer for the Same time	6,,,—
To the Gunnors of the sev ^l Battery's for the same time	20,,,—
To the Ministers attending one Gen ^l Court	6,,,—
To W ^m Prentis for Sundry repairs about the Gov ^r s house	41,, 4,—
To W ^m Prentis for Sundry Expresses & other conting ^t charges	662,,10,, 1½

And out of the quit Rents.

To M ^r Com ^r Blair ½ years Salary to the 25 th Apr ^l last	£ 50,,,—
To the Atty Gen ^l ½ years Additional Salary	30,,,—

A Motion being made that for as much as the Salary allowed to the Members of his Majesty's Council was Establishd in the Infancy of the Country & is now no ways proportionable to the trouble & charge they are at in attending Gen^l Courts & Assembly's besides the frequent Occasions that happen for calling them together for the Publick Service at other times for which no allowance is made that therefore his Majesty may be humbly moved to augment the Salary of the Council to such Sum as he shall graciously think fit as well in Consideration to their Trouble and Expence as for the Supporting the Dignity of their office and the Council here present do request the

Gov^r to represent the same to his Majesty in the most favourable manner & thereupon the Gov^r was pleased to declare he would do all the Service in his power towards obtaining what they desire.

Whereas it has been represented to this Board that many Inconveniences arrive by persons living in one County & making Entries for Land in an other for that the Surveyors cannot without very great Trouble & Charge give personal notice of the Time they are ready to Survey & when they send Notice in Writing the persons to whom the Same is Sent often deny the receipt thereof & so keep the Entry's on foot for a long time to the great prejudice of his Majesty's Revenue & the Disappointm^t of others who would Survey & take out patents for the Same Land for prevention whereof It is ordered that the Surveyors of the Respective Counties do cause a publick Advertisement to be set up at the Door of the Court house where the Land lye on two Successive Court Days expressing the Entry's they intend to Survey & the Time when & if within ten Days after the Second Court the persons having Such Entry's do not attend the Surveyor fully prepared to perfect the said Surveys then such Entry to be void & the Surveyor shall be at Liberty to survey the Same for any other person and that notice given as aforesaid shall be accounted as Suff^t to all persons having Entry's as if the Surveyors had given the same in person.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 13th 1733

Present

The Governour

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Diggs
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
W^m Dandridge
John Custis
W^m Randolph &
John Taylor Esq^r

On a Representation from the Justices of Brunswick County Ordered That a new Comission of the peace issue for the said County & that John Duke Bartholomew Peterson & Nicholas Lanier be added to the present Justices in the said Comission

On reading this Day at the Board a petition of the greater part of the Inhabitants of the Parish of North Farnham in Richmond County complaining of an Order made by the Vestry of the said Parish for building a new Church near the lower end of the Parish to the great Inconvenience of the pet^{rs} & an unnecessary charge to the parish It is ordered that the s^d Vestry do forbear any further proceedings in the building of the said Church until both parties be heard before this Board on the third day of the next General Court at which time the said Vestry or such as they shall think fit to depute together with such of the pet^{rs} as shall be thereunto appointed in behalf of the rest are hereby ordered to attend

Thomas Roberts of the County of York Gent having petitioned for a Grant of a Small parcel of Land containing thirty Acres or thereabouts lying in Charles parish in the s^d County survey'd above a Year ago for one John Robinson who hath neglected to sue out a patent for the same According to the orders of the Government & the said Robinson having been Sumoned to appear & failing so to do It is Ordered that the s^d Land be granted to the Pet' & that the Surveyor of York County deliver him a Platt thereof in order to his obtaining a patent.

Joseph Mouhay having entr'd a Caveat & prefer'd a Petition for a grant of 400 Acres of Land in Hanover County survey'd about five years ago for Joseph Powell & by him assign'd to Joseph Bickley & no patent yet sued out by either of them Geo Woodrooff this day appeared & insisted on his Right to a Grant of the said Land by vertue of a Caveat entred for the same Land It is ordered that the parties be heard on their Sev' pretentions before this Board on the third day of the next General Court.

The former order for examining Witnesses in the Controversy between Thomas Burnet, & Chisholm is continu'd & a Return of the Depositions of the witnesses appointed to be made at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer

On the petition of Benjamin Needler Gent It is Ordered that no patent be granted on a Survey for Marish Land made for Christopher Prior until the Pet' be heard on his Pretentions to the same Land as adjoining to his Patented Land in King & Queen County.

James Harris of the County of Surry having entr'd a Caveat for stopping a patent sued out by W^m Collier for three hundred twenty eight Acres of Land lying near the three Creeks in Brunswick County & it being alledged in behalf of the s^d Colliers that his Survey & Rights were entr'd in due time in the Secretary's Office and that the Occasion of the Delay in obtaining his Patent was owing to the Neglect of the Surveyor It is ordered that Leave be granted the said Collier to take Depositions of Witnesses in the Country before any Justice of the peace giving lawful Notice to the s^d Harris.

Thomas Bassett having petitioned for a Grant of 350 Acres of Land lying above deep Creek in Goochland County Surveyed for William Hughes & no patent sued out within the time limited by the Orders of Government and the said Hughes having been Sumoned to attend this day & not appearing It is ordered that the said Land be granted to the petitioner.

John Allen having petitioned for a Grant of 322 Acres of Land in Henrico County survey'd divers years ago & assign'd to Tho^s Boatwright who hath neglected to Sue out any Patent for the same the s^d Boatwright this day appear'd & confess'd the Allegations of the petition to be true & thereupon It is Ordered that the said Land be granted to the afs^d John Allen according to the prayer of his Petition & on the Motion of the s^d Boatwright It is Ordered that his Rights lodged with the Survey in the Secretary's Office be return'd to him.

Sarah Archer Widow having entr'd a Caveat for stoping a Patent sued out by James Pitillo for Land in the County of Prince George & praying leave to examine ancient Witnesses to make out her pretentions It is ordered by Consent of the s^d Pitillo that the s^d Archer have leave to examine Such Witnesses as she shall think fit giving legal notice to the s^d Pitillo of the time & place of such Examination.

The Indians of the Saponny & Nottoway Indians this day attended the Gov^r in Council & represented that in Order to put an end to the Hostilities between them they had entred into Terms of peace & amity in which the Tuscaroro Indians were willing to be included & it is this day agreed between them that the great Men of the Saponny & Nottoway Nations meet at the Tuscaroro Town & there conclude a peace amongst themselves & at the request of the Saponnies Leave is granted them to incorporate with the Tuscaroro's if they see fit upon this Condition that Neither of the s^d Nations do presume to hunt upon any Patented Lands within this Government nor come amongst the Inhabitants in any greater Number than three in a Company and Leave is also granted the said Saponnies to remain where they now are until their Corn be gathered in and then if they do not cohabit with the Tuscaroro's that they remove to some place without the Inhabitants between Roanoke & Appamatox rivers where a Sufficient Tract of Land shall be assign'd them according to the former directions of this Board. And it is ordered that M^r R['] Hix do attend the s^d Saponnies in their present Treaty with the Tuscaroro's & report to this Board the Conditions of the peace concluded between them.

Sundry Petitions for leave to take up land were read & granted as follows (viz')

To Thomas Bassett 1300 Acres beginning at Buck branch being the next above Grooms Quarter & running up the S^o Side of Willis Creek & crossing the Same to Compleat that quantity in Goochland County.

To W^m Hudson 1000 Acres lying on the Northside of Stony Creek adjoining to Jones & Wininghams Lines & Cedar Island branch in Prince George County.

To Thomas Williams 2000 Acres lying on the South side of Hatchers run in prince George County joining on the lines of W^m Mayes Tho^s Saterwhite & James Hudson

To Henry Cary leave to include in one patent 12000 Acres of land already Survey'd in Sundry Surveys with his patented Lands thereto adjoining on Willis's Creek in Goochland County—

To W^m Jones 500 Acres joyning to his patented Lands in Prince George County beginning at Colvells line on the Road near Nottoway River.

To W^m Byrd Esq^r 4000 Acres in Brunswick County beginning at the mouth of a Creek at the falls of the South branch of Roanoke & running up both sides of the s^d Creek to the Country line so as to include the s^d quantity—

To Booth Napier 1200 Acres in Goochland County beginning at the mouth of a Branch that runs into the upper side of the Byrd above

the forks of the s^d River & from thence Such Courses as will include that quantity.

To Joseph Hix all the Kings Land joining on his own Land being one hundred acres part of 400 patented by David Gwyn & on Adam Rutherford the s^d Gwyn & others in Hanover & to take an Inclusive patent for the whole.

To Joseph Thomas & Ashford Hughs 1000 Acres lying on the Southside of James River on the west side of Muddy Creek in Goochland County with leave to take an inclusive Patent for the s^d quantity & 800 Acres already patented and thereto adjoining

To John Ragland 1000 Acres beginning near as ablaz'd Spanish Oak on little Cawthorns Run & extending to great Cawthorns Run to include that quantity in Hanover County.

To John Ragland 1000 Acres adjoining to his own patented Lands on both sides the Southanna in Hanover County with Leave to take an inclusive patent for the whole.

To Henry Wood Leave to include in one patent 1600 Acres of Land survey'd in divers Surveys on both sides Buck Island Creek in Goochland County.

To Matthew Anderson Gent leave to include in one patent 1200 acres of Land survey'd in Sundry Surveys joining on the lines of Adam Rutherford W^m Hayns Michael Holland & others in Hanover County.

To Buckley Kimbrough leave to include in one patent 728 Acres of Land Surveyed in two Surveys lying between the lines of Drummond Scot Lacy Lovell Holland & others in Hanover County

To George Rives 1000 Acres in Prince George County on the North side of Jones's hole Swamp on the Cherry Orchard branch beginning on the County line thence to R^d Blands line thence to Cuthbert Williamson's Line thence running along the Lines of R^d hills R^d Carlile John Jennings & the Pet^r to include that quantity.

To R^d Randolph John Bolling & William Kennon 10,000 Acres in Brunswick County beginning five Miles below the great Swamp on little Roanoke & running up the s^d River ten Miles including the Land on both sides So as to compleat that quantity.

To Henry Anderson 500 Acres in Prince George County on both sides the Beaver pond Branch joining to the lands of John Adams R^t Mann & Thomas Reems

To Joseph Mayo 2000 Acres joyning on Bowler Cocks land on the East side Muddy Creek in Goochland County

To Dan^l Stoner leave to include in one patent four hundred Acres of land already patented with the land whereon he lives in Goochland County.

To Charles Lynch 1000 Acres adjoining to the land of John Carter Esq^r & that of Charles Hudson at prospect & to the land of the s^d Hudson on Hardware River in Goochland County

To Dan^l Stoner 1500 Acres in Goochland County adjoining to his land already Survey'd at great Guinea beginning on John Bostwicks line & running Such Courses on both sides of the Creek as will include that quantity with leave to have an inclusive patent for both Tracts.

To Charles Fisher 1000 Acres on both sides Nottoway River beginning three or four Miles above Capt. Evans quarter on the s^d River in Brunswick County.

To Stephen Chastain leave to include in one patent 513 Acres lying in Several Tracts or Dividends but contiguous part of the Same being within the bounds of the Manakin Town

To Joseph Wilkinson 1000 in the fork of Tally's horse pen branch & running over the lower branch including his former Survey in Prince George County.

To Samuel Glover 1200 Acres in one or more Tracts on Slate River beginning upon the River about a Mile below the Fork at a white Oak marked SG & running up both branches to compleat that quantity and 1000 more on the poison'd or Indian Field lying on both sides the path leading from the fork of James River to Buckingham near the land of W^m Kennon both being in Goochland County

June 14th 1733

Present

The Governour

M^r Com^r Blair

W^m Byrd

Cole Diggs

John Robinson

John Carter

W^m Dandridge

John Custis Esq^r

Whereas Certain Hogsheads or Casks of Tob^o said to have been passed by the Inspectors at Roys Gibsons & Conways Warehouses last year have been sent back from Bristol as altogether unmerchantable & unfit to be exported according to the Directions of the Act of Assembly this Board being desirous to know the Condition of the s^d Tob^o & by which of the s^d Inspectors the Same was view'd & pass'd have thought fit to order as it is hereby Ordered that John Robinson & John Taylor Esq^r Thomas Lee Nicholas Smith & Charles Grymes Gent or any three of them do examine into the Quality & Condition of the s^d Tob^o & if they find the same to be bad to enquire by whom & at what Warehouse the Same was inspected & past & to make report thereof to this Board together with what proofs they can find of it's being past in the Condition it now is.

The Account of his Majestys Revenue of 2s per hh^d ending the 25th of April last &

Also the account of his Majesty's Revenues of Quit rents ending the same time being Severally examin'd by the Deputy Auditor were presented by the Rec^d Gen^l all who made Oaths thereto & were Certified by the Governour in the usual manner—

Whereas by Order of this Board bearing date the 15th of December last upon a Representation from the Court of Hanover County concerning the affixing the dividing line between that County & Goochland the Justices of Goochland County were directed on the third day of last

April General Court to signify their Objections (if any they had) against uniting the s^d Boundary as proposed in the s^d representation and whereas the s^d Justices of Goochland County have hitherto taken no Notice of the s^d Order It is this day Ordered by the Governour in Council that unless Sufficient cause be shewn on the part of the Justices of Goochland County on the third day of the next General Court that then Directions be given for uniting the afs^d dividing Line parallel as that of Spotsylvania Pursuant to the desire of the Justices Inhabitants of the s^d County of Hanover

At a Council held at the Capitol the 17th day of October 1733

Present

The Governor

James Blair

Cole Digges

John Robinson

John Carter

John Grymes

Will^m Dandridge

John Custis

Wil Randolph &

John Tayloe Esq^r

On hearing this day in Council the Petition of divers of the Inhabitants of S^t George's Parish in the County of Spotsylvania, complaining that the Vestry of the said Parish have Ordered two new Churches to be built neither of which are any way convenient to the upper Inhabit^{ts} of the said Parish, and on Considering what was [said] on behalf of the Vestry, it appearing to the Board, that no Complaint was offered to [by] any of the Inhabitants, until a long time after the said Churches were begun to be built, and that the same is now so far proceeded in, that the work cannot be interrupted without putting the Parish to a very great & considerable Charge It is the opinion of this Board That the said Petition be rejected; but Nevertheless that the said Vestry according to the Proposal this day made in their behalf do with all Convenient Speed cause a Chappel of Ease to be built for the Use of the upper Inhabitants of the said Parish as shall be found most suitable for that Purpose

On hearing at this Board the matter in dispute between the Inhabitants & Vestry of North Farnham Parish in the County of Richmond It is Ordered by the Governor with the Advice of the Council that the new Church proposed by the said Vestry be built at the Place already appointed but so as the Charge of such Building be raised & Levved in such manner and within such time as may be most for the Ease of the People inhabiting the said Parish

October 22^d 1733*Present*

The Governor

James Blair
 William Byrd
 John Robinson
 John Carter
 John Grymes

William Dandridge
 John Custis
 Wil Randolph
 John Tayloe &
 Phil Lightfoot Esq^r

Pursuant to His Majesty's Warrant under his Roial Sign Manuel bearing date the 9th day of April 1733 Philip Lightfoot Esq^r having first taken the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, the abjuration Oath mentioned in the Act of Parliament made in the first Year of His late Majesty's Reign and subscribed the Test, was this day Sworn & admitted one of His Majesty's Council

October 24th 1733*Present*

The Governor

James Blair
 William Byrd
 John Robinson
 John Carter
 John Grymes

Wil Dandridge
 John Custis
 Wil Randolph
 John Tayloe &
 Philip Lightfoot Esq^r

Ordered

That the General Assembly be further prorogued to Thursday the 14th day of February next, and that a Proclamation issue accordingly

Present Cole Digges Esq^r

Pursuant to His Majestys Warrant under his Roial Sign Manuel bearing date the xth of April 1733 Thomas Lee Esq^r having first taken the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, to be taken instead of the Oaths of Alegiance & Supremacy, the Abjuration Oath mentioned in the Act of Parliament made in the first Year of His late Majesty's Reign, and subscribed the Test was this day sworn and admitted one of His Majesty's Council

Present Thomas Lee Esq^r

Henry Lee Gentleman was this day appointed Naval Officer and Collector of the Virginia Duties in the District of South Potowmack in the Room of Thomas Lee Esq^r now one of His Majesty's Council

Ordered

That John Taylor one of the Inspectors at Conway's Warehouse be, for his Misbehaviour removed from his said Office, and

That M^r William Johnson be appointed in his Room
 William Fantleroy jun^r Gent is appointed Inspector at Nailor's
 hole, in the Room of Richard Barnes
 Francis Redford is appointed Inspector at Shokoes Warehouse in
 the room of John Redford

October 27th 1733

Present

The Governor

James Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	Wil Dandridge
Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	Wil Randolph
John Carter	Phil Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq ^r	

Charles Broadwater and George Harrison Gent are appointed In-
 spectors at Hunting Creek, in the Room of M^r Ellsee and M^r Awbry
 removed for their Misbehaviour in their Office

John Payne Gent is appointed Inspector at Brays Church Ware-
 house in the room of Abrm Barnes

Samuel Harwood and James Williams Inspectors at Soans's Ware-
 house having misbehaved themselves in their Office are therefore re-
 moved, and Thomas Ballard and Dacy Southall are appointed in their
 Room

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace be issued for the County of
 Stafford, and that M^r Anthony Thornton be placed in the said Com-
 mission according to his former Rank, and that Chaundler Fowke and
 Hugh French be added to the said Commission

For the better ascertaining the bounds between the Counties of
 Hanover and Goochland It is this day Ordered, upon the Representa-
 tion of the Justices of the said County of Hanover that from the place
 where the Bounds between the said Countys were formerly marked,
 a Line be run Parallel with that of the County of Spotsylvania, and ex-
 tending as far as the great Mountains, and that the same be run and
 mark'd at the joint Charge of the said Counties of Goochland and
 Hanover, at such time as the Courts of the said Counties shall think fitt;
 unless the respective Surveyors shall agree to run the same sooner at
 their own Expençe.

October 29th 1733*Present*

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair
 John Robinson
 John Carter
 John Grymes

Wil Dandridge
 John Custis
 Wil Randolph &
 Thomas Lee Esq^r

The Accounts of Contingent Charges for the last half Year and also the Account for Repairs about the Governor's House were this day Examined and allowed

Whereas Cap Robert Long of His Majesties Ship did in the Year 1729, retake a Sloop which had been Piratically seised and taken away from this Colony and brought the Persons concerned therein, back to this Colony; to be tryed for the said Offence. It is the opinion of this Board and accordingly Ordered That His Majestys Receiver Gen^l do send for a handsom peice of Plate not exceeding the Value of fifty Pounds Sterling to be given to the said Cap Long as an Acknowledgement from this Government for the said Service

Henry Fitzhugh Esq^r representing to this Board That upon a late Survey of a Tract of Land granted by Patent to one Motts being formerly in the County of Essex now Spotsylvania he hath discovered that the said Tract doth contain seventeen Thousand Acres of Land within the Lines thereof more than is expressed in the said Patent and praying a new Grant of the said Tract according to the true Quantity and bounds as the same is settled between him & Col^o Spotswood the adjoining Patentee, It is Ordered That a new Patent Be granted him according to the Prayer of his Petition and that he be discharged of all Arrears of Quit Rents for the said surplus Land, in consideration of his having made the first Discovery thereof himself

November 1st, 1733*Present*

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair
 Cole Digges
 John Grymes

John Custis
 Wil Randolph
 John Tayloe &
 Thomas Lee Esq^r

On reading at this Board the Petition of James Langton of the Ship Trafford of Liverpoole, seting forth that having built the said Ship in the lower district of James River in this Colony with intent to proceed with her to Maryland in Ballast as soon as his Sails & Rigging (which he daily expects) shall arive without taking in any other Goods or Merchandizes here, and praying that as well the Ship Trafford as that Ship which shall bring in the Sails and Rigging for her, may be

exempted from the payment of Port Duties, and the other Charges due upon Entry, and the said Sails and Rigging allowed to be landed by a permit only It is this day Ordered by the Governor with the Advice of the Council that the said Ship Trafford be exempted from the payment of the Port Duties and Governors Dues if she clears out only in her Ballast, and That for such Ship as shall import the Sails Rigging and Furniture of the Ship Trafford and unlade no other Goods or Merchandize here, Permitt be granted by the Officers without oblidging her to enter, and that no Port Duties be charged, except the Fee for such permitt only.

Present

William Byrd & Will Dandridge Esq^{rs}

John Hayes of the County of Gloucester being Examined before this Board, touching his Knowledge of the transporting From that County divers Hogsheads of Tobacco to be Inspected in Cherrystone's Warehouse in Northampton County, declared That he carried twenty five hogsheads belonging to sundry Persons in Order to be inspected & passed at Cherrystones Warehouse, That the Tobacco therein was such as would not have passed at any of the Warehouses in Gloucester County, but yet in his Opinion better than any he saw at Cherrystones, That the Inspectors there only opened one head of each hogshead, & drew some Samples, but did not strip off the Cask nor Examine into the Tare, That he was informed by Cap Brookes of the Ship Haswell, That he likewise carried Tobacco to that Inspection and gave for a Reason that the Inspectors there never uncased any Tobacco, by which means he could have a quicker dispatch than at any of the other Houses; On Consideration of the Premises It is Ordered that M' Scott and M' Savage the Inspectors of the said Warehouse of Cherrystones be suspended from their said Office

Ordered

That Luke Milner and Thomas Samford Gent be appointed Inspectors at Totuskie in the room of Thomas Nash and Henry Myseall who for Neglect of their Duty are removed

Ordered

That Ralph Crutchfield one of the Inspectors at Page's Warehouse be removed from his said Office for his Misbehaviour therein

John Justice is appointed Inspector at Pitts's Warehouse in the Room of Griffith Savage who hath resigned

Ordered

That Burr Harrison late Inspector at Quantico Warehouse be removed from his said Office for his Misbehaviour and that M' John Dishkin be appointed in his Room.

Ordered

That Samuel Davis and Thomas Applewhite Inspectores at Wainrights Warehouse in the County of Isle of Wight be removed from their said Office for their Misbehaviour therein

M^r John Lee is appointed Inspector at Marleborough in the room of Benjamin Strother who is hereby removed

Armistead Churchill Gent was this day appointed Naval Officer of the District of Rappahanock in the Room of Charles Carter Gent who hath resigned

Present Jn^o Robinson Esq^r

On reading this day at the Board a Report of John Tayloe and Thomas Lee Esq^{rs} and Charles Grymes Gent appointed by Order of this Board bearing date the XIVth day of June last to Examine the Condition and Quality of certain Casks of Tob^o said to be passed at Roys and other Warehouses in Rappahannock and consigned to M^r Lyonel Lyde Merch^t in Bristol and by him returned as unmerchantable, It appearing to the Board That one hogshead of the said Tobacco Stamped with the Mark of Conways Inspection was entirely rotten and unmerchantable occasioned by its being prized in too high Case, and that one other Hogshead of Tobacco Stamped at Totuskie Warehouse is for the most part small thin Scentless Tobacco, and unfit to have been passed, which said two hogsheads of Tobacco being proved to be the same Cask and Tobacco Ship'd from the above mentioned Warehouses in the Richmond of Bristol and returned hither by the same Ship by the Affidavits of John Washbourn and Josiah Cox Coopers in Bristol and certified by the Mayor of the said City, It is the Opinion of this Board and accordingly Ordered that unless John Roy late Inspector at Conways and Thomas Right Belfield late Inspector at Totuskie do justifie themselves as to their part in passing the said Tobacco they be forthwith removed from the Office they now hold as Inspectors and in Case the persons concerned in passing the said Tobacco as well those already removed as those yet employ'd do not immediately make satisfaction for the Damage M^r Lyde has sustained thereby the Bonds given by them respectively for the due Discharge of their Office be put in Suit

A Complaint having been made against Townsend Dade and John Washington Gent Inspectors at Boyd's Hole for irregular passing of Tobacco, after the time limited by Act of Assembly for that purpose: They were this day heard at the Board, and upon their shewing sufficient Cause of Excuse It is Ordered that they be continued in the same Office.

Several Petitions for Land were read & granted as follows Viz^t

To William Byrd Esq^r three thousand Acres in Brunswick County begining at the Dividing Line between this Colony and North Carolina upon Sugar Tree Creek and running down the said Creek til it empty's it self into Hico-otomony thence down Hico-Otomony to the Mouth of it to make up that Quantity in one or more Surveys

And one thousand Acres more in the Fork of Roanoke in Brunswick County runing up from the point of the said Fork up both the North & South Branch of the River to include that Quantity

To Anthony Hoggat, John Cosby, Thomas Walker, John Phelps & Joseph Dabbs Six thousand Acres on the Southside of James River

begining on the South Fork of Willis's Creek at a small Beaver Pond above the Mountains, including all the Land between the South and Main fork and Branches of Appomattox, to compleat that Quantity and two thousand acres more on the South side James River on State Run or great Creek, begining on a large branch on the South side of the Creek & runing on both sides the same, formerly known by the Name of Cap Holman's Entry

To Richard Jones two thousand Acres on the lower side of West's Creek, including his several Entrys already made in Prince George County

To Samuel Temple five hundred Acres adjoining to the Lands whereon he now lives, on the North side of Warwick Swamp in Prince George County

To Thomas Haynes Gent twenty five hundred Acres in Prince George County including the Land purchased by the Pet^r from Stephen Eavans, & Theophilus Feilds on both sides Stony Creek

To John Hall two thousand acres on the North side Meherrin River including his Land already granted him in Brunswick County

To Francis Bressie twelve hundred Acres lying between the Lines of Henry Maynard Isham Eppes W^m Browder, Fra Eppes Edward Smith & Thomas Hudson between Gravely Run and Stony Creek on both sides Sapony Road in Prince George County

To Daniel Johnson Eight hundred Acres on the North side James River, binding on the Lines of David Min Thomas Bolloco, Henry Webb, Thomas Friend & Richard Dean in Goochland County

To Drury Stith Gent, two thousand Acres on the South side of Allen's Creek & on the second Fork thereof in Brunswick County

To Daniel Stoner fifteen hundred Acres adjoining to his Land already surveyed at great Guinea in Goochland County begining on John Bostock's Line, and runing such Courses on both sides of the Creek as will include that Quantity and that he may have an Inclusive Patent for the whole

To John Ragland one thousand Acres lying between the Lines of Richard Harris, John Hudson, himself & others in Hanover County, and that he may have an Inclusive Patent for the same with two hundred Acres purchased by the Pet^r of Thomas Denton

To James Watson Eleven hundred Acres lying on the Branches of Harris's Creek adjoining to Clough's line 'in Hanover County and that he may have an Inclusive patent for the same with four hundred Acres already patented by the Petitioner

To Thomas Nunnelly six hundred Acres on the South side of Stoney Creek in Prince George County

To John Ragland one thousand Acres in Hanover County lying on Poor Creek on the North side the Southanna adjoining to the Lands of Robert Netherland John Smething Francis Smething, John Woodey & Col^o Nich^o Merriweather

To Feild Jefferson Eight hundred Acres lying between Knibs and Flatt Creek in Prince George County

To George Marchbanks one thousand Acres on the South side Appomattox River in Prince George County

To William Russel one thousand Acres in Prince George County including his other Land on the second Swamp of Black Water

To John Williamson one thousand Acres in Henrico County adjoining to his Land already Patented beginning on the Ufnam Brooke of Chikahominy Swamp thence down the said Brooke to the Nothern Branch thence up the said Branch to the Lines of John Watson thence on his Lines to the Lines of William Patman thence on Patman's Lines to the Lines of Henry Stokes thence on the Lines of the said Stokes to the Lines of John Langford thence on his Lines to the Lines of the said Williamson thence on his Lines to the Lines of Price and so to the said Ufnam Brook to include that Quantity and to have an Inclusive Patent for the same with his other Land thereto adjoining

To Isham Randolph Gent fifteen hundred Acres lying between the Lines of Joseph Jackson, Leonard Ballow, Thomas Carter, John Bolling, Walter Clopton, Thomas Ballow & Tarleton Fleming, and that he may have an Inclusive Patent for the same with the Land purchased of Joseph Badly Thomas Pleasants and Thomas Friend lying on the North side of James River on the Branches thereof and the Branches of Licking hole Creek als Treasurers Run and binding on the Lines of Daniel Johnston in Goochland County

To Thomas Neal one thousand Acres of Land in the Beaver Pond of Deep Creek in Prince George County

On the Petition of John Smith & Sarah his Wife, John Darracott and Cecelia his Wife, James Massey William Massy, Thomas Pinchback & Elizabeth his Wife Mary Massy and Thomas Massy Devises of Thomas Massy late of the County of New Kent dec^d, setting forth, That the said Thomas having sometime before his Death taken up & surveyed four thousand Acres of Land lying on the little Bird in the County of Goochland, and returned the Plan thereof with the Rights into the Secretarys Office, and supposing that the patent for the same had been then pass'd in due form, on the 12th day of January 1731 made his last Will & Testament, and thereby did devise to the Petitioners the said four thousand Acres of Land in Fee simple in the Proportions following Viz' To the said James Massy five hundred Acres, To William Massy one Thousand Acres, To each of his Daughters Eliz^a Pinchback Sarah Smith Cicelia Darracott and Mary Massy five hundred Acres and the pet^r Thomas Massy his Nephew five hundred Acres the residue of the said Tract, That after the Decease of the Testator it came to be discovered that the Patent for the said Tract of Land was not signed, 'til some daies after his Death; And praying that for avoiding any Disputes that may arise touching their Title to the said Lands, They may be allowed to divide the said Tract, and to sue out separate Patents for their respective shares thereof according to the Will of the Testator It is thereupon Ordered that leave be given to the Pet^r upon there surrendering the Patent granted the said Dec^d Thomas Massy to divide the said four thousand Acres and to take out Distinct Patents for their respective Shares divided to them, according to the Prayer of their Petition.

Nov^r 2^d 1733

Present

The Governour

M ^r Com ^r Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	Wil Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe &
Thomas Lee Esq ^r *	

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of His Majestys Revenues was this day signed by the Governor in Council

Viz^t out of the 2s per hh^d & c

To the Governor half a years Salary end ^d 25 th of Oct ^r Last	£1000,,,—
To the Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council for the same time	175,,,—
To the Judges & Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100,,,—
To the Auditor Gen ^l of the plantation's ½ years Sallary	50,,,—
To the Solicitor Gen ^l of the Virginia Affairs for the same time	50,,,—
To the Attorney General for the same time	20,,,—
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time	50,,,—
To the Ministers attending last General Court	4,,,—
To the Armourer ½ Years Sallary	6,,,—
To the Gunners of the several Batteries for the same time	20,,,—
To William Prentis for sundry Repairs ab ^t the Govern ^r House	43,, 1,, 9½
To the same for Contingent Charges & sundry Expresses	440,, 6,, 1½
To Col ^o Alexander Spotswood in full of his Demands for his Services & Expences in the Treaty with the Northern Indians pursuant to His Majesty's Warrant	936,,12,—

And out of the Quit Rents

To M ^r Com ^r Blair ½ Year's Salary end ^d the 25 th of October	50,,,—
To the Attorney General for the same time	30,,,—

The Account of His Majesty's Revenue of 2s per hh^d port Duties & Head money ending the 25th of October last being Examined by the Deputy Auditor was this day laid before the Governor and Council by His Majestys Receiver General who made Oath thereto and the same was certified by the Governor as usual

On the application of the Officers of His Majestys Revenue Ordered that they be empowered to issue a number of Rights not exceeding the value of five hundred Pounds Sterl to be disposed to such persons as shall have Occasion to take Grants of His Majestys Lands

On the application of the Ex^r of the last Will & Testament of Philip Ludwell Esq^r dec^d praying the approbation of this Board for the Manumiting of Johnathan Pearse a Slave belonging to the Estate of the said decd in Consideration of his faithful Services as well before as since the Death of his said Master, and of his having delivered to them one other Slave pursuant to a Clause in the said Will of the Testator empowering them to exchange any of his Slaves on Consideration of the Premises This Board do approve of the said Johnathan's being Manumitted & set free, of which all Persons whom it may concern are hereby required to take Notice

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace issue for Brunswick County and that Thomas Wilson and William Haywood Gent be added to the present Justices in the said Commission

At a Council held at the Capitol Dec^r 12th 1733

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Grymes
Wil Dandridge

John Custis
Wil Randolph
John Tayloe
Phil Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq^r

Ordered

That the General Assembly be further Prorogued to Thursday the XIVth day of May next, and that a Proclamation be prepared and issued accordingly.

Joseph Norfleet is appointed an Inspector at Lawrence's Warehouse in the room of Nicholas Parker, who for Neglect of his Duty is removed from that Office.

On reading at the Board a Letter from Col^o Nicholas Smith of the County of King George, complaining of M^r Richard Booker one of the Inspectors at Roys and Gibson's Warehouses for Misdemeanours in his Office, and the Certificate produced under the hands of the principal Inhabitants of the Counties of King George & Caroline, testifying that the said Richard Booker is not only a Person well qualified for that Office, but diligent & impartial in the Discharge thereof, It is the Opinion of this Board that the said Booker be Continued in his Office notwithstanding the said Complaint

On hearing this day at the Board the Subject matter of the Complaint of Charles Grymes Gent against Thomas Samford together with what was alledged in behalf of the said Samford It is the Opinion of

this Board that he be not removed from his said Office until it shall appear that he hath misbehaved himself therein

Present

John Carter Esq^r

William Beverly Gent having entered a Caveat for Stopping a Patent sued out by Jacob Stover for a Tract of Land lying on both sides Sherrando River, and in the second Fork thereof, On hearing the Parties by their Council It is the Opinion of this Board and accordingly Ordered That a Patent be granted the said Stover For y^e Tract of Land in dispute, pursuant to the grant thereof made to him in the year 1730, and that the said Caveat be set aside

On hearing the Matter in Dispute between James Petillo and Sarah Archer Widdow of Roger Archer dec^d for Land in the County of Prince George surveyed for the said Petillo, It is Ordered that the said Petillo have a Patent for the whole Tract of Land surveyed for him including the Plantation in dispute he paying to Elizabeth the Daughter of the said Archer the Sum of Five pounds Current Money in Consideration of the Improvements made thereon

James Skelton having entered a Caveat for stopping a Patent sued out by John Bacon Gent for Land in Hanover County found to Escheat to His Majesty from Philip Livermore dec^d, On hearing this day the Parties by their Council, It appearing that the said Skelton was the first that discovered the said Land to be escheated, and hath already obtained a Patent for the same as the Land of Barbara Livermore, hath the most equitable pretention to His Majesty's Favour And it is therefore Ordered that his title thereto be Confirmed by allowing him to sue out a new Patent upon the Inquisition now returned whereby the same is now found to Escheat from Philip Livermore

For the better ascertaining the Limits of the Districts of South Potowmack and Rappahannock It is Ordered That the Indian Creek which Divides The County's of Lancaster & Northumberland be hereafter accounted & taken as Part of the District of Potowmack and that all Vessels trading there, for the Future do enter & clear with the Officers of the said District

Ordered

That M^r Elliot M^r McCarty & M^r Waddy be added to the present Commissioners for the directing the Building & repairing the Warehouses in the County of Westmorland

Sundry Petitions for leave to take up Land were this day read and granted as follows Viz^t

To Arthur Hopkins Gent two thousand Acres in Goochland County begining on Col^o Martin's Line on the great Bird Creek thence to Berringer's Tract & extending on both sides that Tract to Gum Creek and the Branches of the Round about and down in the dry Branch of the Bird to include that Quantity

To Henry Wood Gent three thousand Acres in Goochland Count in one or more Surveys begining a Mile below the Line of Robert Adams

and William Adkins on Mychuck Creek runing into the Northside of the North Branch of James River

To Stephen Hughes and Tarleton Fleming Six thousand Acres in Goochland County on both sides of Willis's Creek and between the Lines of Col^o Benjamin Harrison, M^r William Mayo James Cunningham Jacob Winfry, George Briggs and M^r Henry Cary including four hundred Acres already surveyed for the Petitioners

To William Richards one thousand Acres upon the West side of Gravelly Run on Edmund Browden's Line in Prince George County

To John Hall two thousand Acres adjoining to the petitioner's land purchased of Daniel Hicks on the South Side of Meherrin River in Brunswick County

To Joshua Fry on thousand Acres on the West side of his patented Land in S^t Mark's Parish (formerly S. George's) in Spotsylvania County with Leave to take out an Inclusive Patent for the whole

To Thomas Carr three thousand Acres in the Fork of the North Fork of James River above the little Mountains adjoining to the Petitioner's former Surveys in Hanover County including Eight hundred Acres already surveyed for the Petitioner

To Joseph Dabbs and Thomas Walker twenty five hundred Acres begining on Randolph's Creek on the upper side of Willis's Creek thence on both sides the said Creek including Eight hundred Acres already survey'd for the Petitioners in Goochland county

To Stephen Gill one thousand Acres lying between the Second Branch and West Branch of Swift Creek in Henrico County

To Joseph Wilkinson one thousand Acres adjoining to his former Survey, and along the Lines of Benjamin Ward & extending up and over the Branches of Nebb's Creek to include that Quantity

To Daniel Sturdivant & James Sturdivant Eight hundred Acres between the Main Deep Creek, and the Seller Fork thereof in the County of Prince George to include four hundred Acres formerly granted Daniel Sturdivant one of the Petitioners

On the Petition of Samuel Cobbs representing that sometime ago he obtained an Order of this Board for four thousand Acres of Land lying on the Southside of Swift's Creek in Henrico County in the Year 1724 for Benjamin Bradly & Joshua Gee of London Merchants & others, and by them deserted, and having now obtained the Original Survey of the said Land from the Person who survey'd the same praying he may have a patent granted him according to the Bounds described therein without being obliged to Resurvey the Same; It is Ordered that a Patent be granted him according to the Prayer of his said Petition

At a Council held at the Capitol the XXIII April 1734

Present

The Governor

Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Grymes

Wil Randolph
John Tayloe
Phil Lightfoot &

Thomas Lee Esq^r

On reading this day at the Board a Memorial of John Colvil Francis Awbry Dennis McCarty and Richard Osbourn Gen^r four of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Prince William complaining of Divers Misdemeanors & Irregular Practices of John Mercer an Attorney in the said Court, and praying Redress therein It is Ordered (that for the more speedy Enquiry into the truth of the Matters contain'd in the said Complaint) John Tayloe & Thomas Lee Esq^r do meet at the House of Henry Fitzhugh Esq^r In Stafford County on Munday the XIII of May next and there in Conjunction with any other Member of His Majesty's Council who shall think fit to be present, take the Examination of all such Witnesses as either the Complainants or the said John Mercer shall desire to be sworn and Examined in relation to the Premises so as such Examination do not Extend to any Offence or Misbehaviour preceeding the time of the said Mercer's being Lycensed to practice as an Attorney, And it is further Ordered that all Persons who shall be served with this Order to appear as Witnesses for either party at the time and place aforesaid do accordingly give their attendance; and that the Clerk of Stafford County do also attend to take the said Examinations, And to the End the Complainants may be the better enabled to prosecute their Charge, The Clerk of the County of Prince William is hereby directed to permit the Compl^t to have access to the Records of the said Court, and the s^r Clerk is also Ordered to Attend the Commissioners appointed to take the aforesaid Examinations, and to bring with him as well the Record Book of the Orders and Judgments of the said Court as the Minute Book of the Orders since the time the said Mercer was sworn an Attorney there, and after the Examination of the Witnesses on both sides are finished The said Commissioners are to make Return thereof to the Council Office and the Parties heard thereon at the Court of Oyer and Terminer held in June next

Present

M^r Com^r Blair, William Byrd & John Custis Esq^r

On reading a Petition from the Inhabitants on the North West side the Blew Ridge of Mountains, praying that some persons may be appointed as Magistrates to determine Differences and punish Offenders in regard the Petitioners live far remote from any of the established Counties within the Colony It is the Opinion of the Council that Joost

Hyte, Morgan Morgan, John Smith Benjamin Bourden and George Hobson be appointed Justices within the Limits aforesaid, and that they be added to the Comⁿ of the Peace for the County of Spotsylvania, until there be a sufficient Number of Inhabitants on the North West side of the said Mountains to make a County of itself, But that the Perons above named be not Oblidged to give their Attendance as Justices of the Court of the County of Spotsylvania

A Petition of the Inhabitants on Sherrando River in behalf of themselves & others intending to settle there praying that an Address may be made to His Majesty to remit to the s^t Inhabitants the Quit Rents of their Lands for a Tern not Exceeding Twelve Years as an Encouragement for the more speedy peopleing that remote place of this Dominion; and

Also a Petition of Vincent Pearse William Allen & Charles Chiswell Gent in behalf of themselves & others praying a Grant of Sixty Thousand Acres of Land on the West side the River Cohungorooton and bounding Notherly on the East & West Lines of the Proprietors of Pensylvania were severally read at the Board, and thereupon it was resolved that Application be made to His Majesty for removing all Obstructions to the Settlement of that part of the Country & for granting such Temporary Exemptions and Encouragements to such of His Majesty's Subjects, and forreign Protestants as shall come to inhabit there, as His Majesty shall judge most proper for the speedy Settlement of that Frontier And a further Consideration of the said last mentioned Petition is postponed

The Governor was pleas'd to Nominate & appoint the following Persons to be Sherifs the ensuing Year Viz^t

For the County of

Norfolk	Matthew Godfrey
Isle of Wight	Thomas Gale
Richmond	Leroy Griffin
Nancemond	Thomas Godwin
James City	William Marrable
King & Queen	John Camm
Charles City	Edward Broadnax
Caroline	Walter Chiles
Stafford	Phil Alexander
King William	Henry Webber
Prince George	John Beard
Prince William	Joseph Hudnall
Northampton	John Stratton
Goochland	George Paine
Surry	Thomas Avant
York	Franc ^s Hayward
Brunswick	George Walton
Middlesex	Armistead Churchill
Hannover	David Crafford
Lancaster	Hugh Brent

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Charles City, and that John Minns Ju^r James Eppes & Francis Dance be added to the present Justices in the said Commission

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Lancaster, and that John Heal, Joseph Heal William Tayloe Joseph Chinn, Joseph Carter, & William Steptoe Gent be added to the present Justices in the said Commission

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace issue for the County's of Middlesex & Richmond, and that a greater Number of Justices be added to the Quorum in the said Commissions respectively

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Prince George, and that Richard Jones & Charles Irby Gent be added to the present Justices in the said Commission

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of James City & that the Quorum be enlarged & that Abraham Nicholas & William Prentiss be added to the present justices in the s^d Commission

Ordered

That the General Assembly be further prorogued to the fourth Thursday in August next, & then to Meet to proceed on Business

Whereas Richard Booker, was upon Complaint of Sundry Inhabitants of King George County removed from his Office of Inspector at Roy's & Gibson's Warehouses, and it appearing that the Complainants were misinformed, and are now desirous to have him restored. It is Ordered he be restored accordingly.

His Majesty's Warrant countersigned by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Com^{rs} of His Majesty's Treasury & bearing Date the 16th day of December 1733 was this day read at the Board appointing an additional Salary of £250 per annum to the Members of His Majesty's Council to commence from the 25th of October last, and also confirming to the Adjutant for the time being the Sall^{try} of £150 per annum and directing the payment of the arrears thereof, And also Confirming the allowance of five and 5/8 per C^t to the Receiver General for Enabling him to remitt by Bills of Exchange the Money he is obliged to Receive for His Majesty's Quit Rents And it is Ordered that His Majesty's said Warrant be entered on the Council Books

The Govern^r was pleased to acquaint the Council that since their meeting last December William Craddock one of the Inspectors at Williams's Warehouse & John Roy one of the Inspect^{rs} at Roys & Gibson's Warehouses are dead & that he had appointed James Quarles in the room of the former & John Roy the younger in the room of the latter.

A Warrant for an additional Salary of £40 per annum to be paid to His Majesty's Attorney General was produced at the Board & Read, and Ordered to be Lodged with the Receiver General of His Majestys Revenues

April 30th 1734*Present*

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair
 W^m Byrd
 Cole Digges
 John Robinson
 John Carter

John Custis
 William Randolph
 John Tayloe
 Phil Lightfoot &
 Thomas Lee Esq^r

Ordered

That M^r Henry Fleet be appointed Coroner for the County of Lancaster

On Reading of a Letter from M^r Robert Brooke Surveyor of the Lands on Sherrando River, It is ordered That the said Robert Brooke do prepare a Map of the Lands lying on the said River and attend this Board with the same at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer for the better Explaining what is contained in the said Letter.

Whereas the Sallary allowed to the Gunner at York is judged too small & disproportioned to his Service it is Ordered that forty Shillings Sterling Per Ann be aded to his former Salary and paid him for the Future

The Account of Contingent Charges for the last half Year, and also the Account for Reparations about the Governors House to the 25th Instant, were this day regulated, and allowed.

A Petition of Thomas Nelson and other Creditors of William Major a Prisoner in the Public Goal was read & ordered to be referr'd 'till his Majestys Pleasure be known concerning him

May 4th 1734*Present*

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair
 William Byrd
 Cole Digges

John Custis
 Wil Randolph
 Phil Lightfoot &
 Thomas Lee Esq^r

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of His Majesty's Revenues were this Day signed by the Governor in Council Viz'

out of the 2s per hh^d & c

To the Governor half a years Salary end ^d 25 th April 1734	£1000,,,—
To the Gent ^l of the Council ½ years Salary end ^d the same time	300,,,—

To the Judges & Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held in Dec ^r last	100,,—,—
To the Auditor Gen ^l half a year's Salary as above	50,,—,—
To the Soll ^r of the Virg ^a Affairs for the same time	50,,—,—
To the Kings Att ^y General for the same time	60,,—,—
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time	50,,—,—
To the Ministers for their Attend ^o last Gen ^l Court	4,,—,—
To the Armourer $\frac{1}{2}$ Years Salary	6,,—,—
To the Gunners of the several Batteries	20,,—,—
To W ^m Prentis for Repairs ab ^t the Governors House	79,,13,, 8
To sundry Contingent Charges	401,, 1,, 1
To the Adjutants Salary from 25 th Oct ^r 1732 to the 25 th April	225,,—,—

And out of the Quit Rents

To M ^r Com ^r Blair half a Years Salary	50,,—,—
To the Att ^y General half a Years Salary	43,, 6,, 8

The Account of His Majesty's Revenue of 2s per hh^a ending the 25th of April last, being examined by the Auditor was sworn to by the Receiver General, and Certified by the Governor as Usual

Eliz^a Major the Wife of William Major now a Prisoner in the public Goal, and reprieved until His Majestys Pleasure be signified having by her Petition represented the ill State of Her said Husband's Health occasioned by his long Confinement, and that his Life is in Eminent Danger unless he can be removed to a better Air, Which Allegations being confirmed by the Report of Physicians It is the Opinion of this Board and accordingly Ordered That the said William Major be enlarged out of Prison for the Recovery of His Health upon his entring into Bond with good & Sufficient Security to render his Body to the s^d Goal whenever the same shall be required

Charles Whitfeild of Leverpoole Mariner representing to this Board that he hath lately huilt in Elizabeth River a Ship called the Goodwin for Acc^a of divers Merchants resideing at the said Port of Leverpoole and that he speedily expects the Rigging and tackle for fitting the said ship to be sent into this Colony and Landed at Hampton by a Vessel bound up the Bay to Maryland, and praying that the said Rigging & take may be allowed to be landed without obliging the Vessel importing the same to make an Entry or to pay the Port Duties, This Board taking the same into Consideration, and judging the desire of the Pet^r to be reasonable hath Ordered as it is hereby Ordered That the Tackle & Rigging of the said Ship Goodwin be allowed to be landed by Permit without obliging the Master of the Vesel importing the same to make an Entry or charging any other Fees or Dues than for the Permitt only Provided no Goods or Merchandizes be landed out of such Vessel other than the Tackle & Rigging of the Ship aforesaid.

Jesse de la Monteny Master of a Sloop belonging to Maryland having put in to Hampton to repair his said Vessel being very leaky, and finding since that she is incapable of performing the intended

Voiage, has been Oblidged to dispose of her Lading of Indian Corn, On his Petition, he hath Liberty to depart on his return to Mary Land without paying the Port Duties or other Fees at the said Port of which the Officers of the said Port are to take Notice & to Conform themselves accordingly

Robert Turner having been Examined and reported qualifeyed on his Petition hath Lycence granted him to practice as an Attorney at the County Courts

On the application of John Simmons Gent in behalf of himself and other Inhabitants of Isle of Wight County, Wednesday next following the Court of Oyer & Terminer in June next is appointed for hearing the said Inhabitants and the Justices of the said County on the Subject Matter of their Petition formerly Exhibited to this Board touching the fixing a Place near the Center of the County for holding their Courts

On the Petition of Richard Meux Son and Heir of John Meux late of the County of New Kent dec^d Leave is granted him to sue out an Inclusive patent for seven hundred Acres of Marsh and sunken Grounds in the said County two hundred thereof being granted to the said John Meux by Patent & 500 surveyed by him in his Lifetime according to the Platt & Certificate annexed to the said Petition

Sundry Petitions for leave to enter for & Survey uncultivated Land were read & granted as follows Viz^t

To William Moore one thousand Acres in Prince George County at the Indian Swamp & joining to the County Line thence to Warico Branch & John Floyds Line in the Fork of Beasely Branch and the said Indian Swamp to compleat the said Quantity

To William Chamberlayne Anthony Hoggat & Joseph Dabbs six thousand Acres in Goochland County adjoining to the Land entered for by the said Hoggat and Dabbs, John Cosby Thomas Walker and John Phelps, and extending along the back of that Tract Southerly and Westerly to and upon Appomattox River to Compleat that Quantity

To George Reeves Eighteen hundred Acres of Land adjoining to his own lands lying on both sides the Cherry Orchard Branch of Jones Hole runing along the County line Richad Hills line, Cutbert Williamson's line, and Richard Carlisles Line in Surry County and that he may have an inclusive patent to Compleat that Quantity.

To Isham Randolph Three Thousand acres of Land to joyn in one patent lying Contiguous part purchased and part lately Surveyed in Goochland County

To William Blockly one thousand acres of Land begining at William Sammons's Corner Tree a Little below the flatt Rock on Wagner Creek and down the said Creek as it meanders until it joyns Williams's line and along his line to marked Trees out into the Woods to take its Breadth joyning round the said Sammons's Marked Trees to Compleat the Quantity in Brunswick County with liberty to include in one patent the Said Land with the Tract lately purchased by him of William Symes.

To John Richardson one Thousand acres of Land in one or more Surveys on Appomattox River begining at M' Townses Line and Extending up to Sandy River to Compleat that Quantity in Prince George County

To Richard Bland an Inclusive Patent for Six hundred acres of Land adjoining to and including his Patented Land in Meherrin River in the Isle of Weight County.

To Edward Broadnax 1500 Acres of Land on the South Side Roanoke River begining at the mouth of Grassy Creek runing up and down the river to Compleat that Quantity in Brunswick County.

Richard Cocke Gent Setting forth that about fourteen years ago there was Surveyed for one Amos Lad 300 acres of Land on Beverdam Creek in Henrico now in Goochland County that soon after the said Survey the said Amos Lad entred into agreement with Richard Cocke the Pet^r father to Convey the said Land to him as soon as a patent Cou'd be obtained for the same which the said Ladd undertook to sue out in a very short time and according Executed a Bond to the Petitioners father to perfect the said Conveyance and soon after the Petitioners father departed this life having first made his last Will and Testament and thereby devised the said 300 acres of Land to the Petitioner but the Survey having been made by Francis Eppes Gent Surveyor of Henrico County and the Rights lodged in his Hands in order to obtain that Patent the said Eppes has possessed himself of the afore-said 300 acres of Land and tho the petitioner has often demanded the said Survey and Rights to be delivered to him since his Coming of age Yet he cou'd never obtain the same and praying that the said Francis Eppes shou'd be summoned to appear before this Board to shew Cause why he detained the said survey and Rights and that the Petitioner may be relieved in the premises it is accordingly ordered that the said Francis Eppes be summoned to answer the said Petition at the Council to be held on Wednesday next following the Court of Oyer and Terminer in June next.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 12th June 1734

Present

The honourable William Gooch Esq' Lieu' Governor.

M' Comissary Blair
William Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter
John Grymes

William Dandridge
John Custis
William Randolph
John Tayloe
Philip Lightfoot
Thomas Lee &

George Pheney Esq''

Pursuant to a Warrant under the Sign Manual of the Queens Majestie Guardian of the Kingdom bearing date the 31st of July 1732 George Phenney Esq' Surveyor General of his Majestyes Customs for the Southern District of America having First taken and Subscribed the oaths appointed to be taken instead of the oaths of allegiance and Supremacy the abjuration oath mentioned in the act of Parliam' made in the First year of the Reign of his late Majestie King George the

First and Subscribed the test was Sworne of his Majesties Council and took his place accordingly.

Ordered that M^r Wilson Curle and M^r George Wray be added to the Commission of the Peace for the County of Elizabeth City and that a Commission Issue accordingly.

Ordered that a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Isle of Wight that Matthew Kinchin Samuel Daviss and Henry Applewight Jun^r be added to the present Justices in the said Commission.

William Harwood Jun^r one of the Inspectors at Denby Warehouse desiring to resign that Office M^r Thomas Wills is appointed Inspector in his Room.

Joost Hite having made proof of the Seating the Lands convey'd to him by John & Isaac Vanmader on the western Side Sherrando River by bringing there on to Dwell one Family for Each 1000 acres and also part of the Land granted him & Robert Mackay and others thereunto adjoining, It is Ordered that Patents be granted to the Several Masters of Familys residing there for the Quantitys of Land surveyed for them respectively pursuant to the Condition on which the s^d Land was First taken up and the Surveys now returned into the office.

On hearing this Day at the Board the matter in dispute Between Henry Willis Gent and William Russell touching a Tract of Land Lying in Spotsylvania County on the East side of Sherrando River first taken up by the said Russell and diverse other his partners in the Year 1728. It is ordered that unless the said Russell do at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer to be held in the month of December produ[c]e proper assignments from the Persons who were first Petitioners for the said Land and perfect his Survey of the 10000 acres granted him in Spotsylvania County as part of the 20000 acres formerly allowed for him to Survey on Sherrando River and be ready then to take out his patent for the same he be Excluded from all benefit of his Former Grant so far as Relates to the Land on the East Side Sherrando River and that the Same be granted to the Said Henry Willis and it is Further Ordered that the Survey shall not Extend above ten miles up the River from the beginning at the mouth of Happy Creek.

On Consideration of the Petition of Richard Cocke presented to this Board the Fourth Day of May Last against Amos Ladd & Francis Eppes Gent the said Eppes now appearing being heard It is Ordered that he deliver to the petitioner a Platt and Survey of the 300 acres of Land on Beverdam Creek in Gochland County Formerly Surveyed by him for the aforementioned Amos Ladd and that upon the Petitioners producing Rights he have a Patent granted him For the same.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 12th Day of June 1734

Present

The Governour in Council

On hearing this Day the matter in dispute Between Robert Mackay Joost Hite and others their partners and William Russell touching the right to Certain Lands on Sherrando River Claimed By the said Russell and included within a Grant made to the said Mackay and Hite for 100000 acres It is ordered that M^r Rob^t Brooke do Survey the Ten Thousand acres of Land Granted the said Russell in the Fork of Sherrando so as the said survey do not Extend nearer to the said Robert McKay's present Settlem^t then one mile nor above Ten miles along the River from his begining place at the mouth of the Fork, and if within these bounds he cannot have the aforesaid Quantity of Ten Thousand acres that then the Survey be extended back in a Straight Course from the River towards the north Branch to Compleat the Same And for as much as during the Dispute Between the said partys the Settlement of that Tract Granted to McKay and Hite hath been obstructed Further time is hereby allowed them & their partners until Christmas 1735 to Comply with the Terms of their grant and in the meantime they may proceed to Survey the Same.

On the Petition of Susannah Carner late the wife of Matton for setting aside the Caveat entered by Thomas Jefferson against her patent for the Land of the Said Matton upon her paying her proportionable part of the Charges of suing the Escheat of the said Lands It is ordered that upon her paying to the said Jefferson Six Pounds for her proportion of the said Charges or depositing that Sum in the Secretary's Office in case he refuses to accept thereof a Patent be granted her for that part of her late husbands Land in her possession.

Francis Berkley humbly representing to this Board that in September 1728 he obtained a Patent for 1000 acres of Land in Spotsylvania County but upon resurveying the Same hath discover'd that by a mistake of the Surveyor the Courses mentioned in the Said patent differ From the Courses mark'd upon the Land in that the Second Course which in the said Patent is mentioned to Run North 15 Degrees West ought to have been South 15 Degrees East according to the marked line and the other Courses run upon the Land to Include the quantity Granted him and praying that he may have a new Patent for rectifying the said mistake It is accordingly Ordered that a new patent be granted the said Berkley conformable to the true Courses of his Survey and the Certificate of the Present Surveyor of Spotsylvania County

On the Petition of Henry Willis Gent leave is granted him to take up 10000 acres of Land in Spotsylvania County Begining at the mouth of Happy Creek on the Line of the Land of William Russell and Running Northerly Between Sherrando River and the mountains to Compleat that Quantity.

On the Petition of William Beverly and Robert Brooke Leave is granted them to take up 4000 acres of Land in Spotsylvania County joining to the Land of Charles Burgess Deceased and the great Mountains.

Whereas it hath been represented to this Board that Samuel Isaac Jun^r and Thomas Williams have made it their practice for Some time past to Steal Horses and Comitt other Robbery's among the Inhabitants lately Settled on Sherrando River and after Such Robbery's Committed Find means to conceal themselves in the Countys of Prince William and Spotsylvania It is Ordered that a Reward of Five Pounds Current money be given to any Person or Persons who shall apprehend Either of them the said Isaac or Williams so as he or they be brought to Justice.

Whereas a barbarous Murder was Sometime Since Committed in Spotsylvania County by Some of the Northern Indians and there being just Cause to suspect that the same was done by the Indians of the Nation of the Coonays under the Government of Pennsylvania The Governor is requested to write to the Governor of that province to Enquire into the Truth of the Fact and to use his authority for delivering up the murderers that they may be punish'd for the Said Crime.

June 13th 1734

Present

The Governor

M^r Commissary Blair
William Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter
John Grymes

William Dandridge
John Custis
William Randolph
John Tayloe
Philip Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq^r

Whereas it appears to this Board that Burr Harrison Collector of the Levies and other public dues in the County of Prince William hath Exacted from diverse of the Inhabitants the 20 per Cent allowed them by law for paying the said Levys and Dues by Inspectors Notes under pretence that the Same were paid after the Tenth Day of April It is Ordered that the Said Burr Harrison do forthwith repay to the Several agreived Persons the Tobacco he hath exacted of them on pain of being prosecuted for his Said offence.

Ordered

That there be paid to Major Robert Brooke for his Trouble in preparing a Map of the Lands on the West Side Sherrando River and attending to inform this Board of the Settlements made thereon the Sum of Ten Guineas out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2s per hogshead & c.

On reading at the Board a Petition of Richard Wood in behalf of William Williamson an Infant setting forth that Joseph Williamson Father of the said William Entered for and Surveyed 300 acres of Land

in the County of Henrico but before he cou'd obtain a Patent for the Same became depriv'd of his senses and is now maintained by the said Richard Wood at his Charge having nothing of his own whereon to Subsist and the said Richard proposing to keep the said Idiot for the Space of Four Years if he so long live upon Condition that the said 300 Acres of Land be granted the said William Williamson his son who would be Entituled thereto as heir at Law if the patent had been taken out before the time of the Father's Idiousy this Board taking the said Petition into Consideration & judging the same reasonable It is there-upon Ordered that a Patent be granted in the name of the Said William Williamson for the said Tract of Land according to the prayer of the above Petition.

On hearing this Day at the Board the matter of Complaint of John Colvil Dennis McCarty and others Justices of the Peace for the County of Prince William against John Mercer Attorney in the Court of that County the Several Depositions taken in behalf of Each party being read & diverse Witnesses on both sides being Examined and the parties heard by their Council and it appearing to this Board that the said John Mercer has bin guilty of divers undue and unjust practices It is therefore ordered that he be Suspended from practicing as an attorney in any Court of this Dominion for the Space of Six months and that thereafter he Continue so Suspended until he obtain a new Licence.

June 14th 1734

Present

The Governor

M^r Commissary Blair
William Byrd
John Carter
John Grymes

William Dandridge
John Custis
William Randolph &
Thomas Lee Esq^r

Joseph Hudnall who was appointed Sheriff of the County of Prince William not having given Security for the Execution of the said Office Jeremiah Brinnaugh Gent is appointed in his stead to be sheriff of the said County for the Ensuing Year.

Thomas Parrott having Entered a Caveat and preferred a Petition for stopping a Patent sued out by John Tabb Gent for Land in Brunswick County It is Ordered that it be referred to Col^o Robert Bolling to take the Depositions of such persons as either of the Party's shall desire and make return of his proceedings to the Council Office before the next Court of Oyer and Terminer.

On the Petition of Arthur Mosely setting forth that he obtained an Order of this Board for an Inclusive patent for 900 acres of Land at a place call'd Butterwood Swamp in Henrico County part of which is already patented but upon his applying to the Surveyor of Henrico County to joint the two plats to avoid any mistake in describing the Bounds he refused the same because part of the Land therein mentioned

is now in Goochland County It is Ordered upon the Prayer of the Petitioner that either of the Surveyors of Goochland or Henrico Countys do prepare a platt according to the Bounds described in the patent and the Survey of the adjacent Tract of New Land and upon return thereof into the Secretarys Office the Petitioner to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

On the Petition of Thomas Ravenscraft Gent Leave is granted him to take up the 10000 acres of Land Formerly granted him in Brunswick County in one or more Distinct Surveys as he shall Find Convenient.

On the Petition of Charles Hudson and Michael Holland Assignee of Jonathan Crutchley Leave is granted them to Survey in distinct Tracts their proportion of 6000 acres of Land lying on Ivey Creek in the County of Goochland Formerly taken up by leave from this Board by the said Hudson & Crutchley and Charles Linch and the Surveyor of Goochland County is to lay out the Same accordingly.

Sundry petitions for Land were read and granted as Follows vizt.

To John Hall 2000 Acres Contiguous to a Plantation of his purchased of Daniel Hicks on the South Side of Meherrin River in the County of Brunswick.

To Joseph Granger 1000 Acres on the Beaver pound Branch of Deep Creek beginning at Robert Taylors Corner tree runing down the said Taylors line to M^r Crawley and Neals for the quantity in Prince George County.

To Matthew Jouet 2214 Acres in Hanover County Lying on North East Creek and on both Sides the Southanna, 1074 acres being already Patented and the rest new Land with leave to Sue out an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Nicholas Davis leave to have an Inclusive Patent for 1500 acres lying on the East Side Muddy Creek on the South Side James already Surveyed for Joseph Mayo and 400 acres of Land bought of William Bradly joining to the said Mayo's Survey and 500 acres of waste Land Between the lines of Ashford Hughes Richard Powell Bowler Cocke and the Said Mayo's Survey in Goochland County.

To James Vaughan 1000 acres in Goochland County Bounding on William Holliday on the South Side Wallaces Creek upon bares branch.

To James Vaughan 5000 acres in Brunswick County begining on the South Side of Appomattox River upon a branch Four or Five miles below Vaughans Creek runing up the said Branch to the said Creek to Compleat the Quantity.

To James Allen Thomas Anderson and Charles Anderson to include in one Survey 4000 acres in Goochland County already Entered for on great guinea Creek begining on Wamocks line runing downwards on the licking Hole Branches and to Capt. Stoners Lines thence up the aforesaid Creek and Branches of Appamattox River to include the Quantity.

To Thomas Williams 1500 acres on the South Side Hatches Run in Prince George County joining to William Mayo's & James Hudsons lines.

To William Moore 1000 acres in Prince George County lying on the County line at the Indian Swamp then to Warricoi branch to John Floyds line thence into the Fork of Beasleys Branch thence up the said Branch and Indian Swamp for Complement.

To George Rives 1000 acres in Prince George County on the North Side of James Holes Swamp on the Cherry Orchard Branch begining on the County line thence to Richard Blands line thence binding on Cuthbert Williamson's line Richard Hills Richard Carliles John Jennings and his own line.

To Richard Randolph, John Bolling & William Kennon 10,000 acres in Brunswick County begining Five mile below the great Swamp on little Roanoke runing ten mile up the said River including the Land on both Sides the Said River to be Laid out in one or more Tracts.

To Peter Jefferson to have three Surveys lying on the North Side of North River begining at the Secretary's Ford the north Side the First Ledge of Mountains and Runing down the River and back to the Secretarys line in Goochland County to be included in one patent.

To James Watson 1100 acres including 400 old patented Land and the rest new Land in Hanover County.

To Charles Lynch 1000 acres in Goochland County joining the land of John Carter Esq^r & the Lands of Charles Hudson at prospect & the Land of the said Hudson on Hardiware River.

To John Tally 1200 acres on the upper Side Deep Creek to include Several Surveys in Prince George County.

At a Council held the 5th Day of September 1734

Present

The Governor

M ^r Comissary Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot
John Carter	Thomas Lee &
George Phenny Esq ^r	

Thomas Green having been appointed during the indisposition of Hancock Lee to be Inspector at Fredericksburg.

Ordered

That he be paid Ten Pounds for his Service

Ordered

That S^r John Randolph, M^r Lewis Burwell M^r William Armistead, M^r John Smith and M^r Thomas Booth Jun^r be added to the Commission of Peace for Gloucester County and that M^r Lewis Burwell be last in the Quoram and that a Commission Issue accordingly.

A Letter from Patrick Gordon Esq^r Governor of the Province of Pensylvania and dated the Tenth Instant was read Signifying that the Conai Indians had in Conference with him denied their being any way

concerned in the Murther Committed in Spotsylvania County and it is ordered that Further Enquiry be made into the Circumstances and time of the said Murder.

The Cherikee Indians having Sent to the Governor by William Bellew, an Indian Trader a Copy of the agreements Concluded by the Lords Commissioners of Trade and their Deputys with a Message desiring Leave to trade here It is the opinion of the Council that it is for the Public Service and benefit of the Colony to preserve the Friendship of the Said Indians and therefore that all due Encouragement be given them to continue a Trade with this Colony.

Ordered

That M^r John Wall Charles King John Duke William McCain and Nicholas Lancer Justices of Brunswick County be Sumoned to attend this Board on this Day Fortnight to answer their Contempt in refusing to Swear the Sherriff and breaking up the Court without doing any business.

Whereas Thomas Harton has been missing for Some months past and upon information that one of the Nottoway Indians Killed him and that his Brother and a woman threw him into M^r John Simmons Mill dam and thereupon the parties accused have been Committed to Goal and it appearing that the Woman taken up is not the Person guilty, Ordered that She be discharged out of Prison and that the Wife of the Supposed Offender be sent for in Custody in order to her tryal, and that John Simmons do drain his Mill Dam for the better discovery of the said Murder.

Ordered

That M^r Charles Carter be added to the Comission of the peace for King George County and be put next to M^r Thornton in the said Comission.

Ordered

A New Commission of the peace be Issued for the County of Westmorland and that William Fairfax Esq^r be added to the Quoram.

Ordered

A New Comission of the Peace Issue for Richmond and that Landen Carter be put in the Quoram and Gilbert Hamilton and William Finchy Jun^r be added to the Present Justices.

September the 12th 1734

Present

The Governor

M^r Comissary Blair
William Byrd
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
John Custis
Philip Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq^r

Complaint being made to this Board of diverse abuses Committed by M^r Andrews Inspector at Guilford Warehouse ordered that the Said

Andrews be Summoned to attend this Board to answer the Said Complaint and that M^r Snead and M^r Rew have notice to attend to testify what they know Concerning the Same.

Ordered

That Robert Read of Gwins Island attend this Board Forthwith to declare what he knows Concerning the Inspectors at Roys and Gibsons Warehouses Stamping Tobacco Contrary to their Duty and the Directions of the Act of Assembly.

Whereas upon hearing the Subject matter of the Petition of the Inhabitants of Isle of Wight County, on the South Side Black water River together with the allegations of the Justices and others of the said County, Inhabiting on James River, and the parts adjoining to the present Court House it hath been fully made appear to this Board, that the present Court House for the said County is most inconveniently situated for the far greater part of the People.

It is therefore Ordered by the Consent of all Parties that for the future Ease of the Inhabitants the Justices of Isle Wight cause a New Court House to be Erected and built on the Land of Joseph Godwinns, Commonly called Joseph Godwinn of Barrets Neck on the North Side Blackwater River, near the place called Quinny's Bridge and that as soon as the said Court House shall be Erected and Finished the Court for the said County be Constantly held there and the Former Court House disused and discontinued.

September the 14th 1734

Present

The Governor

M^r Comissary Blair

William Byrd

John Robinson

John Carter

John Grymes

John Custis

Philip Lightfoot

Thomas Lee &

George Phenney Esq^r

The Governor was pleased to lay before the Council a Letter from Allured Pople Esq^r Secretary to the Right Honoble the Lords Commissioners for Trade Signifying their Lordshippes pleasure that the Governor Should transmit his opinion what new product and manufators or Naval Stores may be produced in this Colony beneficial to the Trade of Great Britain and what Encouragment may be proper to be given to the Inhabitants for applying themselves to the making thereof which Letter being read the Council are Humbly of opinion that besides Pitch Tarr and Turpentine (For which a bounty is already allowed) Hemp, Flax, and Iron may be produced here in good Quantities if a Suitable Premiem were allowed on the Importation thereof into Great Britain to Enable the People concerned therein to defray the Freight the Charge of which has hitherto proved a great discouragm^t to the making Such Quantities as otherwise might have been produced here.

Upon the Application of the officers of his Majesty's Revenue Ordered that a Further Number of Rights not Exceeding the value of Five Hundred Pounds Sterling be Issued for Supply the People who may be desirous to take up his Majesties Lands

Ordered—That twelve Small Guns about three Hundred Each be sent for to be placed on the Battery at York Town and that the three Last Volums of the Statutes at Large together with twelve Common Prayer Books for the use of the Council be provided and paid for out of his Majesties Revenue of 2s per Hogshead and that his Majesties Receiver General take care the Same be done accordingly.

September the 20th 1734

Present

The Governor

M ^r Commissary Blair	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot
John Grymes	Thomas Lee &
George Phenny Esq ^r *	

M^r John Wall and the other Justices of Brunswick County according to the order of the Fifth Instant this day attended the Board and were Examined and heard Concerning their behavior upon presenting the Last Commission of the peace and it appearing that the disputes that have risen among the Justices of the said County have been occasioned by admitting into the Commission Some Persons lately recommended against the Inclinations of the Major Part of the Bench for removing all Further Contests It is ordered that a New Commission of the peace Issue for the said County and that the Persons objected against be left out of the Said Commission.

Ordered. That a new Commission of the Peace Issue for New Kent and that William Chamberlayne Charles Massey and John Doran be removed From Acting as Justices in the said County and that Daniel Custis Gent be added to the Quoram in the Said Commission.

Whereas for the better discovering the Muder of Thomas Harton It was directed by this Board that John Simmons Gent Shou'd drain the water out of his Mill Dam where the Body of the Said Harton was Suggested to be thrown, and Whereas in pursuance of the Said Order the Said Mill Dam hath been drain'd and the Body of the Deceased found. It is Ordered that for a Recompence to the Said Simmons for the Loss of the profitts of his Mill there be paid him the Sum of Tenn Pounds Current Money out of his Majesties Revenue and placed among the Contingent Charges of the Government.

September the 21st 1734

Present

The Governor

M ^r Comissary Blair	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot
John Grymes	Thomas Lee &

George Phenny Esq^r

Whereas it appears to this Board by the Examination of Southey Rue and Griffith Savage of the County of Accomack Gent that William Andrews Inspector at Guilfords Warehouse in that County Contrary to the Duty of his Office did last Year purchase of Sundry Persons a Considerable quantity of Trash Tobacco which he packt prized and Stamp at the Said Warehouse without the previty of the other Inspector and afterwards Sold the Same It is Ordered that the Said Andrews be Summoned to attend this Board the Second Day of the next General Court to answer what shall be objected against him in relation to the premises, the Said Savage together with Henry Hickman Joseph Hickman and William Parke be also Summoned to Testifie their knowledge therein.

A Memorial of Thomas Lee Esq^r was this day presented at the Board humbly representing that during the time of his being Receiver of his Majesties duty's of 2s per hogshead port duty's and head money in the district of Potomack he remitted to John Adamson late of London Merchant Five Hundred Fifty Eight Pounds one Shilling and five pence Sterling which at Sundry times he received on account of the said duty's and drew on him his own Bill payable to his Majesties Receiver Generall for that Sum but the said Adamson becoming a Bankrupt Soon after he the said Thomas Lee not only lost the money so remitted but was obliged to pay the damages arising on the protesting his own Bill and praying Such recommendation of his Case to his Majesty and the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury as this Board shall judge it deserves and the allegations in the said Memorial being duly proved as well by the oath of the said Thomas Lee as by other authentick Evidences The Governor and Council were pleased to Certifie the Same with their humble opinion that the said Thomas Lee ought to be relieved out of his Majesties Revenues here for the Loss Sustained by him.

The Governor was this Day with the advice of the Council pleased to appoint the following Persons to be Inspectors to wit.

Robert Walton at Littlepages

William McKain & William Walker at Hogg Neck and Taskanask.

Thomas Harrison at Cabbin Point in the Room of Tho^s Cocke.

William Rookings at Greys Creek.

Lawrence Baker at Wainwrights in the Room of Tho^s Walton

Edward Cocke in the room of Dasey Southwell, at Soans's the Said Southwell having Confessed himself guilty of Exacting Money for prizing Tobacco and applying the Same to his own use is therefore removed.

Southey Rue and John Justice at Guilfords & Pitts's.

Thomas Marshall and Charles Parker at Pungoteague and Naswadox.

Robert Nottingham and William Kendall at Hungers and Cherry Stones.

William Andrews an Inspector at Guilfords Warehouse being accused of purchasing Trash Tobacco and Stamping and Shipping it off without the knowledge of his partner Contrary to the Duty of his Office, was this day heard thereupon before this Board, together with the Evidence of the witnesses against him (who were Examined upon oath) and it appearing that the said Andrews is guilty of the matter wherewith he is Charged, The Governor with the advice of the Council is pleased to Order that the Said Andrews' Bond for Executing the Office of an Inspector be put in Suit by His Majesties Attorney General and that he be left out of the next Commission of the Peace for Accomack County.

Ordered

That His Majesties Receiver General pay Grjffith Savage three Pistoles, and Southey Rue Two pistoles out of the Revenue of Two Shillings per Hogshhead for their attendance at this Board as Witnesses against William Andrews.

Upon an Information of diverse undue Practices of some of the Inspectors in the upper parts of Rappahanock particularly in passing and Stamping Tobacco without Inspecting the Same this Board being Informed that Robert Read of Gloucester County is a material Witness in this matter, It is this Day Ordered by the Governor in Council that Hugh Gwyn Gent one of the Justices of that County together with the Clerk of Said County do Forthwith go to the Said Read and take his Deposition in relation thereto upon Oath in case he shall not be able to travel hither, and that the Same be sent to this Board on Thursday morning next by the said Clerk.

Upon a Complaint of William Lawson an Inspector at Aylets Warehouse by his Letter to the Governor against Joseph Bickley Jun' the other Inspector there, It is ordered that the said Lawson and Bickley have notice to appear before this Board on Thursday next in order to be heard upon the matter of the said Complaint.

For Reasons appearing to this Board It is this Day Ordered by the Governor in Council that the time Limited to William Russell by an order of Council the 21st Day of June last to Survey Lands on the Eastern Side Sherrando River, be extended to the fifteenth Day of April next.

October 28th 1734*Present*

The Governor

M ^r Comissary Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
John Robinson	John Tayloe and
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot Esq ^r

On a Complaint made by M^r Henry Cary against the Inspectors at Shackoes Ordered that the parties be heard before this Board on Friday next and that Notice be sent them accordingly.

Peter Jones Jun^r is appointed an Inspector att Appamattocks and John Bollings in the Room of Peter Jones the Elder who is Indisposed.

John Grant is appointed an Inspector at Gibsons Warehouse.

Ezekiel Gilbert is appointed in the Room of William Ball to be an Inspector at Curritomon and Davisses Warehouses.

The Accounts of Contingent Charges for the Last half Year and also the account of Sundry Repairs about the Governors House were this day laid before the Board Examined and allowed.

Ordered That for the Future the allowances to the Ministers attending the General Courts and Assemblies and the Salaries of Armourer and Gunners of the Several Battery's heretofore Settled in Sterling money be hereafter paid in Current money with an advance of 15 per Cent thereon.

On Reading at the Board the Petition of John Tayloe and Thomas Lee Esq^r and William Beverly Gent praying a Grant for 60000 acres of Land on the West Side the great Mountains on Sherrando River beginning on Jacob Stovers upper Tract upon Condition of Seating thereon one Familie for Each Thousand acres within two years It is Ordered that Leave be granted the Petitioners to Survey and Patent the Said Quantity of 60,000 acres of Land lying above the Said Stovers upper Tract upon the Terms proposed by them or giving Bond to pay to his Majesties the Usual purchase of Rights for so much thereof as shall not be so Seated by them within the time before mentioned.

November the 1st 1734*Present*

The Governor

M ^r Com ^r Blair	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Phil Lightfoot and
Tho ^s Lee Esq ^r	

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of His Majesties Revenue of 2s per hh^d Port Duties & Head Money were sign'd by the Governor in Council Viz'

To the Governor half a Years Salary ending the 25 th of October last	£ 1000, —, —
To the Gentlemen of His Majesties Council for the same time	300, —, —
To the Judges & Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100, —, —
To the Auditor Gen ^l half a years Salary ending as above	50, —, —
To the Sollicitor of the Virginia Affairs half a Years Salary ending as above	50, —, —
To the Attorney General half a years Salary	35, —, —
To the Clerk of the Council half a Years Salary end ^d as above	50, —, —
To the Several Ministers attending one Gen ^l Court & Assembly	18, —, —
To the Armourer half a Years Salary end ^d as above	6, —, —
To Repairs about the Governors House	64, 15, 4
To Sundry Contingent Charges	528, 10, 2¾
To the Adjutant half a Years Salary ending as above	75, —, —

And out of the Quit Rents

To the Commissary half a Years Salary	50, —, —
To the Attorney General	35, —, —

The Account of his Majesties Revenue of 2s per hh^d Port Duties & head Money for the last half a Year were presented by his Majesties Receiver Gen^l & having been Examined by the Deputy Auditor the Account was this day Certified by the Governor

Whereas by the Act made last Session of Assembly, It is amongst other things Enacted that any three Justices of the Peace (not being Inspectors at any Public Warehouse) whereof two shall be of the Quorum shall have power to hear all Complaints against any Inspectors within their County & to take the Depositions of Witnesses upon the matter of such Complaint on both sides which shall be transmitted by them to the Governor & Council for their Determination & that for taking the Depositions in the best manner the Clerk of the County or some sufficient Person by him to be appointed shall attend the said Justices for that purpose & be paid by the County the same Fee as is Established for the examination of Witnesses upon a Dedimus Protestatem. And Whereas M^r Henry Cary of the County of Henrico Gent hath complain'd to this Board of diverse irregular Practices of the Inspectors at Shockoes Warehouse in the said County, It is Ordered that the Justices of the said County of Henrico do forthwith appoint three of their Number to take the Depositions of Witnesses as well on the behalf of the Complainant as of the said Inspectors pursuant to the directions of the afore recited Act of Assembly which Depositions are to be return'd by them to the Council Office at the next Court of Oyer

& Terminer at which time the parties aforesaid are hereby Ordered to attend this Board for a final Determination of the matter of the said Complaint

And Whereas Complaint is made to this Board that the Inspectors at Roys Warehouse in Caroline County have Contrary to the Duty of their Office pass'd & Stamp't Tobacco lying in Sloops & Flatts without bringing the same into the Warehouse or Viewing & Examining according to the directions of the Act of Assembly in that case made & provided. It is Ordered that the Justices of Caroline County do with all convenient Speed appoint three of their number to examine into the matter of the said Complaint & particularly to take the Depositions of

Dudly Overseer to Col^o Corbin at Port Tobacco Sam^l Hawes & Hugh Croucher of the said County of Carline Planters touching their knowledge of the Facts aforesaid together with the Examination of such Witnesses as shall be desired by the said Inspectors proceeding therein in all things Conformable to the directions of the afore recited Act of Assembly & such Depositions & Examinations when taken to return to the Council Office before the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held in December at which time the said Inspectors are hereby required to attend in Order to a final Determination of the Subject Matter of Complaint

Ordered that Robert Read be paid twenty Shillings out of his Majesties Revenue of 2s per hh^d &c for his trouble & Expence in attending this Board to give Information concerning the Charge against the Inspectors at Roys Warehouse

On hearing this day at the Board the Complaint of W^m Lawson against Franc^s Bickley, It appearing that neither of the parties during the time of their being Joint Inspectors at Aylets Warehouse have discharg'd their Duty as they ought to have done, It is therefore Ordered that they be both remov'd from Acting any longer in that Office And that Joseph Pollard & Rich^d Gwathney be appointed in their Stead. And whereas a considerable quantity of Tobacco remains still in the said Warehouse which was received by the said Lawson & Bickley last Year & it being Suggested that the s^d Bickley hath Converted part thereof to his own use, It's Ordered that the s^d Lawson & Bickley do with all convenient Speed cause the Tobacco in the said Warehouse to be weighed in the presence of the new Inspectors & an Acco^t thereof taken by them

Ordered

That there be paid to Mr. Humphry Hill one Guinea for his trouble & charge in attending this Board in relation to the behaviour of the late Inspectors at Aylets Warehouse & that the Receiver General place the same to the Account of the Contingent Charges

On the application of Tho^s Cocke Gent It is Ordered that it be an Instruction to the Trustees for Selling the Lands of the Nottoway Indians pursuant to the late Act of Assembly to admit the said Tho^s Cocke to Survey the several Tracts sold by them & to receive the Fees thereof from the respective Purchasers

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Goochland & that Dudley Digges & Charles Lewis according to their former Rank W^m Randolph John Netherland George Carrington Peter Jefferson Tho^s Dickins & Tho^s Turpin Gent be added to the present Justices in the said Commission

Also a new Commission of the Peace for the County of Prince William to consist of the following Persons Viz^t Tho^s Harrison, Dennis McCarty, John Colvil, Franc^s Awbry, Rob^t Jones, Tho^s Harrison Jun^r W^m Hackney, John Hudnal, W^m Godfrey, Rich^d Osbourn, John Allen, Tho^s Osbourn Rich^d Blackburn, John Diskin, Lewis Elzy, Rob^t Alexander, Valentine Peyton, & W^m Payne Gent.

John Carter Esq^r Secretary of this Colony by his Memorial to this Board setting forth that from the time of his being appointed to that Office he has been put to a Considerable Expence for fire Candles & Paper for the Public Service for which he has never receivd any allowance tho' he did once Petition the General Assembly for it who rejected the Petition being of Opinion that it was properly chargeable upon the Revenue of two Shillings per hh^d &c. And praying the Consideration of the Board therein It is the Opinion of the Council that is reasonable the Expence of Fire Candles & Paper for the Secretarys Office so far as regards the Public Service of the Government shou^d be reimburs'd to Mr Secretary for the ten years past in which he has defray'd the same And accordingly Ordered that the Sum of Two hundred Pounds Curr^t Money be paid him in Consideration of his past Expences out of his Majesties Revenue of two Shillings per hh^d & that for the future he be allow'd out of the said Revenue Twenty Pounds Current Money per Annum & his Majesties Receiver General is hereby directed to charge the same accordingly among the Contingent Charges of the Government

M^r Tho^s Bryan is appointed an Inspector at Roys Warehouse in Caroline County

Sundry Petitions for leave to take up his Majesties Lands were Read & granted as follows Viz^t

To John Dawson three thousand five hundred Acres already Entred for with the Surveyor of Prince George County but now included within the bounds of the new County of Amelia to be laid off in two distinct tracts.

To John Henry twelve hundred Acres joining on his own Patented Land on fork Creek & the head of Round about Creek & to include the same in one Patent with fifteen hundred fifty four Acres patented by Sarah Syme (now Sarah Henry) on both sides the said Round about in Hannover County

To Tho^s Jones four thousand Acres on licking hole Creek of Roanoke (by some called the little Roanoke) beginning below the great licking place fork & up the South Branch to the fork of the same call'd the Beaver Pond fork

To William Kennon Six hundred Acres in Henrico County on both sides the Reedy Branch.

To William Kennon One thousand Acres in One Tract in Henrico County on the North side old Town Creek

To Henry Edloe Fifteen hundred Acres joining his own Land on flatt Rock Creek in Brunswick County & to have an Inclusive Patent

To Joseph Tho^e & Ashford Hughes two hundred Acres joining to Eight hundred Acres already Patented on little Muddy Creek on the South Side James River in Goochland County to be included in one Patent

To John Walker to have one Patent for Eight Hundred Acres including two Entries in Goochland County beginning on the North branch Fork Creek so running to the South Branch to M^r Abraham Venables line

To Tho^e Carr three thousand Acres in the fork of the Northfork of James River Joining to his own Patented Land in Hanover & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To Stephen Hughes four hundred Acres joining to one thousand Acres already Survey'd on the Main Branch of Deep Creek in Goochland County to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To W^m Mayo an inclusive Patent for Six hundred Acres already granted him & Eight hundred Acres Survey'd in two Surveys between Flatt Creek & Appamattocks in Prince George County

To George Booker two thousand Acres in Prince George County Joining on his own line, Edward Booker, Sam^l Pinchum Maj^r Kennon & Dunivanlines

To Peter Jefferson to have an inclusive Patent for twelve hundred Acres Survey'd in three Surveys on the South side North River beginning at the Secretarys Foard above the Mountains & so down to a Cedar Tree standing at the Sandy Falls below the Mountains in Goochland County

To W^m Dandridge Esq^r Fifteen hundred Acres in Henrico County beginning upon Nicholas Pryor & Tho^e Conways lines Including all the Waste Land between the above Nicholas Pryor, Tho^e Conway Tho^e Boatwright & John Martines lines

To W^m Edins One thousand Acres in the Fork of the Robinson in Spotsylvania County

To W^m Edins an inclusive Patent for Seventeen hundred Acres in Spotsylvania County Seven hundred & fifty Acres thereof being already Patented & the rest new Land lying contiguous in Spotsylvania County

To W^m Starke three thousand Acres between the Branches of little Nottoway & deep Creek adjoining to Barres Irby & Robinson lines

A Petition of Richard Wood recommended by the Vestry of the Parish of Henrico was read seting forth that one Joseph Williamson now a lunatick having whilst in his senses taken up three hundred Acres of Land in the County of Henrico but by reason of his insanity of mind never sued out any Patent for the same & is since fallen into so bad Circumstances that he hath not wherewithal to Supply himself with the necessarys of Life, and thereupon the said Richard Wood hath propos'd to maintain the said Lunatic for a certain Term of Years, On Condition the said Three hundred Acres of Land may be granted to

William Williamson the Heir at Law of the said Joseph & praying a Grant thereof accordingly, It is thereupon Ordered that the aforesaid three hundred Acres of Land be granted the said William Williamson upon his paying the Purchase of the Rights for the same & discharging all other Fees for the Survey

Upon the Petition of Edmund Hall setting forth that he Entred for & Survey'd a Tract of Land in Brunswick County upon his late Majesties Bounty but being entirely Ignorant of Sueing out a Patent for the same kept the Survey by him & is now told upon his producing the said Survey in the Secretarys Office he must purchase Rights, which in his poor Circumstance he is not able to do praying [word illegible] A Patent for the same upon the Terms on which it was first taken up, It is Ordered that the Petitioner have a Patent for the said Land without being Oblig'd to the Purchase of Rights he paying Quit Rents from Michaelmus MDCCXXVIII Pursuant to his Majesties Pleasure Signified in relation to the Grants of Land in the Counties of Spotsylvania & Brunswick

December the 11th 1734

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
John Custis
W^m Randolph
John Tayloe &
Tho^s Lee Esq^r

A Letter from his Grace the Duke of New Castle dated the 13th of June 1734 Inclosing an Attested Copy of a Warrant under his Majesties Sign Manual for inserting in the General Pardon for the poor Convicts of New gate William Major who at a General Court held at Williamsburg on the 26th day of April in the Sixth Year of His Majesties Reign was found guilty of the Murder of John Crochford Marriner was this day read at the Board, And although, the said Major is since dead, It is Ordered that the Copy of the said Warrant be Entred in the Secretarys Office as a Testimony of his Majesties Clemency to that Offender

The following Persons were appointed Inspectors at the Several Warehouses hereafter mentioned Viz^t

James Turner at Sleepy hole in the Room of Tho^s Brewer who has resign'd

Rich^d Lort Coleman at Todds in the Room of Ch^r Beverly who has resign'd

Franc^s West at Quarls's Warehouse during the Indisposition of John Quarles & to be continued therein in case of the Death or disability of the s^d Quarles

Rob^t Jones at Wycocomico in the Room of Abner Neal

W^m Taylor at Merriwethers in the Room of M^r Glass who has resign'd

Michael King at Hampton during the Indisposition of M^r Kerby & to be continued in case of his Death or disability

Tho^s Holes one of the Inspectors at Norfolk & Kemps Warehouses

Tho^s Barber at Totuskee in Conjunction with M^r Millner but if M^r Millner declines his Office then M^r John Hammon is appointed to Succeed him

Aylwyn Mountjoy at Nalers Warehouse in the Room of Tho^s Wright Bellfeild who has resign'd

Edward Wilkinson in the Room of M^r Holeman at Shackhoes Warehouse the said Holeman having desired to resign the said Office

On the Petition of John Allen Gent Surveyor of the County of Isle Wight & Surry Seting forth that Tho^s Cocke Gent having obtain'd an Order of this Board on the first of November last appointing him Surveyor of the Nottoway Indians Land to the great Injury of the Petitioner to whose Office it belongs to Survey the same & praying that the said Order may be revers'd, It is the Opinion of this Board that the same be revers'd, accordingly the same being obtain'd by Surprize & the Petitioner is hereby restor'd to his Right of Surveying the said Land & that the said Cocke nor no other Person do presume to Survey the same

On the Complaint of Tho^s Ravenscraft Gent against Ch^r Martin one of the Inspectors in Prince George County, Ordered that the Examinations of Witnesses relating to the fact alledg'd against him be taken by the Justices of Prince George County & returnd to this Board

On Reading at this Board the several Depositions of Witnesses taken upon the Complaint exhibited against the Inspectors at Roys Warehouse in Caroline County, It is the Opinion of this Board that the said Complaint is Malicious & groundless

On hearing the Petition of Dasey Southal late Inspector at Soans's Warehouse in Charles City County against Edward Cocke & Tho^s Ballard & the Examination of the Witnesses together with the Allegations of the Several parties, It is the Opinion of this Board that the said Petition is Vexatious & groundless & therefore is dismiss'd

Ordered

That a new Commission of the peace issue for Henrico County & that M^r Beverly Randolph be added to the Quorum & Rich^d Kennon jun^r Franc^s Epes, John Nash, Rich^d Royal, James Cocke, & Nicholas Daviss be added according to the Rank assign'd them by this Board with the present Justices in the said Commission.

A Recommendation of Justices to be Added to the Commission of Peace for the County of Stafford being read at the Board, Is referr'd for further Consideration there appearing no immedeate necessity for a greater Number of Justices in that County

Abraham Green having Entred a Caveat for Stopping a Patent sued out by Joseph Simmons for Lands in the County of Brunswick

& hearing both Parties by their Counsel It is Ordered that the said Simmons have a Patent granted him for the said Land he producing Rights for the quantity contain'd in his Survey

W^m Kaw having Entred a Caveat for Stopping a Patent sued out by W^m Drew upon Inquisition of Escheat for Lands & a Mill in the County of Surry & it appearing to this Board that the same W^m Drew is a purchaser for a Valuable Consideration & Sued out the said Inquisition of Escheat for Corroborating his Title It is Ordered that a Patent be granted him

George Woodroff having petitioned for a Grant of four hundred Acres of Land first patented by Henry Armistead Gent in the Year 1721 & by him forfeited for want of Cultivation & Granted to John Martin Gent, the twenty fifth of April 1726 who hath failed to take a Patent for the same & the said Martin having been duly Sumoned to appear this day to shew a cause why the said Land ought not to be Granted to the Petitioner & failing to appear it is Ordered that a Patent be Granted to the said George Wood[r]off of the said four hundred Acres of Land lying on the South side the south fork of the South River in the County of Caroline formerly King William he Entring Rights in the Secretarys Office

Complaint being made to this Board by Sundry Inhabitants of Prince George County against Christopher Martin one of the Inspectors there. It is Ordered that the same be Examined into by the Justices of the said County Pursuant to the Directions of the late Act of Assembly in that case made & provided, In the presence of the parties or such of them as upon Legal Notice given them shall think fit to attend & such Depositions as shall be taken on either side to be returnd to the Governor with all Convenient Speed

A Petition of W^m Turberville praying a Liscence to practice as an Attorney in the County Courts within this Colony was Read & referred to M^r Attorney General or S^r John Randolph Kn^t to Examine the Petitioners qualifications & to Report their Opinion therein to this Board

Three of the Great Men of the Cherrikee Indians attended by diverse others of that Nation this day desired to be admitted to offer certain Proposals to the Governor and Council & being accordingly admitted they said that all the Lands in this part of America once belong'd to them but now it is King George's, & his Subjects may now use it as freely as any of their Nation us'd to do that they look upon themselves also to be King George's Subjects & to be as Brethren to the Saponies Tuskaroroës Nottoways & other Indians living amongst the English that he the person who spoke for them was told so by the King when he went to England with S^r Alexander Cumming That they come hither now to see the Governor of Virginia as their Friends & to propose a nearer Correspondence with the People of this Colony & are therefore desirous to Settle on a Branch of Roanoke River that from thence they may enjoy the Conveniency of a free Trade with this Colony They were answered that [they] may Trade here with all freedom so long as they continue in Peace & Friendship with his Majesties Subjects but as

to their removing to Roanoke it did not seem so convenient for the Hunting because they might frequently be disturbd by the Northern Indians who Hunt Yearly thereabouts whereupon they Signified that they were very desirous to make peace with the Northern Indians if they cou'd find means to propose it, The Governor then told them he wou'd write to the Governor of New York to treat of a peace with the Cherrickee Nation & wou'd endeavour to procure a safe Conduct for their Agents to Repair to the Northern Indians to that Purpose And then having acquainted them that he had prepared presents for them as a Testimony of the Friendship of this Colony toward their Nation they withdrew

Ordered

That the Interpreter who attend^{ed} the Cherrickee Indians be paid five Pistoles for his trouble & Service therein

January the 14th 1734

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair

John Custis &

Philip Lightfoot Esq^r

Robert Wharton one of the Inspectors at Littlepages being dead the Governor acquainted the Council that he had appointed in his room one W^m Hopkins who was recommended as a Person well qualified but that he had since receiv'd a recommendation from Sundry Justices of New Kent County in favour of Michael Hartfeild & desired their Opinion which of the two was most fit for the Employment. On the Consideration of the qualifications of both the said Persons It is the opinion of the Council that M^r Hopkins is the fittest to Execute that Office & he is accordingly appointed & Ordered to be continued Inspector at the said Warehouse

April the 16th 1735

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair

John Grymes

W^m Byrd

John Custis

Cole Digges

W^m Randolph

John Carter

Phil Lightfoot &

Tho^s Lee Esq^r

On hearing the Parties on the Petition of the Inhabitants of St Andrews Parish in Brunswick County Complaining against the Vestry of the said Parish for revising an Order formerly made by them directing the building two Chappels of ease in the said Parish & appointing one only to be built on the South side Meherrin River to the great grievance & Inconveniency of the Petitioners & they as well as the

Vestry having Submitted the matter in difference between them to the Determination of this Board. It is thereupon Ordered that the said Vestry do cause One Chappel to be built on the South Side Meherrin River & another on the North side the said River for the Conveniency of the Petitioners & other the Inhabitants of that part the said Parish

Whereas a Petition was this day presented to the Board in the Name of the Nottoway Indians complaining of diverse difficulties arising in the Sale of their Land pursuant to the Power given them by the late Act of Assembly. For the more effectual removing all obstructions to the Execution of the said Act according to the true intent & meaning thereof. It is Ordered that the Trustees or the Major part of them do direct the Surveyor of the County of Isle Wight to lay out the Residue of the Lands which the said Indians are desirous to sell into such & so many Lots as they think fitt having regard to the Quantities & places which the said Indians have already agreed for, and set up the same for Sale by Public Auction to the highest bidder, Provided alwise that the Persons who have already agreed with the Indians for particular Tracts & have paid part of the purchase Money be preferr'd if they will give as much as another bidder and that the Money rais'd by Virtue of such Sale be in the first place applied to the Payment of the Debts of the said Indians and to the end the said Debts may be better ascertain'd & Justice done to all concern'd. It is Ordered that the said Trustees cause Public Notice to be given for all Persons having any Demand against the said Indians to attend them the said Trustees at a certain place & time, for Stateing, Examining & proving the respective Debts in the presence of the said Indians & for receiving payment of what shall be found due to them. And for preventing all Disputes touching the Fees for Surveying the said Lots of Land. This Board do declare that John Allen Gent the Surveyor ought to be paid the same Fee as is allow'd by Law, for each Survey by him made respectively. And it is Ordered that the same be paid accordingly by the several purchasers thereof without any Defalcation out of the price for which the same shall be sold

On the Motion of the Officers of His Majesties Revenue, It is Ordered that a Number of Rights not exceeding the Value of Five hundred Pounds Sterling be issued for Supplying such Persons as shall be desirous to take up his Majesties Lands

April the 23^d 1735

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
John Custis
W^m Randolph
John Tayloe
Philip Lightfoot &

Tho^s Lee Esq^r

On the Petition of Henry Willis Gent representing that he obtain'd an Order of this Board for Surveying a Tract of Land containing ten thousand Acres lying in Spotsylvania County now Orange County formerly taken up by Edmund Jennings Esq^r dec^d & by him deserted that upon the Petitioners Surveying the said Tract he finds diverse Persons have made Surveys & taken out Patents within the Bounds thereof & have actually built & made Improvements thereon that the Petitioner being very unwilling to injure the said Patentees or disturb their possession only desires liberty to Survey & take a Grant of so much of the said ten thousand Acres as remains yet unpatented. And praying as the residue of the said Land cannot be included in one Survey that therefore he may have leave to Survey the residue of the said Tract in diverse parcels. It is thereupon Ordered that he have leave to Survey the same accordingly so as each Tract do not contain less than One thousand Acres nor interfere with bounds of any former Patentee

John Aylett of the County of King William having complain'd against Jos. Pollard & Richard Gwathney Inspectors at Aylets Warehouse in the said County for Misbehaviour in the said Office On reading the several Depositions taken pursuant to the directions of the late Act of Assembly, It is the Opinion of this Board that the said Complaint is frivolous & Malicious

On the Application of John Tayloe & Tho^s Lee Esq^r & W^m Beverly Gent for Altering & Explaining an Entry made by them in October last for Sixty thousand Acres of Land on the River Sherrando & the Branches thereof, It is Order'd that the Petitioners have leave to begin their Survey at any place not exceeding twenty Miles distant from Jacob Stovers upper Tract & that they have liberty to take their quantity of Land in three distinct Tracts Provided they do not extend further along the said River than forty Miles in a streight line from their first beginning to Compleat that quantity

Whereas diverse Controversies have arisen amongst the Justices & Inhabitants of the County of Orange touching the Choice of a place for Erecting their Court House, and whereas upon hearing the parties, It appears to this Board that on some part of the Land of Col^o Spotswood on the South side the River Rappadann near Cedar Island Ford will be a proper place for Erecting the said Court House. It is by the

Consent of the several parties refer'd to Charles Carter & W^m Beverly Gent to treat with Col^o Spotswood for a Suitable quantity of his Land for the purpose aforesaid & if thereupon they can agree upon reasonable Terms that then the Justices of the said County of Orange do with all convenient Speed cause a Court House to be built there, But if such agreement be not made the said Justices are hereby directed to Value & set apart such a Proportion of the lower end of the Land of Edmund Bagg dec^d as they shall judge necessary & to cause a Court House for the said County to be Erected thereon & in the fixing of the said Court House at either of the places aforesaid to have due regard to the Conveniency of good Springs of Water

W^m Russel by his Petition seting forth that upon his delivering to the Surveyor the Order of this Board for laying out his ten thousand Acres of Land on Happy Creek and the Eastside Sherrando River the said Surveyor judg'd that by the said Order he was oblig'd to run the Ten Miles mention'd in the said Order according to the Meanders of the said River & did proceed to make his Survey but upon casting up the quantify the same is found not to contain one half of what was formerly granted him & praying that the said Order may be explain'd so as that Your Petitioners may have the full quantity of ten thousand Acres. It is the Opinion of this Board that the true intent & meaning of the aforementioned Order was that the Petitioner shou'd have leave to extend his Survey from the mouth of Happy Creek ten Miles in a Straight Line & not according to the Meanders of the River. And it is therefore Ordered that the Surveyor do run the same accordingly Provided the quantity to be included in the said Survey between the River & the Mountains do not exceed the ten thousand Acres formerly granted him

Alexander Ross & Morgan Bryan having this day made due proof of their bringing upon & Setling Seventy Families on the Lands granted them on Cohongarooton & Opeckon leave is granted them to Survey in such manner as they shall think fitt One thousand Acres of Land for each Family pursuant to the former Grant & to Sue out Patents for the same & if within the Limits first Petion'd for by them they can find a Sufficient quantity of Land to compleat their said former Grant they are hereby allow'd to Survey the same upon the former Conditions and further time is granted them for two Years from the date hereof for the Seating the same Provided they dont encroach on any Land already granted

Robert Brooke late Surveyor of the Lands on Sherrando River by his Petition humbly representing the great Fatiegue & trouble he hath undergone in Travelling beyond the Mountains in Order to Survey the Sixty thousand Acres of Land granted John Tayloe & Tho' Lee Esq^r & W^m Beverly Gent & the disappointments he met with by which he was disabled from perfecting the said Survey before that part of the Colony was Erected into a County & a new Surveyor appointed for the same And praying that he may be allow'd to finish that said Survey & to receive the Fees for so doing this Board judging the same reasonable & no waise prejudicial to the present Surveyor who is other-

waise sufficiently employ'd. Have thought fitt to allow & Authorize the said Rob' Brooke to Survey the aforesaid Tract of Land & to return the Platt & Survey thereof to the Secretarys Office in Order to passing the Patent thereof to receive the dues for such Survey as a recompence for his past trouble of which all Persons concern'd are hereby required to take Notice

John Mercer Gent by his Petition humbly acknowledging his Offence for which he was Suspended from practicing as an Attorney & praying to be restor'd. It is Ordered that he have a new liscence to practice as an Attorney in any County Court within this Colony excepting the County Court of Prince William

The Commission of the Peace for the new County of Amelia was this day regulated And Ordered to issue accordingly

A Petition of the Merchants Masters of Vessels & other Inhabitants of the Town of Norfolk was presented & read at the Board complaining of the Inconveniencies of Entering & clearing their Vessels at Hampton & praying that the Custom House Officers of the lower District of James River may reside at the said Town of Norfolk or to appoint a Deputy there. It is Ordered that the Petitioners & the Inhabitants of the Town of Hampton be heard on the Subject matter of the said Petition at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer

On the Petition of John Mercer for leave to Print an Abridgement compil'd by him of all the Laws of this Colony & to have the benefit of the Sale thereof. It is Ordered that the Petitioner deliver the said Abridgement to be Examined by the Attorney General & S' John Randolph Kn' & M' Edward Barrdell & that they Report their Opinion whether the same be fitt to be Printed

May the 1st 1735

Present

The Governor

M' Com' Blair	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	W ^m Randolph
John Carter	Phil Lightfoot &
	Tho' Lee Esq ^r

The Governor was pleas'd to appoint the following Persons Sherifs for the ensuing Year Viz' For the County of

Henrico	John Nash
Accomack	Henry Scarbrough
Essex	Rich ^d Tyler
Hanover	Peter Garland
Gloucester	Conq' Wyatt
Middlesex	John Robinson
Spotsylvania	Jos Thomas

Amelia	Jn ^o Burton
New Kent	Jos Foster
Northumberland	Leon ^d Howson
Prince George	Lewis Green
Warwick	John Jones
Stafford	Chandler Fowke
Westmorland	John Footman

The following Commissions of the Peace were Ordered to issue
Viz^t

For the County of King & Queen & M^r Beverly Whiting Rich^d
Corbin, Mordecai Throgn[m]orton, Maurice Smith Tho^o Stark W^m
Byrd Richards W^m Taliferro Rob^t Armistead Bird to be added to the
present Justices

For the County of Spotsylvania W^m Robinson Gent to be of the
Quorum, John Green in his former place Hancock Lee Tho^o Hill, John
Walker Jun^r Larkin Chew & Rich^d Tutt to be added to the present
Justices

For the County of Nansemond Edward Wright Edward Norfleet
John Norfleet & Jethro Summer to be Added to the present Justices

For the County of New Kent John Doron & W^m Dangerfield jun^r
to be added to the present Justices

Whereas Information has been given to this Board that great
quantities of Rum & Wine are run into this Colony from the Province
of Maryland where the River Potomack is narrow for preventing where-
of for the future, It is Ordered that Henry Lee Gent Receiver of the
Duties on Liquors in Potomack River do appoint a fitt Person resideing
in the County of Prince William to receive the Duties of Liquors com-
ing from Maryland to that part of the Country and to Seize such as
shall be Clandestinely Imported without paying such Duty

On hearing of Counsel on a Memorial of Isham Randolph Gent
formerly presented to this Board for allowing him the Rights of taking
up fifty Acres of Land for each Person by him Imported into this
Colony. It is Ordered that the further Consideration of the said
Memorial be refer'd till the Court of Oyer & Terminer

Ordered that a new Commission of the peace issue for the County
of Caroline & that Head Lynch, John Gibson, Lawrence Battle, Nicholas
Battle, Rich^d Talliaferro George Goodloe, Robt Farish & George
Homes be added to the present Justices

Ordered

A New Commission of the Peace issue for the County of War-
wick & that Matt^r Wills, W^m Harwood jun^r Henry Wythe, Tho^o Wills
jun^r & W^m Dudley be added to the present Justices

On hearing at the Board a Petition of Diverse Inhabitants of
Nottoway Parish in the County of Isle Wight complaining of the in-
convenient Scituation of the new Church now building in the said
Parish & on consideration of what was offer'd as well on the part of the

Vestry of the said Parish as of the Petitioners It is Ordered the said Petition be rejected

On reading at the Board an humble Representation of the Inhabitants of the upper precinct of S^t Andrews Parish between the Rivers of Meherrin & Roanoke in the County of Brunswick setting forth the inconveniences to which they are expos'd by their remoteness from their Parish Church & every other place of Publico Worship The Governor with the Advice of the Council is hereby pleas'd to recommend to the Vestry of the said Parish of S^t Andrews to allow the People in that part of the Parish a proper place convenient for their meeting & to appoint a discreet sober man to be approv'd by the Minister to read divine Service to them with a Suitable Salary for the same until such time as they shall be able to support a Minister for themselves

Ordered that the General Assembly which now stands prorogued to the Second Thursday in this Month be dissolved & that a Proclamation issue declaring the same & that it is the Governors intention speedily to issue Writs for calling a new Assembly

May the 5th 1735

Present

The Governor in Council

M^r Com^r Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
John Custis
W^m Randolph
Phil Lightfoot &
Tho^s Lee Esq^r

On the Petition of Charles Chiswell Gent setting forth that he lately obtain'd an Order of this Board for a Survey of thirty thousand Acres of Land on the Branches of Rock fish River & deliver'd the same to M^r Mayo Surveyor of Goochland County who refus'd to Survey the same without receiving the full Number of Rights for the whole quantity which the Petitioner being ignorant of had not provided but immediately came to W^mburg in Order to purchase Rights but was told there was not such a quantity to be had during which time the said Surveyor hath receiv'd Entries & made Surveys for a great part of the Lands included within the Bounds of the Petitioners Grant tho' for several of the said Surveys no Rights were ever produc'd, It is Ordered that no Patent do issue upon the said late Surveys until the Petitioner be heard & that the Clerk of the Council do write to W^m Mayo Surveyor of Goochland County to receive no Entries for any Lands as may be suppos'd to be within the Bounds of the Petitioners Grant until the same be first satisfied

Charles Chiswell Gent in behalf of himself & his Partners setting forth that they Petition'd this Board sometime ago for a grant of Sixty thousand Acres of Land on the West side Conhongarooton River & joining to the Pensylvania line which Petition was refer'd until the

Determination of the Bounds of the said Province of Pennsylvania And praying that forasmuch as there is not a sufficient quantity of Land joining on the said Pennsylvania line to complete the quantity of that Grant that a Tract lying between the Rivers little Cacaper & great Cacaper may be assign'd the Petitioners as part of the said Grant. It is Ordered that the said Lands between these Boundaries be reserv'd for the Petitioners to make up the former quantity Provided the same be not already granted to any other Person

Benjamin Borden & W^m Robertson in behalf of themselves & divers Masters of Families Inhabitants of East Jerseys seting forth that they are desirous to Settle on the West Side the great Mountains on Sher-rando River And praying a Grant of One hundred thousand Acres of Land to be laid out for them in one or more Surveys beginning at or near that part of the great Mountains which is intersected by the South Branch of James River & running Southerly & Westerly to Compleat that quantity It is Ordered that the Petitioners have a Grant for the aforesaid quantity of Land at the place above describd upon Condition they settle one Family for each thousand Acres on the said Land within two Years from the date hereof & provided the same do not interfere with the Grant made to John Tayloe & Tho^s Lee Esq^r & W^m Beverly Gent.

On the Petition of Humphry Brooke It is Ordered he be paid the Sum of Fifteen Pounds three Shillings & Seven pence Current Money for his Expences in pursuing and apprehending in North Carolina & bringing to a Trial Christopher Hilliard accus'd for passing a forg'd Note as a Crop Tobacco Note of the Inspectors at Little pages Ware-house.

Matthew Anderson who as well for himself as for the King prosecuted & recover'd Judgment against Isaac Winston upon the Act of Assembly for taking excessive Usury having paid one half of the penalty recovered to the Receiver General for his Majesties use It is Ordered that the Receiver General repay to him one half the Costs he expended in the said Prosecution

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of His Majesties Revenues were this day Sign'd by the Governor in Council Viz^t

Out of the 2s per hh^d

To the Governor ½ Years Salary end ^d the 25 th of April last	£1000,,—,—
To the Gentlemen of His Majesties Council for the same time	300,,—,—
To the Judges & Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100,,—,—
To the Auditor Gen ^l of Plantations for ½ Years Salary ending as above	50,,—,—
To the Sollicitor of the Virginia affairs for the same time	50,,—,—

To the Attorney General for the same time	35,,—,—
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time	50,,—,—
To the Ministers attending the last General Court	6,,—,—
To the Armourer $\frac{1}{2}$ Years Salary ending the 25 th of April last	6,,—,—
To the Gunners at the Batterys	22,,—,—
To Repairs about the Governors House	27,,13,, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
To W ^m Prentis for Contingent Charges	649,,17,, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$
To the Adjutant $\frac{1}{2}$ Years Salary ending the 25 th April last	75,,—,—

And out of the Quit Rents

To M ^r Commissary $\frac{1}{2}$ Years Salary ending the 25 th of April last	50,,—,—
To the Attorney General for the same time	35,,—,—

The Accounts of His Majesties Revenue of 2s per hh^d Port Duties & head Money Ending the 25th of April last being Examined by the Deputy Auditor was this day laid before the Governor & Council by his Majesties Receiver General who made Oath thereto and the same was certified by the Governor as Usual

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace for Gloucester County do issue & that Franc^s Whiting & Herbert Haynes Gent be added to the present Justices

On the Petition of the Devises of Tho^s Massey late of New Kent County dec^d praying that John Woodson may be appointed to make a partition among them of Four thousand Acres of Land lying in Goochland County on little Bird according to their Respective Shares & Interests therein & according to the Nature & quality of the Lands & that upon his returning such Surveys that Patents be granted to them respectively for their Several Shares It is the Opinion of this Board that the Right of Surveying the said Land is in the Surveyor of the County but if the said Surveyor will consent they may employ Woodson either by himself or in Conjunction with the said Surveyor for the more equal Division of the said Lands amongst the s^d Children

Several Petitions for taking up Land were this day read & granted as follows

To W^m Worsham One thousand Acres on the upper side Smacks Creek in Amelia County

To W^m Starke One thousand Acres on the North side Sapony Creek between his own line & the Branch

To John Thomson leave to have an inclusive Patent for Eight hundred Acres Surveyed in two Tracts in Hanover County

To John Woodson four thousand Acres above & below a Neck of Land on the North side Roanoke River where Richard Ward has a horsepen in one or more Surveys

To John Taylor One thousand Acres on the North side little Nottoway River adjoining John Wallaces lower line in the County of Amelia

To John Woodson & Joseph Dabbs Leave to include in one Patent three thousand Acres already granted them on the back lines of Tarlton Flemming Bowler Cocke, Tho^s Massie Leonard Ballow, W^m Cable, Dan^l Johnson, Tho^s Ballow, & Isham Randolph, on the back of Rock Castle on each side Flemmings Park Creek with four hundred Acres formerly Survey'd for John Hankins for which Joseph Dabbs by Petition to this Board obtain'd a Grant & likewise four hundred Acres already Survey'd for John Woodson

To John Mitchel five hundred & fifty Acres on both sides the Herrican in Prince George County

To Arthur Hopkins four thousand Acres on the Branches of Willis's Creek & Muddy Creek in Goochland County in one or more Surveys

To John Henry & John Moor two thousand Acres on the Branches of Mechamp Creek, Camp Creek & Bunches Creek in Hanover County in one or more Surveys

To John Henry One thousand Acres on the Branches of Fork Creek & Round about Creek & to include in one Patent twelve hundred Acres already Patented by the Petitioner on the said Fork Creek fifteen hundred fifty four Patented in his Wifes Name while Sole & Eleven hundred & ten acres purchased by the Petitioner of M^r William Robertson the two last mention'd Tracts lying on the said Round about Creek in Hanover County

To W^m Packet five hundred fourteen Acres on Moss Fergussons upper line thence up the s^d Branch, thence on the said Fergussons line thence on the Ridge & so up the said Ridge to Compleat the quantity in Prince George County

To W^m Shannon four hundred & fifty Acres on the South Side Appamattox River

To W^m Green One thousand Acres beginning at his own lower Corner on the mouth of the Horsepen Swamp thence along Col^o Bollings line to Wallers Entry & down Bell Branch for Compliment

To John Crawford three thousand Acres lying between flatt Creek & the head of Sandy Creek & Taylor Créek & up the Ridge between the said Creeks for Compliment in one or more Surveys

To W^m Robertson & John Henry Six thousand Acres in Hanover County beyond the West Mountains joining to four hundred Acres already Survey'd for the said Robertson & Joining upon some Surveys of the said Henry in one or more Tracts

To John Dawson & James Quarles two thousand Acres on Roanoke River beginning upon the main Branch on the North Fork of Roanoke River at a white Oak branded ID. IQ below the mouth of a Creek making out of the North side the North Fork & running thence up the said North Fork & out for Compliment likewise upon the little Roanoke at the Fork thereof beginning below the Fork at a white Oak branded thus IQ. ID running up the said Fork on both sides & out for Complement

To Rich^d Green Nine hundred Acres between the Birchen Swamp & Nottoway River

To W^m Green One thousand Acres joining on his own line Col^o Bollings line John Wallers Entry Abraham Greens Entry, down Col^o Bollings line to the lower Corner of his own Land already Patented upon the mouth of Horsepen Swamp

To John Gunn Seven hundred Acres on the Branches of Shakoes Creek Alias Johnstons Branch in Hanover County three hundred & Ninety one Acres part of the said Land being formerly granted to him

To Rob^t Lewis three thousand Acres in the North Garding in Goochland County in one or more Surveys

To James Anderson five hundred & fifty Acres on Woody Creek in Prince George County

To W^m Macklin Jun^r Six hundred Acres on Ising glass Creek on Meherrin River in Brunswick County

To James Myse Six hundred Acres on Run Creek Meherrin River in Brunswick County

To Lewis Delony Eight hundred Acres in Brunswick County in the Fork of Flatt Rock Creek & Allens Creek joining to five thousand Acres of his own Land & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To John Fergus two thousand Acres upon Butterwood Road between Hatches Run & white Oak on both sides the Road Prince George County

To W^m Westbourn two thousand Acres in Brunswick County beginning at the mouth of falling River on Roanoke running down the main River to a Creek called Turnip Creek

To W^m Clemments Seventeen hundred Acres in Amelia County beginning at Appamattocks River at M^r Franklins Corner M^r Paul Piggs Corner on the little Bent Creek thence up the said Piggs line over little Bent Creek & up both sides for Compliment

To Charles Barrett for Sixteen hundred Acres on both sides the South Fork of little River in Hanover County according to a Survey now return'd to this Board

June the 11th 1735

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blaīr
W^m Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson

John Grymes
John Custis
W^m Randolph &
Phil Lightfoot Esq^r

An Additional Instruction under His Majesties Sign Manuel & Signet dated in November 1733 directing the Rank which the Surveyor General of the Customs of the Southern District of Americo ought to hold when appointed one of the Council extraordinary & allowing to the present Surveyor General the place & privelege of one of His Majesties Counsel in ordinary of this Colony was this day read at the Board & Ordered to be Enter'd in the Counsel Books

The Governor was pleas'd to appoint the following Sherifs for the ensuing Year Viz'

For the County of

Northampton W^m Smith

James City Joseph Marston

A New Commission of the Peace for the County of King & Queen was Ordered to Issue consisting of the following Persons Viz'

Gowen Corbin

Rich^d Tunstall

George Braxton

John Bickerton

Rob^t Dudley

Mordecai Throgmorton

Ch^r Beverly

Maurice Smith

Phil Roots

Tho^s Starke

John Camm

W^m Bird Richards

Geo Braxton Jun^r

W^m Talliaferro

Beverly Whiting Quo

John Walker &

Phil Bird

Rob^t Armistead Bird

A New Commission of the Peace to issue for the County of Essex to consist of the following Justices Viz'

W^m Dangerfield

Alex^r Parke of the Quorum

Tho^s Warie

Franc^s Smith

Salvator Musco

W^m Neal

Rob^t Brooke

Tho^s Jones

James Garnet

Benj^m Winslow

Nicholas Smith

W^m Lowry

Rich^d Taylor &

Mongo Roy &

Isaac Scandret Gent

Ordered That the Commission of the Peace for the County of Elizabeth City be altered & that John King Gent who is become incapable of serving as a Justice be left out of the said Commission & that Tho^s Tabb Gent be added to the former Justices

The Governor desiring the advice of the Council which will be the most proper time for Issuing Writs & for calling a General Assembly On Consideration thereof It is the Opinion of this Board that the Writs for the Election of the Burgesses be issued as soon as may be & bear Test the 16th day of this Month but as there is no apparent necessity for their meeting to do business before the last Thursday in November after the Elections are made the Assembly may be Pro-rogued till that time & if a further Prorogation be necessary the time of their Meeting may be agreed on during the setting of the next General Court

On the Petition of W^m Byrd Esq^r seting forth that he Speedily expects divers Families of Switzers to settle in this Colony & praying a Grant for One hundred thousand Acres of Land for their Accomodation on both sides the South Branch of Roanoke River between Birches Creek & the Irvin on the like Terms as have been allowed to other Strangers coming in to Settle the Frontiers. It is accordingly Ordered that leave be granted to the Petitioner to Survey in one or more Dis-

tinct Tracts the aforesaid quantity of Land within the bounds aforesaid Provided he Settle one Family for each thousand Acres within two Years from the last of October next

Whereas Information is this day given to the Board that a great Number of the Cattawbaw Indians were now upon the Frontiers of this Colony threatening to Attack the Nottoways It is Ordered that the Officers of the Militia living in the Neighbourhood of the Nottoway Indians be & are hereby required to raise the Troops & Companies under their command for the better Protection of the said Nottoway Indians in case any Attempt shou'd be made on them by the Cattawbaw Indians

On hearing this day at the Board the Petition of the Merchants Owners of Vessels & Principle Inhabitants of the Town of Norfolk which was referr'd the first of May last to be consider'd at this Council & a Counter Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Hampton touching the removing the Officers of the Customs from the said Town of Hampton to that of Norfolk or to appoint a Deputy to reside their to Enter & Clear the Vessels belonging to the said Town the Several parties being heard by their Counsel & due Consideration had of their Several Arguments & Allegations It appearing to this Board that the Town of Hampton being Scituated at the Mouth of James River is the most convenient Place for the Residence of the Collector & Naval Officer of the lower District of James River, And it is therefore Ordered that the Petition of the Inhabitants of Norfolk be rejected

Sam' Weldon having Petition'd for a Grant of a certain Island in James River Survey'd for James Martin & Crawley Howlett and it appearing to this Board that the Person under whom the said Martin Howlett claim had a Patent for the said Island many Years ago, & died thereof Seiz'd It is Ordered that the Petition of the said Weldon be dismis'd & that he pay to the Defendants one Guinea for their Charges & fifty Shillings for the Lawyers Fee

On hearing the Parties on the Petition of Robert Napier against Miles Cary touching an Entry & Survey made by the Petitioner for One hundred Acres of Land in Goochland County on the North side North River & on both sides long Island Creek, It is the opinion of this Board & accordingly Ordered that the Petitioner have a Patent for the said Land according to his Survey he paying the said Miles Cary the Surveyors Fee

Martin Nall of the County of Spotsylvania having Petition'd for a Grant for four hundred Acres of Land lying in the said County formerly Survey'd for Daniel Brown the Parties being this day heard at the Board. it appearing that the said Brown hath the most equitable pretensions It is Ordered that a Patent be granted him for the aforesaid Tract he paying to the said Martin Nall all his Charges for obtaining a Survey thereof & if he fail so to do between this & next Christmas that then the said Lands be granted to Martin Nall he paying the said Brown for his Improvements he hath made on the s^d Land according to a Valuation to be made thereof by Persons to be appointed by the Court of the County wherein the said Lands lie

June the 12th 1735*Present*

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair
W^m Byrd
John RobinsonJohn Grymes
John Custis
W^m Randolph &
Philip Lightfoot Esq^r

On the Application of W^m Russel Gent further time is hereby allow'd him till the end of next General Court to perfect his Survey of the Lands granted him on Sherrando River & if he fails so to do & to return Platts thereof into the Secretarys Office within that time that then he be excluded from any benefit of the said Grant

Whereas it hath been represented to this Board that divers of the Sherifs in manifest neglect of their Duty have not yet accounted with the Officers of his Majesties Revenues for the Quit Rents due for last Year whereby they are disabled to pass their Accounts. It is Ordered that unless the said Sherifs do before the tenth of next Month perfect their Rent Roles & attend the Auditor & Receiver General & pass their Accounts & pay in the Ballance of the Quit Rents in their hands that then his Majesties Attorney General be & is hereby required forthwith to bring Suit against the Sherif or Sherifs neglecting so to do & their Securities And it is further Ordered that Notice hereof be sent to each of them by Express at the Charge of the said Sherifs respectively

On hearing the parties on the Petition & Caveat of Tho^r Tinsly against William Reynolds concerning the Grant of three hundred Acres of Land in the County of Goochland, It appearing to this Board that W^m Reynolds the Father died soon after he purchased the Entry for the said Land his Children then under Age to whom he had devis'd the same by his Will It is therefore Ordered that a Patent be granted to W^m Reynolds Elizabeth Reynolds now the Wife of Salvator Alford & Mary Renoylds the Children & Devisees of the said W^m Reynolds dec^d & the Caveat of the said Tinsly is hereby Vacated

Col^o Charles Carter having exhibited a Complaint against Tho^r Osbourn & John Diskin Gent Inspectors at Quantico Warehouse in Prince William County & Divers Depositions of Witnesses taken by Order of the County Court being read at the Board & the Complainant as well as Tho^r Osbourn who appear'd for himself & his Partner being fully heard It is the Opinion of this Board that the said Inspectors have fail'd in the discharge of their Duty but for as much as the Inspection for this Year is near Expired It is Ordered that they be continued in their Office till the last of this Month & for delivering out the Tobacco which shall then remain unship'd & that then they be remov'd from their said Offices

John Scott Gent having Petition'd to be admitted an Attorney in the County Courts of this Dominion & upon his Examination having been found duly qualified It is Ordered that a Liscence be granted him according to the Prayer of his Petition

Several Petitions for Land were read & granted as follows Viz^d

To James Allen Tho^s Anderson & Charles Anderson four thousand Acres already enter'd for on great Guinea Creek in the County of Goochland beginning on Womacks line & running downwards on the licking hole Branches to Cap^t Stoners line & thence up the aforesaid Creek & the Branches of Appamattocks River for Complement

To Matthew Jouet three thousand Acres on Harris's & Beaver Creek in Hanover County

To Richard Stewart twelve hundred Acres on the North side Mocosoneck Creek & between the lines of James Pittillo, Richard Cocke, John Butler, Ja^s Bank & the Road called Rowantee in Prince George County

To Tho^s Harbour Sixteen hundred Acres part of it being already Patented lying on Billengers Creek on the North side the Rivanna River

At a Council held the 9th day of July 1735

Present

The Governør

M^r Com^r Blair
Cole Digges

John Grymes
John Custis &
Philip Lightfoot Esq^r

The Acco^{ts} of his Majesties Revenue of Quit Rents ending the 25th of April last was this day laid before the Board by his Majesties Receiver General & the same having been Examined by the Deputy Auditor was now Sworn to by the said Receiver General & was Certified by the Governor

Ordered

That the General Assembly called by Writt to meet the first day of August be Prorogu'd to Thursday the 27th of November next & that a Proclamation issue for that Purpose after the 25th Instant by which time the E[1]jection of Burgesses in the several Counties will be made And it is further Ordered that the Clerk of the Council Write circular Letters to the Sherifs of the remote Counties Notifying the intended Prorogation to the end they may acquaint the Burgesses therewith in order to prevent their Attendance according to the direction of the Writs.

Exam^d

Wil Robertson *Cls Con*

At a Council held at the Capitol October 17th 1735

Present

The Governor

M ^r Commissary Blair	John Grymes
Will ^m Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	W ^m Randolph
Jn ^o Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Phil ^p Lightfoot &
	Tho ^s Lee Esq ^r

On hearing this day at the Board the Several Parties concern'd on the Representations of the Justices & Inhabitants of the new Erected County of Amelia Relating to the Scituation of a Court House for the said County. It is the Opinion of this Board & accordingly Ordered that the Court House for the said County be Erected on the Land of Col^o Benj^a Harrison as the most convenient place for that purpose

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Bristol Parish in the County of Prince George being presented & Read Complaining of an Order of the Vestry of the said Parish for appointing a new Church to be built at a place which the petitioners alledge to be inconvenient to the greater part of the Parish & as well the Petitioners as the Vestry Men of the said Parish being heard thereon. It is the Opinion of this Board that the sad Petition is groundless, And tis therefore Ordered that the Vestry do proceed in Building the said Church pursuant to their former Order & Agreement.

On the Application of the Officers of His Majesties Revenue It is Ordered that a Number of Rights not exceeding the Value of Five hundred Pounds Sterling be issued

On the Petition of W^m Clemments, Leave is granted him to take up twelve hundred Acres of Land Eight hundred thereof being already entred for joining on the lines of Tho^s Franklin Paul Pikes Corner & Appamattock River on the little Bent Creek & so running to the Great Bent Creek for Compliment in the County of Amelia

On the Petition of John Edloe Leave is granted him to take up two thousand Acres of Land in Brunswick County beginning at the lower Fork of the Beaver Pond of Flatt Rock Creek so running up the Neck & over Flatt Rock Creek between Kettle Stick & William Gills line for Compliment

At a Council held at the Capitol Nov^r 1st 1735

Present

The Governor

Ja ^s Blair	John Custis
W ^m Byrd	W ^m Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Grymes	Phil Lightfoot &
Tho ^s Lee Esq ^r	

An Additional Instruction under His Majesties Royal Sign Manuel & Signet dated the 30th day of November, 1733, was this day read wherein His Majestie is pleased to signifie His Royal pleasure that the respective Surveyors General of the Customs of the Southern District of His Majesties Dominions in America be for the future Admitted to sit & Vote in the Council of this Colony only as Councillors extraordinary during the time of their Residence here, it being His Majesties Royal Intention that if thro' any length of time such Surveyor General shou'd become the Senior Councillor in the said Colony he shall not by Virtue of such Seniority be ever Capable to take upon him the administration of the Government upon the death or Absence of the Governor in Chief or Lieu^t Governor but whenever such death or Absence shall happen the Government shall Divolve upon the Councillor next in Seniority to such Surveyor General, unless His Majestie shall hereafter think it for his Service to Nominate such Surveyor General a Councillor in Ordinary in any of the Governments within his Survey & declaring that forasmuch as His Majesty hath already thought fit to appoint George Phenny Esq^r the present Surveyor General a Councillor in Ordinary in this Colony, It is His Majesties Will & pleasure that the said George Phenny do & shall in this Colony enjoy all the Priviledges that belong to a Councillor in Ordinary upon Consideration of which Instruction. It appearing that the same has been obtain'd contrary to what M^r Phenny agreed to before his last departure from this Colony, It is thereupon Resolved, that an humble Representation be prepared to be presented to the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade & Plantations seting forth the Inconveniencys & inconsistency of the Surveyor General being Entituled to the Priviledges of the Ordinary Council within this Colony, and that the Letter formerly prepared & which was Stop'd at M^r Phennys request on his Entring into that Agreement be sent to their Lordships together with this Representation

His Majesties Warrant dated the 2^d of April last for repaying to Tho^s Lee Esq^r Five hundred Eighty Six pounds ten shillings & nine pence out of the Revenue of 2s per hh^d for so much remitted by him On Account of the said Revenue & lost by the Bankrupcy of his Correspondent was read & Ordered to be lodged with the Receiver General & a Warrant thereupon prepared for the Governors signing for the said payment

Present

Cole Digges & John Carter Esq^r

The Accounts of the Contingent Charges & of the Disbursements about the Governors House for the last half Year were severally Examined & allowed

The Governor laid before the Board a letter from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade & Plantations inclosing an Order of His Majesty in His Privy Council bearing date the 29th day of November 1733 directing the Lieutenant Governor of this Colony to Nominate three or more Commissioners (not exceeding five) who in conjunction with the like Number to be Named & diputed by the Lord Fairfax are to Survey & settle the Marks & Boundaries of that Tract of Land formerly granted to the Lord Culpepper agreeable to the Terms of the Patent under which the Lord Fairfax Claims within the Space of Two Years after the Arrival of the said Order & also a Petition of the said Lord Fairfax praying that Commissioners may be appointed pursuant to the said Order of His Majesty he being ready to name Commissioners on his part for that purpose & the same being severally read at the Board are referred for further Consideration

M^r John Bevil is Nominated Sherif for Accomack County in the Room of Henry Scarbrough lately dec^d

Ordered That a New Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Lancaster & that W^m Ball Jun^r Gent be left out of the s^d Commission

The following Persons were appointed Inspectors at the several Warehouses hereafter mentioned Viz At

Fredericksburg	Joseph Hawkins & R ^d Tutt
Conways	Philip Cleyton & Tho ^s Slaughter
Roys	John Sutton & Peyton Smith
Boyds	Philip Alexander & Rob ^t Massie
Quantico	Moses Hinton & Rob ^t Jones
Yeocomico	Dan ^l Tibbs & Sam ^l Oldham
Laytens	John Stark & John Rowzee
Urbanna	John Worsham in the Room of M ^r Robinson
Hampton	W ^m Mallory during M ^r Kirbys indisposition
Warwick	James Cocke in the Room of M ^r Arth ^r Moseley
Lawrences	Geo. Lawrence in the Room of Tho ^s Swann

Ordered That the General Assembly be prorogued to the first Thursday in February next & that a Proclamation issue accordingly

On Reading at this Board the Petition of Robert McCay & Joost Hyte in behalf of themselves & their Partners seting forth that they have seated five Families on a certain Tract of Land lying on the Eastern side Sherrando River below the Land of Jacob Stover & not entred for by any other Person & upon their applying to the Surveyor of Orange County to lay out the same as part of their Tract formerly granted them he refused because no mention is made in the said Grant

of any Land lying on the Eastern side the said River & praying that five thousand Acres of Land lying between the lines of Jacob Stover & William Russel may be granted them as part of their Tract & upon the Condition mentioned in their Grant, It is accordingly Ordered that the Surveyor of Orange County Survey for the Petitioners the said five thousand acres of Land & that the same be allowed as part of their former Grant & that upon proving the Seating thereof within the time heretofore limited for that purpose Patents be granted for the same

William Russel having laid before this Board a Survey of One thousand Acres of Land on the Southside Sherrando River which together with the Eight thousand Six hundred Acres formerly Survey'd for him is all the Land he can find within the limits of his former Entries. And praying that in as much as he has Seated the same with Persons brought into this Colony for settling & strengthening that Frontier the said Nine thousand Six hundred Acres now Surveyed may be granted him with the like privilege allowed to others seating the Lands there. The Governor with the Advice of the Council is pleased to Order as it is hereby Ordered that One thousand Acres for each Family brought by the said Russel upon the Land aforementioned be granted him & that he be discharg'd of the Payment of Rights, And that he have a Patent accordingly upon his making Proof before the Court of Orange County or any Justice of Peace of the said County of the Names & Numbers of Families settled thereon

November the 4th 1735

Present

The Governor

William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot &
John Grymes	Tho ^r Lee Esq ^r

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of His Majesties Revenue of two Shillings per hh^d Port Duties & head Money were sign'd by the Governor in Council Viz

To the Governor for ½ a Years Salary ending the 25 th of October last	£ 1000,,,—
To the Gentlemen of the Council for the same time	300,,,—
To the Judges & Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held in June last	100,,,—
To The Auditor Gen ^l of the Plantations for ½ a Years Salary	50,,,—
To the Solicitor of the Virginia Affairs for the same time	50,,,—

To the Attorney General for the same time	35,,,—,—
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time	50,,,—,—
To Sundry Ministers attending the Gen ^l Court	6,,,—,—
To the Armourer half a Years Salary	6,,,—,—
To the Gunners of the several Batterys	22,,,—,—
To W ^m Prentis for Sundry Repairs abo ^t the Gov- ernors House	107,,12,,11¼
To W ^m Prentis for sundry Contingent Charges	229,,10,, 6
To Tho ^s Lee Esq ^r pursuant to His Majesties War ^t	586,,10,, 9
To the Adjutant Gen ^l ½ a Years Salary	75,,,—,—

And Out of the Quit Rents

To the Commissary ½ a Years Salary	50,,,—,—
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the same time	35,,,—,—

The Acco^t of His Majesties Revenue of 2s per hh^d Port Duties & Head Money for the half Year ending the 25th of last of October was presented by the Receiver General who made Oath thereto & having been examined by the Deputy Auditor was this day Certified by the Governor in Council

Sundry Petitions for leave to take up & Survey his Majesties lands were this day read & granted as follows Vizt

To John Carter Esq^r ten thousand Acres on the River Tie in Goochland County beginning on the River next above Rock fish and running along that River from the mouth thereof & on both sides in one or more Surveys

To Tho^s Chew Gent & Rob^t Rose Clerk twenty thousand Acres lying on both sides little River which is a branch of James River & to the South West of Rock fish River about fifteen Miles in Goochland County near the Great Mountains

To Tho^s Covington & Tho^s Croucher five thousand Acres upon the Branches of Buxton Creek in Amelia County

To Edward Broadnax One thousand Acres on Miles Creek beginning at his own upper Corner Tree running down the Creek & then up the other side to the upper Corner Tree on the South side his own Land in Brunswick County

To Sam^l Morgan five hundred Acres on the upper side Deep Creek in Amelia County

To Rob^t Stoker Eight hundred Acres on Beaver Pond Branch of deep Creek in Amelia County

To Tho^s Denton twelve hundred Acres on Hamonds Branch including four hundred Acres already Patented & to have an inclusive Patent

To Tho^s Rice Eight hundred Acres joining on four hundred Acres already Patented on Cubb Creek in Hanover County & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To Tho^s Basset leave to have an inclusive Patent for two Tracts of Land already Surveyed for him the one of thirteen hundred Acres

& the other of four hundred Acres on both sides Willis's Creek in Goochland County

To Isaac Winston John Henry & William Robertson Thirty thousand Acres between the two Ledges of Mountains in Goochland County

To John Michie fourteen hundred forty two Acres on Harris's and Beaver Creek including Eight hundred Acres patented in several Patents & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole in Hanover County

To Tho' Tabb Seven hundred Acres on either of the Branches of Taylors' Creek in Amelia County in one or more Surveys

To W^m Carr John Waller jun' & John Minor Six thousand Acres on the Branches of the South Fork of James River on a River called Tie, or little River, Alias Jason Buck beginning at a Tree mark'd Tie in Goochland County in one or more Surveys

To Nicholas Davees two thousand One hundred Acres upon each side Muddy Creek joining to fifteen hundred Acres he bought of Jos May & four hundred Acres on the upper side the Creek he bought of William Bradley lying in Goochland County & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To John Price Sixteen hundred Acres most of it already Surveyed on Rocky Creek & on both sides the Southanna in Hanover County

To Anthony Hoggat & Jos Dabbs Six thousand Acres on the South Fork of Willis's Creek on M' Carys line extending North South & West to include the quantity in Goochland County two thousand four hundred Acres being already Survey'd & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To Andrew Wade leave to have an inclusive Patent for Sixteen hundred Acres of Land already Survey'd for him in four Surveys in Hanover County on the Branches of Hickory Creek

To Peter Marks two thousand Ninety Six Acres in the branches of Cubb Creek Joining on M' Chamberlains line in Hanover County

To George Thomason Sixteen hundred Acres already Survey'd for him on both sides Christophers Run in Goochland County

To Rob' Estis One thousand Acres on the Branches of North East Creek & Contrary River Joining on four hundred Acres already Patent^d by him & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To Sam' Lee fifteen hundred Acres beginning at John Ledbetters line at a white Oak thence up cross over to the Reedy Branch thence up the said Branch to his own line thence up Acocks line to Peter Mitchels line thence down to Tho' Rosers Corner & round his own line for quantity in Prince George County

To John Ragland Eight hundred Acres joining four hundred Acres already survey'd on Great Cawthons Run & to have an inclusive Patent

To John Ragland four hundred Acres joining on two thousand Six hundred Acres already Surveyed lying on the Branches of Harris's & Chamberlayns Creek & on little Cawthons River & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To John Jackson two thousand five hundred Acres on both sides the Birchen Swamp in Prince George & Amelia County

To Eliz^a Anderson five hundred Acres on both sides the Beaver Pond Branch including the Mill Place in Amelia County

To Tarlton Flemming, Stephen Hughes, Sam^l Wilkinson John Bryan, W^m Keith, James Geddy, John Taylor, Isaac Bee, Jn^o Webb Henry Webb, Alex^r Moss, & David Lyle, thirty thousand Acres in Brunswick County on the North side Roanoke River at the mouth of Sandy Creek from thence on both sides Roanoke River in several Surveys

Ordered That Col^o John Simmonds or the Commanding Officer of the Militia in the County of Isle Wight be directed to raise such part of the Militia as they shall think fit to Oblige the Tuskoror & other Northern Indians to retire from the Nottoway Town & in case they refuse then to apprehend & send them Prisoners to Williamsburg in Order to be dealt with according to the Terms of their late Treaty

Whereas Robert Ball of Bostorn Marriner hath formed a project for curing & manageing Tobacco of the Growth of this Colony so as to render it of equal goodness & Value of that produc'd in Braziel & hath been at some trouble & charge in making an experiment thereof, It is Ordered that in Consideration of his loss of Time and Expencc therein he be paid Fifty pounds Current Money & that the Receiver General place the same to the Account of Contingent Charges

On the humble Petition of John Carter Keeper of the Public Goal, It is Ordered that His Majesties Receiver General do advance him thirty Pounds Current Money taking his obligation to pay the same out of the next Money or Tobacco which he shall receive from the General Assembly

At a Council held at the Capitol December the 10th 1735

Present

The Governor

W^m Byrd
Cole Digges
Jn^o Robinson
John Grymes

W^m Randolph
Jn^o Tayloe
Phil^l Lightfoot &
Tho^s Lee Esq^r

Ordered That the General Assembly be further Prorogued till the last Thursday in May next & that Proclamations issue accordingly

For the better & more speedy Determination & Settlement of the Boundaries between His Majesty & the Lord Fairfax Proprietor of the Northern Neck pursuant to his Majesties Commands signified by Order in his privy Council the 29th of November 1733 The Governor this day in Council was pleased to Nominate and appoint W^m Byrd, John Robinson & John Grymes Esq^r Commissioners on the part of His Majesty in Conjunction with the like Number to be deputed by the said Lord Fairfax for Surveying & settling the said Boundaries & for that purpose to meet at such time as they shall judge most suitable & convenient with power to chuse and Employ one or more Surveyors with a con-

venient number of Markers & other Attendants necessary for that Service & if the said Boundaries cannot be finally adjusted upon the place that then they have power to take Depositions of Witnesses & to cause Maps & Descriptions of the Boundaries in dispute to be prepared & to make Report of all matters relating thereto in order to the final Determination thereof in such manner as His Majestie shall hereafter direct & then the Board being informed that M^r Edward Barradell attended in behalf of the Lord Fairfax he was called in & declared that he had Authority from the Lord Fairfax to Nominate the same Commissioners to Act in behalf of His Lordship he being well satisfied of the Candour & Integrity of the Council which are now appointed Commissioners to do equal Justice in this dispute

William Whitaker is appointed Inspector at Denby Warehouse in the Room of William Harwood who has resign'd

John Martin Gent having entred a Caveat for stopping a Patent sued out by George Woodrof for lands in Caroline County & not appearing to prosecute the same, It is Ordered that the same be dissolv'd & that the said Woodrof have his Patent

On Reading this day at the Board a Petition of many of the Inhabitants of the County of Hanover Complaining that the Justices of that County have without any reasonable cause, Ordered a New Court House to be built in the said County & assess'd the Inhabitants for the Charge thereof though the present Court House be a good Substantial building & capable of serving for that purpose for many Years, And praying relief therein, It is Ordered that a Supersedees be granted to stop the execution of the said Order of the Justices until all parties be heard before the General Court

On Reading at this Board the humble Petition of Anne Alexander Widow Residuary Legatee of John Smith late of Purton in the County of Gloucester dec^d Representing that the said John Smith being possessed of a Negro man named Robin for whom he had a very great affection did on his death Bed declare his mind & earnest desire to be that the said Negro Robin for his fidelity and Diligent Service should immediately after his decease be free & discharg'd from all farther Servitude, And the said Alexander being desirous that the good intent of the said John Smith should take effect. Therefore humbly prayed the Approbation of this Board therein pursuant to the Act of Assembly in that case made & provided. The Governor and Council taking the same into their Consideration have approv'd & hereby do approve of the said Negro Robins being manumitted & do accordingly hereby declare the said Robin to be free of which all Persons whom it may concern are hereby required to take Notice

The several Caveat entered by Doctor John Tennent for stopping a Patent sued by John Vauter for Lands in the County of Spotsylvania & also of John Mallory for stopping a Patent for Land Survey'd for Hugh Hogan in the County of Hanover are continued till the next Court of Oyer & Terminer

Sundry Petitions for leave to take up & Survey His Majesties Lands were this day read & granted as follows Viz^t

To Sam^l Cobbs Six thousand Acres upon the Branches of Flatt Creek & little Nottoway in Amelia County in one or more Surveys

To Robert Christian & David Patterson three thousand Acres on Rock Fish River & Goose Creek in Goochland County in one or more Surveys provided it do not interfere with M^r Chiswells line or any former Grant

To Abraham Venable two thousand Acres on the Branches of the Byrd Creek in Goochland County joining on One thousand three hundred Acres already Survey'd for him & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Tho^s Eldridge all the Waste Land lying on his own Tract in Prince George County joining on the Lands of Henry Gee, W^m Halley Michael Rorser John Livesay, James Gee, W^m Williams & Henry Ivy dec^d and to have an inclusive Patent for that with his own Land already Surveyed

To Thomas Banks One thousand Acres on the Branches of Byrd Creek in Goochland County in one or more Surveys

To James Garnet three thousand Acres on the head Branches of Matto pony in Spotsylvania County near the Land of Col^o Gowen Corbin

To Isham Epes fifteen hundred Acres beginning on his own line on Cellar Fork of Deep Creek thence adjoining his own & Chappels Lines on little Nottoway for Compliment in Amelia County

To Isham Eppes fifteen hundred Acres beginning on John Naws line thence on James Jones & Joseph Hawkes lines for Compliment in Amelia County

To Thomas Harbour fourteen hundred & Sixty three Acres already Survey'd for him in four Surveys on Bollings Creek in Goochland County

To William Hatcher two thousand Acres Surveyed for M^r Chiswell in the Year 1722 (he having made no Improvement thereon) lying between falling Creek & Swift Creek in Henrico County the said Chiswell having relinquish'd his Right to it.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 22^a 1736

Present

The Governor

James Blair

W^m Byrd

Cole Digges

John Robinson

John Carter

John Grymes

John Custis

W^m Randolph

John Tayloe

Ph Lightfoot &

Tho^s Lee Esq^r

M^r John Marshall is appointed one of the Inspectors at Cherry Stones Warehouse in Northampton County

The Governor was pleas'd to Nominate the following Persons Sherifs for the respective Counties hereafter mentioned Viz^t

Charles City	Tho ^s Epes
Brunswick	W ^m Wynne
Nansemond	W ^m Baker
Lancaster	W ^m Tayloe
Prince George	Lewis Green
Isle Wight	Tho ^s Jarrel
Caroline	George Goodloe
King William	Tho ^s West
Northampton	W ^m Smith
King & Queen	Phil ^p Roots

Joseph Foster Gent being recommended Sherif for the County of New Kent for the ensuing Year and Information being given against him by a Letter from M^r William Macon one of the Justices of the said Court. It is Ordered that a Copy thereof be sent him to the end he may have an Opportunity to Justifie himself of the matters therein laid to his Charge

Whereas Information hath been given to this Board that the Northern Indians in great Numbers have lately pass'd through the Frontiers of this Colony under pretence of going to War with the Cattawbaws & by their Insolent behaviour given great Disturbance to the Inhabitants, It is Ordered that the Consideration of proper Measures for preventing the like for the future be refer'd to the last day of the General Court

Ordered That the General Assembly be further prorogued till Thursday the fifth day of August next & that Proclamations be issued accordingly

Ordered That a New Commission of the Peace be issued for the County of Orange & that William Russel Gent, be appointed a Justice in the said Commission

On the Application of the Officers of His Majesties Revenue It is Ordered that a Number of Rights for taking up His Majesties Land not exceeding the Value of Five hundred Pounds Sterling be issued for the Accomodation of such Persons who shall have occasion to purchase the same

At a Council held at the Capitol May the 5th 1736

Present

The Governor

James Blair Clk	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	W ^m Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe &
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot Esq ^r

The Acco^t of Contingent Charges & other Disbursments about the Governors House was severally Examined & allowed

On the Petition of Charles Carter Esq^r Leave is granted him to Survey & Patent so much of the Beach at York Town as lies between his Lot & the River & doth not interfere with the Land of Philip Light-foot Esq^r or any other Pryor Grant

Ordered That the Naval Officer of York River do not demand The Tunnage & head Money of the Ship George of Bristol who entred in that District & is since Sailed for Maryland

The following Persons were appointed by the Governor in Council to be Sherifs of the respective Counties hereafter mentioned for the ensuing Year Viz^t

For the County of

York	Edmund Smith
Norfolk	Thomas Wright
Princess Anne	W ^m Robinson
Surry	John Ruffin
Goochland	John Netherland
Richmond	Tho ^s Barber
Prince William	John Allen
Stafford	John Washington

Ordered

That M^r Edward Barradell, M^r Hudson Allen & M^r Richard Taliafero be added to the Commission of Peace for James City County the first of which to be last in the Quoram

Ordered That M^r John Harmer & M^r Walter King be added to the Commission of Peace for the County of York

On the Application of His Majesties Receiver General for ascertaining the difference of Exchange at which he is to remit Money received for His Majesties Quit Rents. This Board do hereby Certifie that the Current Rate of Exchange at present is twenty five per Cent & that therefore the Receiver General be allowed to charge in his Account so much as will make the Money remitted by him for His Majesties Quit Rents Sterling according to that Rate unless he can procure Bills of Exchange cheaper

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of His Majesties Revenue of two Shillings per hh^d Port duties & head Money were Sign'd by the Governor in Council Viz^t

To the Governor ½ a Years Salary end ^d the 25 th of April last	£1000,,—,—
To the Gentlemen of the Council for the same time	300,,—,—
To the Judges of the Court of Oyer & Terminer in December last	100,,—,—
To the Auditor General of the Plantations half a Years Salary	50,,—,—
To the Solicitor of the Virginia Affairs for the same time	50,,—,—
To the Attorney General for same time	35,,—,—
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time	50,,—,—

To the Ministers attending the General Court	8,,,—,—
To the Armourer ½ a Years Sallery	6,,,—,—
To the Gunners of the Several Batterys	22,,,—,—
To Repairs to the Governors House	58,,,—,—
To P ^r W ^m Prentis for Contingent Charges	162,,18,—
To the Adjutant General ½ Years Salary	75,,,—,—
To Costs & Shiping Charges for 50 Bar ^l s Gun powder	179,, 9,,10

And Out of the Quit Rents

To M ^r Commissary ½ a Years Salary	50,,,—,—
To the Attorney General for the same time	35,,,—,—

On Consideration of the dangers which may happen to the Inhabitants of this Country by the Northern Indians Marching through the Frontiers of this Colony it appearing that the Occasion of their frequent passing this Way is in Order to Attack the Cattawbaws, & other Southern Indians with whom they were at War. It is therefore Ordered that the Southern & Northern Indians be severally Invited to meet here next April for settling a peace between those Nations as the best way for securing the quiet of Our Frontier Inhabitants from their future Incursions

At a Council held at the Capitol June the 9th 1736

Present

The Governor

James Blair Clk	John Carter
William Byrd	John Grymes
Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	W ^m Randolph &
Philip Lightfoot Esq ^r	

Whereas Leonard Whiting hath undertaken to build & finish the Fort at Point Comfort according to a Scheme prepared and approved by the Governor & hath already received part of the Consideration Money & now moving for a further Sum of One hundred & fifty pounds to be Advanced him; It is accordingly Ordered that the said Sum of One hundred & fifty Pounds be Advanced & paid him by His Majesties Receiver General upon his Entering into Bond with good Security for finishing the said Fort according to the Scheme propos'd by him & aproved by the Governor

Ordered That it be refer'd to M^r Attorney General to consider in what manner the Importation of Rum & other Liquors by land from Pennsylvania may be best prevented or the Importers made liable to the payment of the Duty & to bring Suit against such as Export Skins & Furrs out of this Colony by Land without paying the Duties laid thereon by Act of Assembly & appropriated to the Support of the College of William & Mary

Whereas Joseph Foster Gent was accused before this Board for several Inmoralities which if duly proved would have been sufficient cause to have removed him from his Office of Justice of the Peace for the County of New Kent And the said Foster now appearing & offering in his Justification an affidavit of his Wife together with the Testimony of two Justices of the Peace his near Neighbours, Whereby it appears that the said Accusation is groundless. It is the Opinion of this Board, And accordingly Ordered that the said Foster be continued in his Office of Justice of the Peace & be appointed Sherif for the said County of new Kent for the ensuing Year

John Buchanan of the Province of Maryland Merchant by his Petition praying to be Reimburs'd the Duties of One hundred & Seventy hh^{rs} of Tobacco Ship'd by him in this Colony in the Ship Industry which happened to Founder at Sea. It is thereupon the Opinion of this Board that as no such Allowance hath ever yet been made in the like Cases, That therefore the said Petition be rejected

On the motion of Matthew Jouet, It is Ordered that the matter in dispute between him & John Ragland touching the Grant of a Tract of Land in Hanover County Surveyed for the said Ragland be heard at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer. And leave is granted to either party to Examine John Smithy before any Justice of the Peace of that County

John Tennent of the County of Spotsylvania Gent having entered a Caveat for stopping the issuing a Patent to John Vauter of Essex County for four hundred Acres of Land Surveyed for him in the Year MDCCXXXIV. And it appearing to this Board that the said Vauter hath not complied with the Orders of Government, It is thereupon Ordered that the said four hundred Acres of Land be granted to the said John Tennent he puting in Rights for the same

The Petition of James Harriss against William Collier for Land in Brunswick County continued to be heard on the XIIth day of August next

Jones Irwinn having Petitioned for a Grant of One thousand Acres of Land in the County of Prince George Survey'd divers Years agoe for Henry Maynard & no patent yet sued out for the same It appearing that Alexander Mackenzie Gent Attorney for the heir of the said Maynard hath been duly Summoned to shew cause why the said Tract ought not to be granted & he failing to appear, It is Ordered that the said One thousand Acres of Land be granted the Petitioner he entring Rights according to Law

On hearing the matter in dispute between Timothy Dalton & Richard Hamock touching the Grant of a Tract of Land in the County of Hanover, It is Ordered that the said Hamock have a Grant of two hundred Acres of the said Land including his Dwelling House & Plantation & that the Residue of the said Tract be granted the said Dalton if he will accept thereof

On reading this day at the Board a Petition of the Minister & five of the Vestry of St Martins Parish in Hanover County complaining of an Order madq by the Major Part of the said Vestry for building a

New Church at a place very inconvenient for the far greater part of the Inhabitants of that precinct of the Parish for whose use it is intended And on hearing as well the Petitioners as the Persons appointed on behalf of the Major part of the Vestry. It is the Opinion of this Board, And accordingly Ordered that if it be the meaning of the said Vestry that the Chappel at Allens Creek should still be kept up together with the two Churches mentioned in their Order, That then the place appointed by the said Order be the Place for building the said new Church But if the Intent of the said Vestry be to discontinue the said Chappel, Then it is Ordered that the said New Church be built on the South Side New found River at the intersection of the Roads which lead to the respective Plantations of M^r Charles Chiswell and M^r Richard Clough or as near thereto as a convenient Spring of Water can be found, as being the Center of the lower precinct of the said Parish & most convenient for all the Inhabitants thereof to attend the Public Worship. And the said Vestry are hereby required to take Notice hereof & to conform themselves accordingly

On hearing this day at the Board the parties on the Caveat entered by John Mallory against Hugh Hogan for two hundred ninety three Acres of Land in Hanover County surveyed for the said Hogan in MDCCXXXIV no Patent ever sued out by him It appearing that the said Hogan hath not complied with the Orders of Government. It is Ordered that the said John Mallory have a Grant for the said Land according to the Prayer of the Petition

W^m Mallory having Petitioned for a Grant of four hundred Acres of Land in Hanover County formerly Surveyed for Hugh Hogan who failed to Sue out a Patent for the same in due time the said Hogan & the Petitioner being now heard & the Allegations of the Petitioner being found true It is Ordered that he have a Grant for the said four hundred Acres of Land upon his producing Rights for the same

A Petition of Dan^l Burford of the County of King William for a Liscence to practice as An Attorney, Is refer'd to M^r Attorney Gen^l or S^r John Randolph to Examine the Petitioners qualifications & to make Report thereof to this Board

At a Council held at the Capitol Aug^t the 9th 1736

Present

The Governor

M^r Comissary Blair
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
John Custis
W^m Randolph &

John Tayloe Esq^r

His Majesty having been pleased by Order in his Privy Council dated the 4th of March 1735 to Ratify & Confirm the two following Acts of the last Session of Assembly Viz^t

An Act for Amending the Act Entituled An Act for settling the Titles & Bounds of Land & for preventing unlawfull Shooting & Ranging thereupon &

An Act for the better Support & Encouragement of the College of William & Mary in Virginia

It is Ordered that His Majesties said Order in Council be entered in the Secretarys Office

An Acco' of the Fees & Charges paid by Peter Leheup Esq' for obtaining His Majesties Approbation of the two Acts of Assembly aforementioned amounting to the Sum of £32,,11,,4 being laid before the Board & read, It is Ordered that His Majesties Receiver General do pay the same together with the Sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling for his particular care in soliciting the said Approbation.

August the 10th 1736

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair
John Robinson
John Carter
John Grymes

John Custis
W^m Randolph
John Tayloe &
Philip Lightfoot Esq^r

A Petition of Franc^s Allen Gent and also a Petition of John Selden Gent were severally read praying Lyscences to practice as Attorneys in the County Courts of this Dominion and refer'd to M^r Attorney General for his Examination into the qualifications of the Petitioners & to make Report thereof to this Board

August the 11th 1736

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair
John Robinson
John Carter
John Grymes

John Custis
W^m Randolph
John Tayloe
Phil Lightfoot &

Thomas Lee Esq^r

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Norfolk & that Thomas Wright Robert Tucker John Taylor, Sam^l Smith Jun^r James Ivy, W^m Portlock Caleb Wilson & Solomon Wilson the elder be added to the present Justices of the said County

Also a new Commission for the County of Essex & that Joshua Fry, W^m Dangerfield Philip Jones & W^m Roan be added to the present Justices & that M^r Fry be placed in the same Rank which he held in the Commission of the Peace for James City County

Ralph Justice Gent is appointed Inspector at Pocomoke and Guilfords Warehouses in the Room of John Justice who has resigned that Office

A Commission to W^m Byrd John Robinson & John Grymes Esq^r appointing them Commissioners on the part of His Majesty for settling marking & determining the Boundaries between His Majesty & the Right Hon^{ble} Thomas Lord Fairfax Proprietor of the Northern Neck together with a draught of Instructions for the better performing that Service being prepared were read & approved And it is Ordered that a fair Copy thereof be delivered to M^r Barradell His Lordships Attorney & that he be desired to Transmit the same to His Lordship & to Signify to him that if he continues in the same mind he was formerly to committ his Interest to the Determination of the same Commissioners appointed for the King it is necessary he prepare a proper Instrument under his hand Authorizing them thereto that the Commissioners may proceed without delay in the performance of the Duty required of them

August the 12th 1736

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair

John Robinson

John Custis

W^m Randolph

John Tayloe

Phil Lightfoot &

Thomas Lee Esq^r

On hearing this day at the Board the matter in dispute between James Harris & William Collier touching the Right of 328 Acres of Land in Brunswick County Surveyed for the said Collier & no Patents sued out by him in time It is the Opinion of this Board & accordingly Ordered that the said William Collier be admitted to Sue out his Patent for the said Land he producing Rights for the same so as he take out his Patent before the end of next General Court & also to pay to the said James Harris ten pounds Current Money for his charge & Expences in prosecuting his said Petition And it is further Ordered that M^r Drury Stith Surveyor of Brunswick County repay to the said James Harris the money paid him for the purchase of Rights for the said 328 Acres of Land

August 23^a 1736*Present*

The Governor

M^r Com^y Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
John Custis
W^m Randolph
Philip Lightfoot &
Tho^s Lee Esq^r

John Grymes Esq^r His Majesties Receiver General laid before the Board an Account of Sundry Arrears of Quit Rents due the 25th of April 1735 & also the Account of His Majesties Revenue of Quit Rents received for the last Year ending the 25th of April last Examined & pass'd by the Auditor of His Majesties Revenues & having made Oath thereto the same were severally certified by the Governor as usual

On Reading at the Board the humble Petition of Matthew Kemp Clerk of the General Court setting forth the great increase of his trouble occasioned of late Years by the number of Criminals brought to that Court for Trial And praying an Allowance out of His Majesties Revenue in consideration of that extraordinary service, This Board being sensible of the truth of what is Suggested in the said Petition have thought fit to Order as it is hereby Ordered that the Receiver General of His Majesties Revenues do pay to the said Matthew Kemp the Sum of twenty Pounds Sterling per Annum for the five Years wherein he hath served in the Office aforesaid & the like Sum annually for the future & place it to the Account of the Contingent Charges of the Government.

W^m Beverly Gent Representing to this Board that in pursuance of the Order Granted to him John Tayloe & Thomas Lee Esq^r for taking up Sixty thousand Acres of Land beyond the great Mountains on the River Sherrando he had caused the same to be Surveyed as by the Platt thereof now produced may appear, but that by some mistake in the Surveyor he had included a far greater quantity than the said Sixty thousand Acres of which Eighteen thousand are Mountains lying in the midst of the said Tract & a great part of the rest Barrens. That the said John Tayloe & Tho^s Lee Esq^r had thereupon relinquished their pretensions to the said Land That the said Beverly having at his great Charge Imported Sixty seven Families to cultivate the same who are already settled within the Bounds of the said Tract is willing to take a Grant thereof in the name of himself S^r John Randolph Kn^t & John Robinson Gent now his partners if they may have further time for seating the Surplus Land with such exemption from the payment of Quit Rents for the said Mountains & Barrens as to this Board shall seem reasonable. The Governor in Council taking the same into consideration was pleased to Order as it is hereby Ordered that a Patent be granted to the said William Beverly, S^r John Randolph & John Robinson for the whole quantity contain'd in the Survey now return'd by

Rob' Brooke Surveyor upon their giving Bond in the Secretarys Office for the Payment of Rights for so much of the Surplus Land over & above the Sixty Seven thousand Acres already prov'd to be seated, as they shall fail to seat Families on. That is to say one Family for each thousand Acres within two Years from the date of this Order. But as to that part of the Petition for an exemption from the payment of Quit Rents for the Mountainous & Barren Lands contained in the said Tract the same is rejected

At a Council held at the Capitol Sept' 1st 1736

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair
Cole Digges
John Robinson

John Grymes
John Custis &
Philip Lightfoot Esq^r

The Governor laid before the Board a Letter from James Oglethorp Esq^r dated at Savannah in Georgia the 26th of July last intimating that the Trustees for that Colony had pass'd an Act which His Majesty had ratified & confirmed for regulating the Trade with the Indians and likewise desiring that the bearer M^r Sweney may have leave to treat with such persons here as are accustomed to the Climate to go with him for building their Forts to defend themselves against the Spaniards & on reading the said Letter

It is Ordered that the Act aforesaid be printed & sent to the Indian Traders, and M^r Sweney was called in and acquainted that he may Treat & agree with any persons he shall find willing to go with him provided he take not any Servants nor secretly convey away any persons in debt without Satisfying their Creditors

Whereas upon reading the Petitions of W^m Macklin & Sampson Lanier in behalf of themselves & many other the free Holders & Inhabitants of the Parish of S^t Andrew in the County of Brunswick, It appears to this Board that the Vestry of the said Parish have in Contempt of the Order made the 16th of April 1735 to which the said Vestry did submit directed two Chappels to be Erected in the said Parish greatly to the inconveniency of the Inhabitants. And now upon hearing Maj^r John Wall in behalf of the said Vestry as well as the Petitioners & due Consideration had of the Scituation of the said Parish according to a Map thereof laid before this Board by the Surveyor of the said County of Brunswick It is Ordered by the Governor by & with the Advice & consent of the Council that the said Vestry of S^t Andrews Parish laying aside all excuse & delays do forthwith proceed to order & direct One Chappel of ease to be Erected & built for the conveniency of the Inhabitants on the North side Meherrin River near the Plantation of James Lofton upon the three Creeks at a place where a School House now stands & that the other Chappel for the Conveniency of the Inhabitants on the South side the said River Meherrin be Erected & built

at a place commonly called Strowds Old Feild, & that all other places directed by the said Vestry to be appointed for the said Chappels be hereby disallowed

And Whereas the said Vestry did heretofore Order a Chappel to be built for the conveniency of the Inhabitants on Roanoke contrary to the Intentions of this Board. It is Ordered that the said intended Chappel be not proceeded in, but that a House be hired & a Reader appointed at the charge of the Parish for performing divine Service as far as such a Reader is capable until the said Parish shall be in a Condition to build a Chappel for the said Inhabitants which at present are but few & inconsiderable

At a Council held at the Capitol Sept^r the 7th 1736

Present

The Governor

John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
John Custis &

Philip Lightfoot Esq^r

This Board being informed that the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Fairfax notwithstanding what was declared in his name on the 9th of December last by M^r Barradell, now declines giving any authority under his hand either to the Commissioners appointed on his Majestys behalf or to any other to determine and Settle his Boundarys but only to Survey & report their Opinions thereon This Board considering that the Order of His Majesty in his Privy Council made on the Petition & proposal of the said Lord Fairfax doth expressly enjoyn the marking settling & determining the said Boundaries, are therefore of Opinion that the Commission & Instructions as they are now prepared be forthwith signed, And that John Robinson & John Grymes Esq^r two of His Majestys Commissioners do wait on the Lord Fairfax to know his final resolution in what manner his Lordship proposes to have his Boundarys settled conformable to the said Order of His Majesty in his Privy Council

A draught of a Charter for incorporating the Inhabitants of the town of Norfolk into a Borough upon their Petition to the Governor being prepared by His Majestys Attorney General was this day laid before the Council & referr'd to the consideration of a fuller Board

On reading this day at the Board a Petition of the Free holders and Inhabitants of Isle of Wight County whose names are thereunto subscribed complaining that the Justices of the said County have directed the Standard Weights & Measures purchased for the use of the said County to be lodged at a place very inconvenient for the greater part of the Inhabitants & praying relief therein The Governor & Council taking the same into consideration & being of Opinion that the said Weights & Measures ought to be kept near the center of the County to which all the Inhabitants may most conveniently repair to have their

Weights and Measures Stampt & sealed, Have thought fitt to Order, As it is hereby Ordered that the Justices of the said County of Isle of Wight do cause the Standard Scales Weights & Measures of the said County to be lodged with some fit Person living as near as conveniently may be to the Court House of the said County as being most agreeable to the Act of Assembly in that case made & provided

A Petition of Lemuel Reddick Gent praying a Liscence to practice as an Attorney was read & Referd to M^r Attorney General to examine the Petitioners qualifications & make Report thereof to this Board

At a Council held at the Capitol Sept^r the 10th 1736

Present

The Governor

Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
John Custis
Philip Lightfoot and

Tho^s Lee Esq^r

John Robinson & John Grymes Esq^r two of the Commissioners appointed for settling the Boundarys of the Territory claimed by the Lord Fairfax Reported that (according to order) they had waited on his Lordship and acquainted him with their being Commissionated in behalf of His Majesty for that Service and had agreed to meet at Fredericksburg on the 25th instant in order to proceed to the surveying & settling the said Boundarys in conjunction with such persons as his Lordship should think fit to appoint on his behalf: That his Lordship was pleased to say he would give them an Answer in the Afternoon; That last night he deliverd to them an Instrument of Writing which he said was a Commission to the same Gentlemen appointed Commissioners on the part of the King to act also for him telling them that he would give no other or fuller power to any Commissioners if he was to nominate others for himself. That they the Commissioners received the said Instrument acquainting his Lordship at the same time that they would consider it and let him know their Resolution. And now they desired the Opinion of the Board thereupon. And the said Commission being read it appearing that the same is not conformable to the Order of his Majesty in his Privy Council, nor to the proposal made by the said Lord Fairfax in his petition to this Board in December last in that it gives no authority to the said Commissioners to mark & settle the said Boundarys It is the unanimous opinion of this Board that the said Commission as it is thus Limited ought not to be accepted nor executed by his Majesties Commissioners but that they proceed to execute the Commission on the part of his Majesty in the manner most agreeable to his Majestys pleasure signified in the aforementioned Order in his privy Council

Ordered

That whatever expences shall acruce on the Service of setting the Boundaries between his Majesty and the Lord Fairfax be advanced by the Receiver General out of His Majesties Revenue & an Account thereof laid before this Board

At a Council held at the Capitol September the 22^a 1736

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair
Cole Digges

John Carter
John Custis &
Philip Lightfoot Esq^{rs}

On reading at this Board the petition of Elinor Flitter of Stafford County widow seting forth. That about six Years ago a poor woman came to her house very sick & big with child of which she was soon after delivered and that upon application to the Church wardens they ordered the Petitioner to take care of the said Woman & child promising to make her Satisfaction for the same, That the mother of the said Child after continuing ill several months died & the Church wardens paid for her accomodations & Ordered the Petitioner to keep the Child which prov'd to be a Mulatto girl to whom she had stood Godmother that the Petitioner had maintained the Child at her own charge ever since in hopes to be recompensed by its labour when it should come to be usefull but that in May last one John Hunt of the said County pretending Authority from the Church wardens had taken away the said Child from the Petitioner and praying releif therein It is Ordered that the said Petition be refer'd to the Justices of Stafford County to examine into the facts alledged therein & to take care that Justice be done the Petitioner therein or otherwise to make report of their proceedings to this Board

Several Petitions for Land were read & granted as follows Viz^t

To W^m Worsham One thousand Acres beginning on three hundred Acres already Survey'd for him on the upper side of Deep Creek in Amelia County Joining M^r Robertsons line and on Rogermans Survey down little Creek towards Robert Bollings upper line for quantity & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To Michael Woolf leave to have an inclusive Patent for twelve hundred Acres on Angolo Creek in Goochland County

To Thomas Williams twelve hundred Acres on the South side of Hatches Run in Prince George County joining on the lines of William Mayo, James Hudson & Joseph Hawkes

To Edward Scott, Joseph Bonny & John Rolf four thousand Acres in Goochland County beginning on M^r John Bollings line on Totero Creek in the Fork of James River & to be laid off in one or more Surveys

To Joseph Scott Seventeen hundred Acres in Goochland County lying on the branches of Angolo & great Guinea Creeks & joining on M^r Stoners lines

To Richard Adams One hundred & seventy four Acres on both sides the Rivanna including four hundred Acres already Patented & the rest Surveyed in Goochland County

To Charles Chiswell, Matt^r Kemp, W^m Robertson, John Henry Patrick Henry & Charles Lynch thirty thousand Acres on the South side James River upon the first Creek below the great Mountains and running downwards upon the Branches & of both sides the said Creek part in Amelia & part in Goochland Countys in one or more Surveys

To George Carrington Leave to Add two thousand One hundred & fifty Acres to his Patent of two thousand eight hundred & fifty Acres on both sides of Willis's River in Goochland County

To Obadiah Woodson Six thousand Acres beginning at the great low grounds on falling River running on both sides the said River in Brunswick or Amelia County for Complement.

To Benjamin Harrison fifteen hundred Acres adjacent to his land on Willises Creek in Goochland County

To Rowland Wade five hundred Acres in Amelia County on both sides of Tally's Horse Pen Branch & adjoining to the Lands of Joseph Wilkinson Thomas Jones & George Avery

To Benjamin Ruffin five hundred & fifty Acres in Prince George County on the upper side of Sailors Creek adjoining to Jeffersons line & to include the Ridge & head of Woods Creek

To John Bolling five thousand Acres in Goochland County near the Mountains of Willises Creek on both sides the Rocky Ridge in one or more Surveys

To Charles Hudson, Abraham Venable, Michael Holland, Nowel Burton & David Harriss Eight thousand Acres in Amelia County on a Creek known by the name of Vaughns Creek on the South side of Appamattock River

To Robert Davees & Charles Hudson two thousand Acres on the branches of Tye River in Goochland County joining near upon the Land of John Carter Esq^r

To Abraham Venable Six hundred Acres on the Branches of Byrd Creek in Goochland County joining to eleven hundred Acres & another Tract of Seven hundred & eighty Acres already granted him & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To Peter Jones & Dorothy his Wife & Henry Batts & Elizabeth his Wife Nine hundred Acres joining on their own lands they had by their Wives in Henrico County & to have an inclusive Patent

To Charles Williamson fifteen hundred Acres on the lower side of Rocky Run in Prince George County joining his own land

To William Bradshaw eight hundred Acres to be added to four hundred Acres already Patented on the North Branch on Deep Creek & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To William Watson two thousand Acres in Amelia County on the lower side of Flatt Creek on both sides the Hunting Path beginning

at the mouth of a branch near Lewis Roblets Woolf Trap thence up & down the Creek & cross the Ridge towards the little Creek for Compliment in one or more Surveys.

To Robert Bolling fifteen hundred Acres adjoining to Herbert Jones & Moreland including Geneto Pond

To John Young Six hundred & forty Acres in Amelia County within two Miles of flatt Creek

To George White Eight hundred Acres in Brunswick County Joining on his own Patented land of one hundred & forty Acres on Waqua Creek & on William Blakeleys Land

To George White One thousand Acres on both sides Stony Creek in Prince George County Joining on One hundred & fifty Acres he bought of John Warning & to have an inclusive Patent

To Head Lynch & James Cocke Eight hundred Acres of Land formerly granted to Richard Fitzwilliams & William Robertson Esq^r on the North side the Northanna in Spotsylvania County it appearing to this Board that the said Richard Fitzwilliams & W^m Robertson did not take a Patent for the said land in time

To Daniel Stoner three thousand Seven hundred & thirty Acres on great Guinea & Angolo Creeks being Branches of Appamattock River in Goochland County Joining on five hundred & Eighty Acres already Patented & to have an inclusive Patent

To Henry Cary twelve hundred Acres in Goochland County joining on four hundred Acres already patented on Hatchers Creek & to have an inclusive Patent

To John Lyles One thousand Acres in Prince George County being waste Land between Moodys, Edward Holloways, Irael Robinson & other lines on Buck Skin Creek

To Tarlton Flemming Stephen Hughes, John Webb Henry Webb, Alexander Moss, Isaac Bates, William Keith James Geddy, William Booker, David Lyles & Richard Booker jun^r thirty thousand Acres beginning at the mouth of falling River on the North Fork of Roanoke River in Brunswick County from thence on both sides the River for Compliment in one or more Surveys

To William Green two thousand Acres joining on John Wallers & Col^o Bollings lines his own land already Patented Pattersons line Sam^l Cobbs Entry Dan^l Colemans line in Amelia County & so out for Compliment & to have an inclusive Patent

To William Green one thousand Acres joining on Col^o Bolling Abraham Green & a Tract of four hundred Acres he bought of Talley in Amelia County & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To Abraham Green One thousand Acres joining on his own line, John Waller, William Green, Joseph Simmons Rich^d Ransey & John Brown on Rocky Run & deep Creek in Amelia County & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To Robert Rose & Thomas Chew twenty thousand Acres on both sides of little River which is a branch of James River & to the South West of Rock fish River about fifteen Miles in Goochland County near the great Mountains in one or more Surveys

At a Council held at the Capitol the 22^d of October 1736

Present

The Governor

M ^r Com ^r Blair	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	W ^m Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot and
	Thomas Lee Esq ^r

The following Persons were this day appointed Inspectors at the Public Warehouses under mentioned Viz^t At

Greys Creek	W ^m Clench in the Room of W ^m Rookins
Falmouth	Enoch Evans
Cabbin point	W ^m Short in the Room of M ^r Simmons
Wainwrights	Jn ^o Somervell & John Wills
Warixqueak	James Ranson & Baker
Mumfords	Tho ^s Martin & James Sturdivant
Maycocks	Tho ^s Short & Jos Wilkinson
Roys	John Miller in the Room of M ^r Smith
Bowlers	Franc ^s Smith in the Room of M ^r Mountague
Ware or Deacons Neck	Cha ^s Debnam in the Room of M ^r Richardson
Warwick	Edw ^d Wilkinson in the Room of Jos Wilkinson
Shachoes	Rob ^t Burton in the Room of Edw ^d Wilkinson

A new Commission of the peace is Ordered to issue for the County of Middlesex and that Ralph Wormeley Lewis Berkley W^m Blackburn Patrick Cheap & Henry Whiting Gent be Added to the former Justices in the said Commission

Also The like Commission of the peace for the County of Henrico & W^m Gay, W^m Kennon jun^r John Archer Tho^s Brench & Joseph Turner Gent be Added

And

For the County of Prince George the like Commission & M^r Nath^l Harrison to be Added to the Quorum

A new Commission of the peace for the County of King George is likewise ordered to issue & Hancock Lee, Rich^d Edwards & Enoch Innes Gent be Added

For the better regulating & settling the Commission of the peace for the County of Northampton. It is Ordered that a new Commission issue & that the persons following be the Justices for the said County Viz^t John Robins, Thomas Marshall, Ralph Piggot, Joachim Michael, John Custis, Robert Nottingham, John Stratton, Custis Kendall Hillary Stringer, Peter Bowden, Matthew Harmanson, W^m Burton Peter Norley Ellegood, Thomas Preeson Littleton Eyre, & Neech Eyre Gent

The Council this day unanimously requested the hon^{ble} The Lieutenant Governor to use his interest & good offices towards obtaining His Majesties Approbation of the Act passed last Session of Assembly for confirming the Titles to Lands held under the Lord Fairfax in the Northern Neck upon which the quiet of so great a Number of His Majesties Subjects doth depend

October the 29th 1736

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair
W^m Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Grymes

John Custis
W^m Randolph
John Tayloe
Philip Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq^r

Ordered That Thomas Tabb, William Watson & Joseph Scott Gent be appointed Justices of the Peace in the County of Amelia & that a new Commission issue accordingly

Whereas it hath been represented to this Board that the Northern Indians passing frequently through the Frontier Inhabitants behave themselves with great insolence to the terror of the People & discouragement of the Settlements It is the Opinion of the Council that the Governor use his endeavours to bring some of the Cheifs of the Northern Indians to a Conference in order to a peace between them & the Catawbaws & Cherikees, that they may have no pretence of passing through this Colony hereafter to make War on those Nations And it is further Ordered that directions be given to the Nottoway Indians to forbear travelling through the Frontier Inhabitants to or from the Northern Indian Towns without a pass port from the Governor or such person as he shall appoint for granting the same under the pain of being taken up & punished if any of them are found travelling without a Pass or having such Pass shall be found in company with any Foreign Indians or giving any disturbance to the Inhabitants

Sundry Accounts for publick Services & other contingent Charges & also for repairs about the Governors house were examined & allowed

Ordered

That a proclamation issue for enforcing the due execution of the Laws for regulating the Militia & appointing Patrols for the better preventing the Insurrections of Negroes

John Ford is appointed an Inspector at Naylor's hole Warehouse in the room of Aylwin Mountjoy

John Quin having been examined by M^r Attorney General & found duly qualified is Licenced to practice as an Attorney in the County Courts of this Colony

November the 2^d 1736*Present*

The Governor

M ^r Com ^r Blair	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	W ^m Randolph
Jn ^o Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot &
	Thomas Lee Esq ^r

On hearing this day at the Board the Petition & Complaint of the greater part of the Vestry & Inhabitants of Charles Parish against M^r Theodosius Hoge their Minister for not doing his duty in administering the Sacrament of Baptisin & other misdemeanors. It appearing that the differences which have arisen between the parties have proceeded from some groundless Scruples of the said M^r Hoge & he having now upon the Governors admonition promised to conforme to his duty for the future the said Complaint is thereupon dismiss'd

November the 4th 1736*Present*

The Governor

M ^r Com ^r Blair	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot &
John Carter	Tho ^s Lee Esq ^r

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majestics Revenue of 2s per hh^s Port dutys & head money were signed by the Governor in Council. Viz^t

To the Governor for half a Years Salary ending the 25 th of October	£1000,,—,—
To the Gentlemen of the Council for the same half Year	300,,—,—
To the Judges & Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer held last June	100,,—,—
To the Auditor General of the Plantations for half a Years Salary ending as above	50,,—,—
To the Sollicitor, of Virginia affairs for the same time	50,,—,—
To the Attorney General for the same time	35,,—,—
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time	50,,—,—
To Sundry Ministers attending one General Court & Assembly	20,,—,—

To the Armourers Salary for the same half Year ..	6,,,—
To the Gunners of the severall Batterys	22,,,—
To Sundry Repairs about the Governours House ..	61,, 5,,10
To Sundry Expresses & other contingent Charges ..	683,,19, 5½
To the Adjutant for the like Salary	75,,,—

And out of the Quit Rents

To the Reverend James Blair Comissary to the Lord Bishop of London for half a Years Salary ending as above	50,,,—
To his Majesties Attorney General half a Years Additional Salary for the same time	35,,,—

The Account of his Majestys Revenue of two shillings per hh^t Port dutys and head money ending the 25th of October last was presented by his Majestys Receiver General who made Oath thereto And having been examin'd by the Auditor was certified by the Governor in Council

*Present*William Randolph Esq^r

Whereas it hath been questioned whether persons convicted in Great Britain for Capitoll Crimes and admitted to Mercy upon condition of Transportation to his Majesties Plantations for the respective times limited & directed by the Act of Parliament made in the fourth Year of his late Majesties Reign ought to be admitted as legal Witnesses in any Court of Judicature here until the time of their servitude for which they were so Transported be expired, And whereas it is highly necessary for the dispatch of Justice that this point be settled. It is therefore the Opinion of the Council & they do therefore humbly request the Honourable the Governor to write to the Right Honourable the Lord chief Justice of England for his determination how the Law ought to be taken in that case, or to take such other method for settling the point in question and avoiding all future doubts & disputes therein as to his Lordship shall seem most effectual

William George is appointed one of the Inspectors at Currotomon Warehouse

Thomas Plummer is appointed an Inspector at Totuskey Warehouse in the Room of M^r Barber

Whereas upon an Information exhibited last General Court by Field Jefferson who as well for Our Lord the King as for himself prosecuted against the severall Justices of the County of Henrico for neglecting to appoint processioners of the Lands in that County according to the directions of the Act of Assembly in that case made & provided Judgment was recovered against each of the Justices severally for One thousand pounds of Tobacco one Moiety to his Majesty & the other to the Informer. And for as much as upon the Trial of the Information it appeared that the said Justices had appointed proces-

sioners tho' not within the precise time limited by Law for that purpose occasioned more by the inadvertency of the Clerk then any willfull neglect in the said Justices It is therefore the Opinion of the Council And accordingly Ordered that the said penalty of five hundred pounds of Tobacco being his Majesties Moiety of the Forfeiture aforesaid be remitted

At a Council held at the Capitol the 15th of December 1736

Present

The Governor

M ^r Com ^r Blair	John Grymes
W ^m Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	W ^m Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot &
	Thomas Lee Esq ^r

Ordered

That M^r Beverly Whiting be restored to his former place in the Commission of Peace for the County of Gloucester & that a new Commission issue accordingly

Ordered

That a new Commission of the peace issue for the County of New Kent & that John Power, W^m Hockidy & R^d Meux Gent be added to the present Justices in the said Commission

John Tyler is appointed an Inspector at Hobses hole Warehouse

W^m Payne Gent is appointed an Inspector at Ockoquan Warehouse in the Room of Edward Barry who is removed

On Reading the Complaint of John Grigg of the County of Prince William Gent against Edward Barry & John Turley Inspectors at Ockoquan for divers misdemeanors in their Office the said Barry having resign'd his Office, John Turley the other Inspector this day appeared & offering to Justifie his conduct by the Testimony of Evidences so far as the said complaint concerns him. It is Ordered that the Justices who took the Depositions upon the said Complaint or any two of them be and are hereby impowered & required to take the Depositions of such Persons as the said John Turley shall desire for his Vindication giving due Notice to M^r Grigg the Complainant & that they return the said Depositions to the Council Office with all convenient speed

On hearing the matter in dispute between Booth Wood Infant who claims by Virtue of a Deed from one Allen Buttery & Sam^l Birk who intermarried with the widow of the said Buttery touching the Right to One hundred & twenty Acres of Land in the County of Goochland the said Birk alledging that the Deed aforesaid is forged. It is Ordered that the said Booth Wood be at liberty if he thinks fit to

Try his Title at Law upon the said Deed & in the meantime that no Patent issue to the said Birk upon the inquisition of Escheat

Matthew Jouet having entered a Caveat for stoping the Granting of a Patent to John Ragland upon a Survey made for him of four hundred Acres of land lying on Harrises Creek in the County of Hanover & complaining that since the entering the said Caveat the said Ragland hath surreptitiously obtained a Patent, On hearing both parties by their Council & the Testimony of Divers Witnesses. It appearing to this Board that the said Raglands Entry for the Land in question was prior to the Entry of the said Jouet & his Patent thereupon regularly obtained. It is Ordered that the said Caveat be Vacated & the said Jouets Complaint be dismiss'd as Vexatious

Ambrose Joshua Smith being Summoned an Evidence for John Ragland on the Petition exhibited against him by Matthew Jouet & having attended one day in June last & one day at this Court of Oyer & Terminer. It is Ordered that the said Ragland pay him for the same according to the directions of the Act of Assembly & for going & returning each time One hundred Miles to be repaid by the said Matthew Jouet who has been found to have given the said Ragland unjust Vexation

John Henry for the like Attendance & going & returning Sixty Miles each time

John Smithing the same Attendance & for going & returning One hundred & thirty Miles each time

On the Petition of Robert Tucker seting forth that George Tucker late of the Town of Norfolk deceased was at the time of his death seiz'd in Fee of a small parcel of Land near Norfolk Town purchased of one Sam^l Boush Gent & died without heir or making any disposition of the same that John Tucker Uncle to the Petitioner did thereupon Sue out a Warrant & cause an Inquisition to be taken at his own expence whereby the said Land was found to Escheat to his Majesty but died before any Grant thereof was made to him. And praying that as he is heir at Law to the said John Tucker to whom the said Land would have descended in case the said John had lived to have obtained a Patent. It is therefore Ordered that a Patent be granted the Petitioner for the said Land he paying y^e Composition to his Majesty for the same

Whereas the Collectors of the Dutys of 2s per hh^d Tunnage & head Money in the lower District of James River have complain'd that the Masters of Vessels have of late refus'd to pay the said Dutys in Bills of Exchange as hath been customary ever since the said Dutys were impos'd but tender Money at a lower rate then the difference between this Country Currency & Sterling which way of payment being greatly prejudicial to his Majestys Revenue & contrary to the intent & meaning of the Act of Assembly It is therefore Ordered that the Collectors of the said Dutys in the several Districts of this Colony do not hereafter allow the ten per C^t heretofore given them to any Master of a Ship who shall not pay down the whole dutys of his Ship in Bills

of Exchange or in Money of the same Value to the Satisfaction of the said Collectors as by the said Act of Assembly is directed & appointed

Sundry Petitions for leave to take up His Majesties Lands were read & granted as follows Vizt

To David Bingley Eight hundred acres lying between the Manikin Creeks in Goochland County

To Francis Poythres forty hundred Acres lying on the North side Butterwood Creek including an Order he obtained before of two thousand & a Survey of two hundred Acres & to have an include [inclusive] Patent

To Nicholas Merriwether & Charles Lynch four thousand Acres in one or more Surveys joining on Abraham Venables line on hardway & Col^e Epes's lower line between Toterro & Hardway in Goochland County

To Edward Winfeild all the Waste Land lying between the lines of Joseph Tucker Gent John Evans Paul Sears's line thence along John Moorlands Franc^t Moorlands Thomas Wilkinsons & W^m Mallons not exceeding two thousand Acres in Prince George County

To William Jones three hundred Acres adjoining his own land already Patented in Prince George County & to have an inclusive Patent

To Joseph Harper One thousand Acres on both sides of Tommaheton in Prince George County joining his own Land & to have an inclusive Patent

To John Freeman One thousand Acres beginning on Abraham Allens Line lying on the South side black Water in Prince George County

To James Robertson Leave to have an inclusive Patent for fourteen hundred & ninety Acres lying on Hickory Creek & the Northanna in Hanover County already Survey'd & four hundred Patented by the Petitioner adjoining to the said fourteen hundred & ninety

To Nicholas Davees Six thousand Acres on both sides James River in Goochland County joining to Major John Bollings Land at the Bufflo Lick in one or more Surveys

Ex^a

Wil Robertson *Clk Con*

At a Council held at the Capitol the 18th day of March 1736.

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^r Blair

John Carter

John Custis

William Randolph

John Tayloe &

Thomas Lee Esq^r

Whereas by the Advices lately Received from the Lieu^t Governor of South Carolina it Appears that the Spaniards are fitting out a Squadron of Men of War with a Considerable body of Land forces at Havannah in Order to make a Descent on His Maj^{ty} Province of Georgia which may probably draw on a War between his Majesty and the Crown of Spain and it being Necessary for all his Maj^{ty} plantations to provide for their defence in case of such an Event The Governor with the Advice of the Council is pleased to Order as it is hereby Ordered that the Lieu^t or Chief Commanding Officer of the Millitia in the Several Countys do forthwith give directions to the Officers of the Several Troops and Companys under their Command to Examine how the said Troops and Companys are Armed and provided with ammuniti- on and to Require every person oblig^d to serve in the Millitia to furnish himself with such Arms and Ammunition as the Law Enjoyns and also to be in a readiness upon the first Notice of an Invasion to parade to a Convenient place in each County to be appointed by such Lieu^t or Chief Commanding Officer thence to March where the appearance of danger shall require Observing the Several Rules, Orders & Directions Mentioned in the Act of Assembly made in the first Year of his present Maj^{ty} Reign Entituled An Act for making more Effectual provision against Invasions and Insurrections

And for the greater Ease and Encouragement of the people of the Several Countys, It is Ordered that one Bar^l of Powder be Delivered for Each of the Countys, Nansemond, Norfolk, Princess Anne, and Elizabeth City by the Keeper of His Majesties Stores at Point Comfort and that the like quantaty be delivered by the keeper of his Maj^{ty} Stores at York to the Countys of York, Warwick, Gloucester and Northampton to be distributed According to the Directions of the Commanding Officers of the said Several County's And it is further Ordered that the Fort at point Comfort be with all Convenient Speed finished and that M^r Samuel Baron be Appointed Captain and Store-keeper there

The office of Treasurer of the Dutys on Liquors & Slaves being Vacant by the death of S^r Jn^o Randolph The Governor with the Advice of the Council was pleased to Nominate and Appoint Coll^o Richard Randolph to Succeede him in that office, and Ordered that he Enter into Bond in the Secretarys office for the due discharge of that Trust

David Stokes is Appointed an Inspector at Soans's Warehouse in the roome of M^r Cocke deceas'd

Sundry petitions for Land were read and granted as follows Viz^t

To John Bolling five thousand Acres in Goochland County on the three forks of Willis's Creek, Buffelow Creek and Hatchers Creek near the Mountains of the said Creeks in One or more Surveys

To Joseph Tucker one thousand Acres on the Beaver pond branch of Nottoway River joyning on his own line already Surveyed within the bounds thereof and to have an Inclusive Patent

To William & Thomas Fitzpatrick two thousand Acres in Goochland County between the Lands of Abraham Venable and Robert Davis being in the South Garden on the South branch of Hardware River

To Anthony Haynes Eight hundred Acres in Amelia County, including a Survey of Two hundred & four Acres on the North side to Von Maheton Swamp

To Thomas Haynes Twelve hundred Acres on the South side White Oak Swamp in Prince George County Including Robert Moodys Survey of One hundred & fifty Acres and Christopher Robinsons of One hundred and three Acres purchased by the petitioner and to have an Inclusive patent for the whole

To Joseph Harper One thousand Acres on both sides Tommaheton Swamp joyning on his Own Land already Surveyed and to have an Inclusive Patent

To Hysham Randolph leave to have an Inclusive Patent for Eight hundred Acres he bought of M^r John Bolling joining his own Tract in Goochland County called Dungeness

Henry Barradell Gent having petitioned for a Licence to practice as an Attorney in the County Courts of this Collony. It is Ordered that it be referred to M^r Attorney Gen^l to Examine into the qualifications of the petitioner and if upon such Examination the petitioner shall appear to him to be fitly quallified for that Employment, that then (without waiting an other Meeting of this Board) It is the Opinion of the Council that the Governor grant him a Licence According to the prayer of his petition

At a Council held April the 27th 1737

Present

The Governor

James Blair Com^{rs}

William Byrd

Cole Digges

John Robinson

John Carter

John Grymes

John Custis

William Randolph

John Tayloe

Philip Lightfoot &

Thomas Lee Esq^r

Whereas two Gentlemen going by the names of M^r Hubert & M^r Mackircher lately arrived here under pretence of traveling through his Maj^s Plantations on the Continent, but have produced no Letters

or other Credentials to Manifest what their business is, and whereas at this time when His Maj^s plantations on the Continent are threatned with an Invasion by the Spaniards it may prove of dangerous Consequence to Admit Strangers to too easy an Access whereby they may have oppertunity to Discover the Strength and Scituation of our ports & Harbours, It is therefore Ordered that William Byrd and John Robinson Esq^{rs} take the first Oppertunity to discourse with the said Two Strangers and Endeavour to find out their Quality their business here and to what place they are bound & to make Report thereof to this Board

Alexander Mekenzie Gent having made Application to this Board for Repayment of the Duty of Tonaage for a Sloop lately Laden by him and lost before her departure out of the Capes, It is the Opinion of this Board that the said Motion be Rejected

Daniel Tibbs jun^r is appointed an Inspector. at Yeocomico Warehouse in the room of his father who hath Resigned

Charles Palmer is appointed an Inspector at Quarles's Warehouse in the room of M^r West who hath resign'd

Ordered

That a New Commission of the peace Issue for the County of York and that Robert Davidson be added to the said Commission

Ordered

That a Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Hanover and that William Merriwether Gent be appointed Chairman and that John Chiswell John Henry, James Skelton, John Bickerton, Will^m Johnson, William Winston Jun^r, Charles Barret & Pouncy Anderson be added to the present Acting Justices

Ordered

That a Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of King William and that Augustine More jun^r Francis West, John Aylet, George Seaton, James Elliot, John Dixon, Anthony Walk, James Quarles & Benjamin Hubbard be added to the present Justices and that Joseph Temple be Coroner

Ordered

That a Commission of the peace Issue for the County of Prince George and that Frances Poythres, Isham Epes, John Hall, John Ravenscroft, John Peterson & Anthony Pennington be Added to the present Justices

Also a New Commission of the peace for the County of Charles City and that Richard Kennon & Benjamin Harris be added to the present Justices.

The Governor was pleased to Appoint the following persons to be Sheriffs for the Several Countys for the Ensuing Year (Viz^t)

For the County of

New Kent	George Webb
Amelia	John Dawson
York	Edmund Smith Cont ^d
Northampton	Hillary Stringer

Stafford	Henry Washington
Accomack	William Bevins
King George	John Edwards
Essex	Francis Smith
Middlesex	Churchil Jones
Northumberland	John Hack
Spotsylvania	John Chew
Prince George	Lewis Green
Westmorland	Patrick Spence
James City	Lancelot Woodward
Surry	John Ruffin
Hanover	James Overton
Henrico	John Bolling

On Reading this day at the Board the petition of Thomas Minson Executor of the last Will and Testament of Ann Whiting widow Setting forth that Leonard Whiteing late Husband of the said Anne being Employed in Erecting and finishing the Fort at Point Comfort and having a prospect of being Continued in the office of Gunner and Store keeper there, he did in his life time Expend Considerable Sums of Money in building a Convenient House at the said Fort for his own Habitation and in Makeing and Molding a Great Number of Bricks for finishing the said Fort According to a Plan prepared by him and Approved by this Board, That dureing the time of his being Employed in that Service he happened Unfortunately to be Seized with the Smallpox of which hee the said Leonard & Anne his Wife and Ten of his Negroes died, That the said Whitings Estate being thereby Greatly diminished & many Debts Appearing to have been Contracted by him in his life time and yet undischarged besides a Considerable Sum due to his Majesty which was advanced towards finishing the said Fort, it is become Impossible for the petitioner to discharge the Debts of the said Whiteing unless the Government here shall be pleased to Accept of the House built on his Majesties Land & and the Bricks already Moulded with such Wood as hath been provided for the burning thereof at a Reasonable Valluation, And praying the Consideration of this Board therein, It is the opinion of this Board and Accordingly Ordered that the said House & the Bricks and other Materials for the burning thereof be Accepted According to such Valluation as shall be made of the same by persons to be Appointed by the Governor and the said Minson

At a Council held May the 3^d 1737

Present

The Governor

James Blair Com ^{rs}	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot &

Tho^s Lee Esq^r

The Governor was pleased to Nominate and Appoint the following Persons Sherifs of the Several Countys for the Ensuing Year (Viz^t)
For the County of

Orange	Thomas Chew
Prince William	John Allen cont ^d
Warwick	William Harwood j ^r
Essex	Thomas Jones

Complaint being made to this Board in behalf of divers of the Inhabitants of the County of Brunswick that Sundry Strange Indians Under pretence of Accompanying a Woman one of the same Nation now the Wife of Bellow an Indian Trader having lately come into the said County giving great Uneasiness to the said People by hunting on their Lands and disturbing and destroying their Stocks, It is Ordered that the said Bellow be and he is hereby required to Acquaint the said Indians that they forthwith remove themselves from amongst the Inhabitants and forbear for the future to Hunt on the Patented Lands in the said County of Brunswick or other the Fronteer Settlements leting them know at the same time that this Government doth not mean to Restrain them from Tradeing on the Frontiers or coming amongst the Inhabitants to furnish themselves with such British Commodities as they shall have Occasion to Purchase so as they behave themselves in a Peaceable Manner without Injuring the persons or effects of His Majesties Subjects

On the Recommendation of the Justices of Lancaster County, It is Ordered that William Ball jun^r Gent be Restored to his former place in the Commission of Peace for the said County

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Orange and that the Several persons Recommended by the Court except M^r Edward Spencer be Added to the said Commission

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majesties Revenue, It is Ordered that a Number of Rights not Exceeding the Vallue of Five Hundred pounds Ster be Issued for Supplying the Inhabitants that have Occasion to take up his Majesty's Lands

The Accounts of Contingent Charges & Disbursements for Repairing the Governours house were Severally Examined and Allowed
Ordered

That His Majesties Receiver General do Discharge the several Expences about runing the bounds between his Majesty and the Lord Fairfax proprietor of the Northern Neck so far as Concerns His Majestys proportion thereof and that if the same be not allowed out of the Quit Rents he be Repaid out of the Two Shillings per Hogshead

Whereas Information is given to this Board that Colo Thomas Harrison of Prince William County may be a Material Witness to prove the boundarys between His Majesty and the Lord Fairfax as the same have been Constantly held and reputed since the Granting of the Northern Neck It is Ordered that the Clerk of the Council do Write to the said Thomas Harrison to Attend this Board the next day after the Court of Oyer and Terminer to be held in June & to Assure him that his Expence and trouble shall be Amply paid him

On the petition of John Carter keeper of the Publick Goal, It is Ordered that the Sum of Thirty five pounds Curr' Money be Advanced him by the Receiv' General on the Credit of what is due to him from the General Assembly

On Reading at this Board the petition of John Martin, Henry Armistead, Lewis Burwell Esq^r and Edmund Berkley Gent which were Referred the fifteenth of December last for further Consideration was this day read at the Board praying a Grant for Fifty thousand Acres of Land lying between the South branch of James River and the River Tye and between or above the Entrys of John Carter Esq^r Robert Rose, Thomas Chew and George Carrington in Two or More Surveys Upon Condition of Seating One family for Each thousand Acres within two Years and paying Usual Quit Rents, It is Accordingly Ordered that leave be Granted to the pet^r to Survey the quantaty of Land above mentioned in One or more Surveys within the Limits before described on the Terms proposed by them

On Reading the Several Depositions of the part of John Turley one of the Inspectors at Ockoquon Warehouse, It is the Opinion of this Board that the said Turley hath fully Justified himself from any Misbehaviour in his Office and therefore Ordered to be Continued

At a Council held the 5th day of May 1737

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
William Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
William Randolph
John Custis
John Tayloe
Philip Lightfoot &

Thomas Lee Esq^r

Ordered

That the General Assembly be prorogued to the last Thursday in July and that proclamation Issue Accordingly

Ordered

That there be paid to Bertam Proby in Consideration of the Hurt and Injury he Received in Scaling the Guns at Point Comfort the Sum of Ten pounds for his present Support Until he [it] shall be Considered how to dispose of him in the Service of the said Fort

On the Petition of Edward Barradell and John Lewis Gent Setting forth that there is a Large Tract of Uncultivated Land lying between the two Ridges of Mountains called the North Mountains and upon a River running to the South South West of another called Kackapa on part of which Land they intended to Setle Several Families now Residing in the province of Pensilvania, and praying a Grant for Thirty Thousand Acres of Land to be taken up in one or more Tracts at the place above mentioned Including a Certain place called the Calf pasture lying to the Westward of the Land of William Beverly Upon Condition of Seating one family for Each Thousand Acres within two Years and paying Usual Quit Rents It is Accordingly Ordered that leave be Granted to the Petition^r to Survey the quantaty of Land above mentioned in One or more Surveys within the Limits before described on the Terms proposed by them provided that the said Lands be not within the Boundarys Claimed by the Lord Fairfax nor heretofore Granted to any other person

On the Petition of James Mountford leave is granted him to take up four thousand Acres of Land in Amelia County begining at Thomas Booths Upper line on the Swethouse Creek and Runing upon both sides the said Creek Including the Land he bought of One William Coleman and the Fork of the Creek

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Maj^s Revenue of 2s per hh^d were Signed by the Governor in Council as follows, (Viz^t)

To the Governor half a Years Salary End^d Ap^t

25 th	£1000,,—,—
To the Gent ^{rs} of the Council for the same time	300,,—,—
To the Judges and Officers of the Court of Oyer & Term ^r	100,,—,—

To the Auditor of the plantations	50,,—,—
To the Sollicitor of the Virg ^a Affairs	50,,—,—
To the Attorney General	35,,—,—
To the Clerk of the Council	50,,—,—
To the Ministers attending the Gen ^l Court	6,,—,—
To the Armourer	6,,—,—
To the Gunners of the Several Batterys	22,,—,—
To Sundry Repairs about the Gov ^r s House	119,, 1,,11
To Sundry Contingent Charges for the last half Year	520,,11,, 5½
To the Adjutants Sallary	75,,—,—

And out of the Quit Rents

To Mr. Com ^{ry} Blair half a Years Salary	50,,—,—
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the same time	35,,—,—

At a Council held the 16th day of June 1737

Present

The Governor

William Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
John Custis
Philip Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq^r

The Governor was pleased to Appoint Sheriffs for the Ensuing
Year (Viz^t)
For the County of

Goochland	Ant ^o Hoggat
Orange	Charles Curtis

Nicholas Minor jun^r is Appointed an Inspector at Nominy in the
room of his Father who has resign'd

Ordered

That Francis Poythres and Isham Epes be put in the Commission
of the Peace for Prince George County next after John Hall

On hearing the Parties on the petition of John Chiswell and
others the Upper Inhabitants of Hanover County for Superseeding
an Order of the Justices for building a New Court house, It appear-
ing to this Board that there is no reason to Reverse the said Order it
is therefore rejected

The Commissioners Appointed in behalf of his Majesty for Setling
the Boundarys with the Lord Fairfax Reported that they had Received
from some of the Surveyors the plans of their Surveys of the said
Boundarys together with the Accounts of the Charges and Expences
on the said Service which said Accounts they laid before the Board
and the same being Considered were Allowed as follows (Viz^t)

To William Mayo one of the Surveyors for tracing out the River Cohongorooton	£150,,—,—
To Robert Brooke the other Surveyor for the same service	150,,—,—
To Sundry Chain Carriers & Attendance	52,, 2,, 6
To Sundry Expences for provisions & ca.	26,, 7,, 10
To John Geam for Surveying the Rippadan from it's Confluence with Rappahannock River to it's head Spring for himself & Assistant	40,,—,—
To his two Journeys to Williamsburgh	4,,—,—
To the Expence of Chain Carriers	12,, 9,,—
To other Expences in that Service	6,, 10,, 3
To W ^m Wood for Surveying Rapp ^a River	30,,—,—
To his two Journeys to Williamsburgh	4,,—,—
To the Expence of Chain Carriers & ca.	22,, 17,, 4
To George Home for himself and Sundry Baggage Horses	5,, 10,,—
To Colo William Ball for Surveying the Countys of Lancaster and Northumberland bounding on the Bay of Chesapeak and part of Rappahanock and Potomack Rivers agreed to be Equally between the King and Lord Fairfax his Majesties half ...	10,,—,—
To the Chain Carriers	5,, 12,, 6
To Expences in that Service	1,, 11,, 3
To Robert Brooke for Surveying Potomack River the Boundary of Prince William County	10,,—,—
To the Expence for Chain Carriers	5,, 10,, 6

Ordered

That there be paid Colo Thomas Harrison for Attending at Williamsburgh as an Evidence in Relation to the Lord Fairfax's bounds on Potomack River 5,, 7,, 6

Whereas it hath been Represented to this Board by the Commissioners on his Majestys behalf for Setling the Boundaries of the Lord Fairfaxes Grant notwithstanding the Agreement of his Lordships Commissioners that the Respective Surveyors of the Countys of Westmorland and Stafford, King George and Richmond should Survey the Courses of the Rivers Potomack & Rappahannock along the Extent of the said Countys at the joynt Charge of his Majesty and the said Lord Fairfax the said Surveyors upon a private Letter from William Fairfax Esq^r one of the Lord Fairfax's Commissioners had neglected to perform that Service whereby a Compleat Mapp of the Territory claimed by the Lord Fairfax cannot be prepared, It is Ordered that the said Commissioners do forthwith give Orders to the Surveyors of the said County's without further loss of time to proceed in Surveying the Rivers of Potomack & Rappahanock so far as the said Countys Extend and that their trouble and Expence in that Service be Setled by the Commissioners on both sides and One half paid by his Majesties Receiv^r General According to the former Agreement

On Reading at this Board the Petition of Mess^{rs} How & Kelsick of Whitehaven Merch^{ts} representing that three Ships belonging to them being last Year laden with Tobacco in this Colony were in their passage home cast away and lost at Sea And praying to be Reimbursed the Duties for the said Ships and Tobacco or that they may be allowed to Ship the like quantity discharged of the payment of port Dutys and Two Shillings per hh^d, This Board takeing the said Petition into Consideration and finding that no such liberty is allowed by the Act of Assembly Imposing the said Duties and that the like Indulgence hath been often heretofore denied are therefore of opinion the Petition be Rejected

Whereas the Mayor Aldermen and Common Council of the Borough of Norfolk have by their Petition Humbly applied to this Board that during the Contagion of the Small pox at the Town of Hampton the Officers of the Customs there Residing for the lower district of James River may Either be directed to Reside at the said Town of Norfolk for the Conveniency of the Trade or to Appoint a Deputy to Act for them, It is Ordered by the Governor with the advice of the Council that the Collector and Naval Officer of the said Lower District of James River do forthwith appoint a Sufficient Deputy or Deputies to Reside in the Town of Norfolk to Enter and Clear all Ships and Vessels trading to that port and to Receive all duties Arrising thereon during such time as the small pox shall be in the said Town of Hampton or in the Neighbourhood and that such Deputy or Deputies be Sworn to the due Execution of their Office before the Mayor of Norfolk who is to transmit a Certificate thereof to the Council Office

The Governor this day Acquainted the Board that pursuant to the desire of the Cherrike & Catawbaw Indians he had Writ to the Lieut Governor of New York and president of Pensilvania proposing a Meeting of some Deputies of the Northern Indians to treat of a peace with the said Cherrikees and Cattawbaws at Williamsburgh, That in Answer thereto he had received a Letter from the Leiu^t Governor of New York that the said Northern Indians refuse to treat any where but at Albany and another from the President of Pensilvania giving an Account that the said Indians Seem'd very Inclivable to enter into a Treaty with the Southern Indians but that it was believed the New York Interpreter had diswaded them from treating any where out of that Government, That thereupon he the Governour had Dispatched a Messenger to the said Southern Indians to dispose them to send their Deputies to Albany as soon as possible and in the mean time to cease all Hostilities against the said Northern Indians which he hoped they might be induced to do

Whereas the Reverend William Dawson Clerk hath for Several Years past Attended the Criminals Condemned at the General Court and Courts of Oyer and Terminer and hath for that time Constantly preached before the said Courts of Oyer and Terminer without any other Allowance then that Established for his preaching, And whereas it is found that the Number of Criminals doth greatly Increase so that

it seems Reasonable to Encrease the Salary proportionable to the Trouble, It is the opinion of this Board and Accordingly Ordered for the Several Years in which M^r Dawson hath heretofore Attended the Condemned Criminals his allowance be made Equal to Twenty five pounds Curr^t Money and that hereafter the like Salary of Twenty five pounds be paid him Yearly for preaching at the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and Attending Criminals Condemned at the said Courts and the General Court and that the Receiver General place the same among the Contingent Charges of the Government

Ordered

That the General Assembly be further prorouged to the last Thursday in November next and that a Proclomation Issue Accordingly

June 17th 1737

Present

The Governor

William Byrd
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
John Custis &
Philip Lightfoot Esq^r

Abraham Cocke having Entered a Cavcat for Stopping a Patent Sued out by John Dawson for Twelve hundred Acres of Land in the County of Amelia, On hearing the parties by their Council It is Ordered that the said Caveat be Vacated and that a Patent be Granted the said John Dawson for the said Land

On hearing the Parties on the Petition & Caveat of Abraham Cocke for Stopping a Patent for Land in the County of Amelia Sued out by Thomas Pruit It appearing to this Board that at the time the Fees for the said Patent ought to have been paid and Until the said Caveat was Entered the said Pruit was a prisoner for Debt in the County Goal, It is Ordered that the said Caveat be Vacated and the said Pruit at Liberty to Sue out his Patent

John Taylor and James Hembree having jointly Surveyed Eight Hundred Acres of Land in Goochland County against which a Caveat was entered by William Warberton Claiming the said Land Under an Assignment from the said Tabor and Hembree, On hearing the Parties It appearing to this Board that the said Warberton hath a Title only to the said Hembree's part who is now gone out of this Colony and the said Tabor Under taking to pay for the Survey of the Whole Tract It is therefore Ordered that a Patent be Granted to the said Tabor and William Warberton jointly for the said Eight Hundred Acres of Land or in case they are desirous to have Seperate Patents that the said William Warberton have four hundred Acres of the said Land joining on James Elliots line & that the Residue be Granted the said Tabor

On hearing the parties on the Petition & Caveat of Stephen Hughes against John Wall & John Ellis jun^r for Eight Hundred Acres of

Land in the County of Brunswick, It appearing to this Board that the Surveyor of the said County hath laid off the said Land in an Irregular Manner contrary to the Orders of Government It is Ordered that the said Surveyor do Survey the Land of the said Ellis in such Manner as by the Orders of Government is directed and that the Residue be Granted to the petitioner Hughes

John Tennent having enter'd a Caveat against a Patent Sued out by John Landrum for Six hundred Acres of Land joining on the Devils Run in Orange County and the said Landrum not appearing It is Ordered that Unless he appear on the Second day of the next General Court and Shew Sufficient cause a Patent shall be Granted to the said Wade

John Brodie of the County of Elizabeth City Gent having enter'd a Caveat for Stopping a patent to Henry Wilson for a Certain Tract of Land in the County of Brunswick and it being alledged by the said Wilson that he delivered the Rights and paid the Fees for obtaining a Patent for the said Land to M^r Druery Stith Survey^r of the said County a Considerable time before the said Caveat was Enter'd, It is Ordered that the said Stith do Attend this Board on the Second day of the next General Court to Answer such Matters as shall be objected against him on the part of the said Wilson and the further Consideration of the Matter in dispute between the parties is referred 'till that time

Henry Willis Gent by his petition to this Board having Set forth that he Obtained a Grant of Fifteen Thousand Acres of Land in Spotsylvania County now Orange which Land was formerly taken up and Surveyed for William Basset Esq^r and Gowin Corbin Gent divers Years before and by them deserted that Upon the petitioners discovering that the far greater part of the said Land had been Granted and Seated by other persons who had made Entrys for the same, He the said Petitioner did Apply to this Board for a Patent for so much only of the said Land as then remained Ungranted and did obtain an Order for Surveying the same with directions that the Surplus of his Rights which were then Lodged in the Secretarys Office should be returned to him, That the petitioner hath Accordingly Surveyed Three thousand four hundred Acres being all that remained of the said Tract Unpatented and Upon returning the said Survey to the Secretarys office and demanding his Surpluss Rights he came to be informed that According to the Custom of the said office upon Granting the first Patent the said Rights were destroyed, Except only Sixty Rights which the Petitioner has Assigned over to divers persons whereby he the petitioner had lost the benefit of Two hund^d and forty Rights which he Actually paid for into his Majesties Treasury and praying Relief therein It is Ordered that upon the Certificate of the Clerk of the Secretarys office of the Number of Rights lodg'd by the said Henry Willis for the patent of the said Fifteen Thousand Acres of Land of which he hath had no Benefit a like Number of Rights be deliver'd him by the Officers of his Majesties Revenue

On Reading at this Board a petition of Henry Willis Gent Setting forth that he purchased of John Henry his Right to Four thousand & twenty Acres of Land in Spotsylvania & now Orange County found to be Lapsed from Richard Fitzwilliams Esq^r & Will^m Robertson Gent that being informed that said Land had never been Surveyed he had Caused the bounds thereof to be run by the Surveyor of the said County Whereby it Appears that Four hundred thirty Seven Acres of the said Land is Included in a Patent Granted to Colo Alexander Spotswood and long since Seated and Saved and praying that for avoiding any further disputes A Patent may be Granted him for the Remaining Three thousand five hundred Eighty three Acres According to the bounds laid down and described by George Home Surveyor of the County of Spotsylvania and now produced to this Board It is Accordingly Ordered that a Patent be Granted the Petitioner for the said Three Thousand five hundred & Eighty three Acres According to the Bounds following Viz^t begining at a White Oak on the lower side of the Mine Run and Runing thence West North West Six hundred And Seventy Poles to Two White oak Saplins, thence North North East Six hundred thirty two poles to Colo Alexander Spotswood line thence along Colo Spotswoods line North Seventy five Degrees East five hundred thirty Eight pole thence East South East Two hundred forty three pole to a Marked Pine thence South South West Nine hundred and Sixty Pole to the begining

Ordered

That the Receiver General do pay to M^r Samuel Baron Capt of the Fort at point Comfort a Sum not Exceeding Two hundred pounds towards finishing the said Fort takeing Security to be Accountable for the same

The Petition of Joycot Hyte & Robert McKay praying that Patents for their Land may be Granted them is referred 'till the Differance with the Lord Fairfax Concerning his boundaries be finally Setled and Adjusted

The Complaint of Danil M^cCarty against Samuel Oldham One of the Inspectors at Yeocomoco Warehouse is Referred to be heard the Second day of the next General Court

At a Council held at the Capitol August 5th 1737

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
William Byrd
Cole Digges

John Robinson
John Grymes
John Custis &
Philip Lightfoot Esq^{rs}

The Accounts of His Majesties Revenues of 2s per hh^d ending the 25th of April last and also the Account of His Majesties Quit Rents for the year 1736 Accounted for in April last were Severally presented

by His Majesties Receiver General and having been Examined by the Auditor the said Receiver General made oath thereto in Council and the same were Severally Certified by the Governor

Whereas through a Continuance of Unseasonable weather there is great reason to fear a Scarcity of Indian Corn and other Grain, It is therefore resolved and Ordered that from and after the 10th of this Month no Indian Corn, Wheat, pease, Beans or other Grain whatsoever be Exported out of this Dominion or Ship'd in or for Exportation unto the last day of October next and that a Proclamation Issue Accordingly

William Simmons Gent is appointed Sheriff of the County of Surry for the Ensuing Year

On reading at the Board the Petition of the Minister Church Wardens and three of the Vestry of the parish of Suffolk in the County of Nansemond complaining that M^r Edmund Godwin & M^r Tho^s Godwin Jun^r two of the Vestry men Appointed to treat with Workmen for building a New Church in the said parish Refuse to perform their duty whereby the building of the said New Church is greatly delayed, It is Ordered that the said Edmund Godwin and Thomas Godwin together with the other Vestrymen of the said Parish do attend this Board on the third day of the next General Court to shew cause why they have not Complied with the former Order of the said Vestry

Ordered

That there be paid to Edward Daughty the Sum of Fifty Shillings Curr^t Money in full of his demand for Entertainment of the Martial of the Court of Vice Admiralty and his Guard in bringing Certain pirates to Williamsburgh

The Petition of George Holden for a License to practice as an Attorney in the County Courts is refer'd to M^r Attorney General to Examine the petitioners qualifications and make report thereof to this Board

The Petition of Robert Brooke for Patents for two Tracts of Land on Cohungeruton River Surveyed for Thomas Havert and Isaac Walker who have neglected to pay him for the said Surveys is refered untill the boundarys between His Majesty and the Lord Fairfax be determined it Appearing the said Land is within disputed bounds

Benjamin Allen & Davis having made Application for patents to be Granted them for two Tracts of Land on the West side Sherrando River It appearing by the Testimonial of Robert Brooke the Surveyor that the said Land is clear of any pretensions of the Lord Fairfax It is Ordered that patents be granted them accordingly

Mr Gunn is appointed an Inspector at Swineyards Warehouse in the roome of M^r Royal who is Removed to be an Inspector at Turkey Island Warehouse in the room of his brother lately deceased

Several petitions for leave to take up His Maj^a Lands were read and Granted as follows Viz^t

To William Randolph John Harmer, Walter King, Nicholas Merriwether Jun^r John Cale and Peter Jefferson Fifty thousand Acres

begining at a place called the Crab Orchard near the Ridge of Mountains on the head of Springs of Sherrando River & runing South Westerly between the Blue Ridge and third Ridge

To George Walker One thousand Acres begining at the main fork of Cubb Creek about four Miles from the mouth thence up both sides of both forks and out on the Main Ridge between Cubb Creek and Turnip Creek & three thousand Acres on the Branches of Roanoake in Brunswick County

Stephen Hughes and John Alexander leave to Joyn Two thousand and fifty Acres Surveyed for them to four hundred Acres Surveyed for William Kennon and to take up as much Kings Land as will make the whole three thousand Acres on both sides Randolphs Creek on the South side James River in Goochland County

To Alexander Marshall three thousand Acres on the North Fork of Slate River on the North side of the said Fork in Goochland County or Else Where on the said River where it is not already Enter'd to Compleat the quantaty

To William Hatcher Two thousand Acres on Swift Creek in Henrico County

To Joseph Foster Seven thousand Acres in Hanover County begining at Several Trees marked IF on the head branches of the North Fork of James River near the blue Ridge of Mountains

To Michael Holland, Henry Chiles, Alex^r Tynson James Walker & Joseph Walker Ten thousand Acres in Brunswick County on the head of falling River to begin at the said Tynsons Camp in One or more Tracts

To Philip Thurmond one thousand Acres of land in Goochland County joining A Patent he has on Philip Birts and to have an Inclusive patent

To Samuel Lee Twelve hundred Acres begining at John Led-betters line at a White Oak thence a Cross over to the Reedy branch thence up the said Branch to his own line up Acocks line to Peter Mitchels line thence down to Thomas Rosers Corner and round his own line for quantity in Prince George County

To William Jones Eight Hundred Acres joining a Tract of Two hundred and Seventeen Acres already patented by him lying on the great Creek of Notoway River and joining William Colwells Land in Prince George County and to have an Inclusive patent for the whole

To Robert Lewis leave to have an Inclusive Patent for five thousand Acres of Land lying Contiguous in Goochland County which was laid of in Several Surveys

To Henry Wood leave to have an Inclusive Patent for three Several Surveys of Two hundred Two Hundred and fifty and four hundred Acres joining to Sixteen hundred Acres already patented

To John Robinson leave to have an Inclusive Patent for Eighteen Hundred and Ninety Acres of Land on Deep Creek in Goochland County already laid of in Several Surveys

To William Taylor leave to have an Inclusive Patent for four hundred Acres he bought of Charles Lynch lying in Goochland County with Eight hundred Acres Surveyed for himself on Moores Creek

On Reading at the Board the Petition of Charles Hudson and Michael Holland in behalf of Themselves and others their partners Setting forth that they had formerly obtained a Grant of this Board for Eight Thousand Acres of Land on Vaughns Creek in Amelia County and that forasmuch as Upon Examining into the bounds of the said Land there is not that quantaty contained therein and praying leave may be Granted them to take up the Remainder below Vaughns Creek and on the Head of Cubb Creek a branch of Roanoake in One or more Surveys It is Ordered that the Surveyor of Amelia lay of the same According to the prayer of their petition

At a Council held at the Capitol October 17th 1737

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
William Byrd
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
John Custis
John Tayloe &
Thomas Lee Esq^{rs}

On Reading this day at the Board a Letter from Ja^s Logan Esq^r dated the Twenty first of the last Month proposing that further Measures be taken to induce the Catawbaw Indians to make peace with the Six Nations Under the Government of New York It is the opinion of this Board and Accordingly Ordered that a Message be sent to the Catawbaws inviting them to a treaty and in the Mean time to diswade them from any Hostilities on the said Six Nations or their Allies

John Howard by his Petition Setting forth that he together with divers other Inhabitants on Sherrando River are willing at their own Charge to go Upon Discoveries on the Lakes and River Mississippi and praying a Commission for that purpose It is Accordingly Ordered that a Commission be granted the said Howard to Command such men as shall be willing to Accompany him upon such Discoveries but with this Caution that he don't offer any Hostility to any Indians or others he may happen to meet with nor go to any Fort or Garison possessed by the French on any the s^d lakes or River

October the 18th 1737*Present*The Governo^r

M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot &
John Carter	Thomas Lee Esq ^r

On hearing this day the Complaint of Daniel M^cCarty Gent against Samuel Oldham one of the inspectors at Yeocomoco, It Appearing by the Several Depositions taken in the County as well as the Examination of divers Witnesses now present that the said Oldham has been Guilty of divers Evil practices and Misdemeanours in his said Office of Inspector, It is therefore Ordered that the said Samuel Oldham be from henceforth removed from Acting any longer in that office

At a Council held at the Capitol October 26th 1737*Present*The Governo^r

M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot &
John Carter	Thomas Lee Esq ^r

This Board taking into Consideration the Extraordinary trouble and Attendance of the Gunner at York Fort for which his present Salary is no Ways a proportionable Recompence It is Ordered that there be paid him for the future fifteen pounds per Annum

On Consideration of the Several Demands of the Surveyors Employed in Runing the Courses of the Rivers Potomack and Rapahan-nock, It is Ordered that there be Allowed to them the following Sums Viz^t

To M ^r John Warner of the County of King George	£15,,,—
To Chain Carriers and other Expences	10,, 5,, 6
To M ^r Jn ^o Thomas Surveyor of Westmorland	15,,,—
To Chain Carriers and other Expences	5,,10,—
To M ^r Barber Surveyor of Richamond County	15,,,—
To Chain Carriers and other Expences	8,,17,, 8
To M ^r Savage Surveyor of Stafford County	15,,,—

One half of all which Charges above mentioned are to be defrayed out of his Majesties Revenue and the other half to be paid by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Fairfax pursuant to the Agreement of the Commissioners Appointed for Ascertaining the Boundaries

Whereas S^r John Randolph was in his life time retained and gave his Advice in preparing the Commission for Ascertaining the Boundaries of the Northern Neck. It is Ordered that there be paid to his Executors for the said Service the Sum of Ten pounds

Ordered

That the like Sum of Ten pounds be paid to William Robertson for the like Service and Advice & for preparing Instructions for the said Commissioners

Ordered

That there be paid to M^r Joseph Davenport the Sum of Two pounds three Shillings and to M^r Bedford Davenport the Sum of Five pounds Seven Shillings & Six pence for their trouble in Transcribing the Report of the Commissioners for Settling the Boundaries and the Several papers Annexed thereto and Transmitted to his Grace the Duke of New Castle His Maj^s principal Secretary of State and to the Right Honble Lords Commissioners for Trade and plantations

On the Application of M^r John Gram It is Order'd that an additional Allowance of Ten pounds be made him for his trouble in Surveying the River Rappadan over and above what hath been paid him already

The Account of Contingent Charges for the last half Year and also an Account of Expences about the Governors House was Severally Examined and Allowed

The Governor and Council was pleased to Nominate the following persons to be Sherifs for the Ensuing Year Viz^t

For the County of

Charles City	Sam ^l Harwood
Prince George	William Epes

The following persons were Appointed Inspectors of Tobacco at the Several Warehouses herein after mentioned Viz^t

At

Hunting Creek	John Minor
Swineyards	David Royster
Cherry Stones	Geo. Kendall in the room of M ^r Nottingham
Deep Creek	Martin Shermer in the room of M ^r Chin
Glascocks	Rawleigh Chin in the room of M ^r Shermer
Totuskey	Henry Diskin in the room of M ^r Plumer
Greys Creek	Tho ^s Holt in the room of M ^r Simmonds Ded.
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Ordered

That a New Commission of the peace Issue for the County of Gloucester and that M^r Lawrence Smith be kept in his former Rank and that Charles Debnham, John Smith, Robert Throgmorton, Mordecai Cooke Jun^r, Ambros Dudley, Thomas Hayes, Robert Bernard and James Hubbard be added to the Acting Justices in the said Commission

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Goochland and that M^r Miles Cary and Arthur Hopkins be added to the Acting Justices in the said Commission

Ordered

That a New Commission of the peace Issue for the County of Westmorland and that Francis Whiteing Gent George Lee, Sam^l Eskridge and Jn^o Watts be added to the present Acting Justices

On Consideration of the present Condition of the Colony with Respect to the Scarcity of Indian Corn, It is the Opinion of this Board that the further Continuance of the Prohibition of the Export of that Comodity is absolutely Necessary for Supplying the Wants of the Inhabitants, but in regard there is a greater quantaty of Wheat and Pease now in the Country then the Necessities of the People Require, It is Ordered that the Exportation of Indian Corn and Meale made thereof be prohibited until the Twentieth day of June next but that Wheat and all other Grain be permitted to be Exported as Usual and that a proclomation Issue Accordingly

Ordered

That the General Assmely be further prorogued Until the Second Thursd^y in January next and that a Proclomation Issue Accordingly

The Matter in dispute between the Minister & ChurchWardens and others of the Vestry of the parish of Suffolk in the County of Nansmond touching the building a New Church in the said Parish is referred to be heard at the Next Court of Oyer and Terminer and that the Several parties have notice to Attend by themselves or such as they shall depute for that purpose

Whereas M^r Charles Green on his Application to the Governour obtained some time Agoe a Letter of Recommendation to the Vestry of Truro parish to Admit him to Officiate as their Minister until further Order, but upon his presenting the said Letter hath behaved himself in a very Unbecoming Manner as Appears by two of the Vestry of the said parish, It is Order'd that the said Green Attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to Answer what shall be then objected to him

On hearing the Matter in dispute on the petition of John Brodie against Henry Wilson for Land in the County of Brunswick, It is the opinion of this Board and Accordingly Ordered that the said Wilson have a patent for the said Land and that if the Survey he not already returned that then M^r Drury Stith Surveyor of the said County do attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and bring with him the said Survey and that he further come prepared to Sitisfie this Board why he did not return the said Survey in due time it appearing by the Testimonial of Theophilus Field that the said Stith was paid Several Years agoe both for the said Survey and had a Consideration for his trouble in Suing out the Patent

At a Council held at the Capitol Nov^r 3^d 1737

Present

The Governor

M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot &
John Carter	Thomas Lee Esq ^r

The following Warrants on his Maj^s Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesties Revenue of 2s per hh^d Port duties and head money were this day Signed by the Governor in Council Viz^t

To the Gov ^r half a years Salary ending the 25 th of Oct ^r last	£ 1000, —, —
To the Council for the same time	300, —, —
To the Judges and Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer in June last	100, —, —
To the Auditor of the plantations half a Years Salary as above	50, —, —
To the Sollicitor of the Virginia affairs for the same time	50, —, —
To the Attorney General for the same time	35, —, —
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time	50, —, —
To the Ministers attending One General Court	6, —, —
To the Armourer	6, —, —
To the Gunners of the Several Batterys	22, —, —
To William Prentis for the Governors House	77, 9, —
To D ^o for Contingent Charges	643, 16, 4
To the Adjutant half a years Salary end ^d as above	75, —, —

And out of the Quit Rents

To M ^r Commissary Blair half a Years Sall ^r	50, —, —
To the Attorney Gen ^l half a Years Salary	35, —, —

The Account of His Majesties Revenue 2s per hh^d & ca ending the 25th of last Month being Examined by the Auditor were presented and Sworne to by his Maj^s Receiver General and Certified by the Governor as Usual

On the petition of William Byrd Esq^r It is Ordered that he have further time allowed him for one Year from this date for Seating his Land on Roanoake River and the Branches thereof

On Reading at this Board the petition of Benj^s Borden and William Robertson in behalf of themselves and their partners seting forth the Unforeseen Accidents & difficulties which have prevented their Seating the One hundred thousand Acres of Land Granted them on the West side the Blew Ridge of Mountains on the Branches of James River by a former order of this Board and praying further time for

Settling the said Tract It is Accordingly Ordered that further time be granted the petitioners for the purpose aforesaid for one year from the date hereof and that upon their bringing a Sufficient number of families to Settle upon the said Land within that time patents be Granted them According to the terms of the former Order of this Board

Ordered

That Joseph Temple, Anthony Walke & James Elliot be Appointed Coroners for the County of King William

Ordered

That William Eustice be Appointed a Coroner in the County of Northumberland

Ordered

That Edwin Dangerfield be added to the Commission of Peace for the County of Newkent

Ordered

That there be furnished to M^r John Howard 40^{lb} of Powder and A proportionable quantaty of bullets out of His Maj^s Stores and four Kettles for the better enabling him to perform the Service in making discoveries towards the River Mississippi

The following petitions for leave to take up His Maj^s Lands were read and Granted as follows Viz^t

To Edward Booker, John Nash, George Walker, & Sam^l Cobbs Twenty thousand Acres of Land in Amelia County begining on Capt Isham Randolphs line on the north fork of Buffilow River so up the Branches of the same in Several Surveys not Exceeding five in all

To William Watson & Joseph Morton Two thousand Acres lying on the Ridge between the Branches of Sandy River and Nottoway River in Amelia County begining on Sandy River Branches thence up for Compliment

To William Batts five hundred Acres on the North side little Nottoway River in Amelia County begining at his fathers lower line thence down for Compliment

To George Walker Two thousand Acres upon the Ridge between Sandy River and Bush River joyning the land he bought of Mathew Talbott in Amelia County in one or more Surveys

To Edward Beddingfield one thousand Acres in Brunswick County joining a Tract he bought of Edward Beddingfield

To Isham Randolph leave to have an Inclusive patent for Eight Hundred Acres of Land he bought of Jn^o Bolling in Goochland County with the Land he now lives on

To Frances Bracy two Thousand Acres begining at a blazed white Oak on Butterwood Road and Hatches Run in Prince George County and so out for Compliment

To Frances Bracy Twelve hundred Acres lying between the lines of Henry Maynard, Isham Epes, W^m Bowden Francis Epes, Edward Smith & Tho^s Hudson between Gravelly Run and Stoney Creek on boath sides Sapyon Road in Prince George County

To James Churchill Eight hundred Acres on or near upon the Round about Creek in Hannover County

To Daniel Fore leave to have an Inclusive Patent for two Tracts of Eight hundred Acres of land he bought of John Nash on the Byrd in Goochland County

To Samuel Cobb Two thousand Acres begining at Joseph Mortons upper line on the South Fork of Buffilow River in Amelia County in One or more Surveys

To Stephen Dewey One thousand Acres in Amelia & Brunswick Counties begining upon the line of Maj' Ja' Mountfords to run up Nottoway River and Crossing the River so*down the River for Compliment

To John Epes Two thousand Acres on Georges Branch Wigg Island and Bares Swamp joining his own land already patented and to have an Inclusive patent

To William Mayo, Tarlton Fleming, & Stephen Hughes leave to Include four thousand three hundred Acres of Land in One Patent

To Nicholas Merriwether fifteen hundred Acres in the North Garden near or adjoining to his own Survey at Poplar Camp in Goochland County

To Henry Wythe fifteen Hundred Acres on Chamberlains bed Run in Prince George County including a former entry made by Francis Bracy for four hundred Acres & to have an Inclusive patent for the whole

To Isham Epes fifteen hundred Acres begining on Tho' Nancies Corner thence towards the lines of James Jones, Sam' Tental, and Joseph Hawkes for Compliment in Prince George County

At a Council held at the Capitol Dec^r 15th 1737

Present

The Governor

Cole Digges

John Carter

John Grymes

John Custis

John Tayloe &

Tho' Lee Esq^r

Whereas information is given to this Board that diverse Masters of Vessels Secretly take on board Indian Corn Contrary to the proclamation prohibiting it's Exportation for the more Effectual prevention whereof, It is Ordered that the Naval officers of the Several Districts do forthwith nominate proper persons to be Commissioned by the Governor to go on Board the Several plantation Vessels and from time to time Search Seize and bring on Shoar all Indian Corn or Meale made thereof which shall be found on Board any Ship or Vessel above the quantity of Ten barrels (which is hereby allowed to each Vessel for Sea Store) and where any such Seizure shall be made the said Naval officers are hereby required to cause the offenders to be prosecuted According to Law

The Account of Materials delivered by M^r Minson Administrator of Leonard Whiteing in discharge of his Debt to the Government together with the Valluation of the House built by the said Whiting at the Fort at point Comfort was this day laid before the Board, And it is Ordered that the said several Materials be delivered to and Charged in the Account of M^r Baron the present Gunner and Store Keeper of the said Fort and that the Surplus of the Value of the said Materials over and above the payment of the said Whittings Debt be paid to M^r Minson out of his Maj^{ty} Revenue of 2s per hh^d

Thomas Harris and Thomas Mosely are Appointed Inspectors at Warwick Warehouse in the room of Francis Redford and Edward Wilkinson

On hearing the Parties on the Petition and Caveat enter'd by James Pittillow against George Tillman & Robert Abernathy Jun^r for a Tract of Land lying in Prince George County Survey'd for the said Tillman above Six Years agoe and by the said Tillman sold to the above Abernathy and no Patent yet Sued out by either of them, It appearing by the Evidence of Robert Bolling Gent Surveyor of the said County that the Occasion of the said Abernathys not Suing out a Patent was Owing to the Neglect of the said Surveyors Deputy who received Money for the Rights and patent Fees from the said Abernathy, It is therefore Ordered that the Caveat aforesaid be dissolved and that a Patent be granted for the Land therein mentioned to the said Abernathy, But forasmuch as it Appears to this Board that George Tillman hath for a long time held the said Land without taking a Patent whereby His Majesty hath been defrauded of his quit rents divers Years, It is Order'd that the said Tillman pay the petitioner James Pittillow the Sum of Fifty Shillings Curr^t Money for his trouble and Expence in prosecuting his Caveat and petition and that Robert Abernathy do produce a Receipt for that Money before any Patent be granted him by Vertue of this Order

On the Petition of Richard Tunstall, Benj^m Winslow, Jn^o Coril leave is granted them to take up and Survey Thirty Thousand Acres of Land on the North West side Sherrando River below Jacob Stovers Upper Tract upon Condition of Seating the same with one family for Each thousand Acres within two Years from this date it being Certified by William Beverly Gent one of the Lord Fairfaxes Commissioners for runing the boundarys of his Grant that the Land now petitioned for is not within any part of the Land claimed by his Lordship

The Caveat Enter'd by Edmund Carrol, David Pitts & William Thomas for Stoping an Escheat Patent Sued out by Elizabeth Hudson Widdow on a Motion of the said Widdow by her Council is Vacuated and a Patent Ordered her shee paying the Composition due to his Majesty and other Charges Accruing thereon

Whereas upon the petition of the Vestry of Chuckatuck parish and of the lower parish of Nansamond representing their inability Separately to Support the Charge of Maintaining A Minister in each of the said Parishes or the other parocial Charges, The Governor was

pleased to Consolidate and Unite the said two parishes into One by the name of Suffolk Parish and to Continue the then Vestry men Until by death or a removal out of the parish the said Vestrymen should fall Under the Number of Twelve, And whereas upon Examination and proof of the ruinous Condition of the Church built on the south Side Nansamond River in that part formerly called the lower parish, It was in a full Vestry held the 16th of May 1737 Resolved and Agreed to build a new Brick Church at a place Called Jordans Mill Hill as more Convenient for the people on both sides Nansemond River then the Old Church was and persons were Chosen and authorized by the said Vestry to agree with Workmen for building the same, Yet by the Combination of some of the persons so Entrusted therein refusing to Act and Influencing others of the said Vestry to dissent from what was formerly agreed on by them no progress hath yet been made towards Erecting the said Church, And whereas upon the humble petition of the Minister and Church Wardens of the said United parish the Governor was pleased to order all parties Concerned to Attend the Board this day in order to a final determination of the Controversys between them touching the building of the said Church and now upon hearing the arguments and allegations of both parties it evidently Appearing to this Board that the old Church on the South side Nansemond River is so much decayed and in such a Ruinous Condition that the people Cannot without Eminent Danger Attend the divine worship therein and that the said Order of Vestry for building the said New Church was a just and reasonable appointment both in respect of the Scituation and the Ease of the parishoners whose Expençe will be greatly lessened by Applying thereto a Considerable donation left for that purpose by John Yates deceas'd, It is therefore the opinion of this Board and Accordingly ordered that the Vestry of the said United parish do with all Convenient Speed meet at the lower Church of the said Parish and take care that their said former Order be complied with either by appointing other persons in the room of M^r Edmund Godding and Thomas Goddin jun^r (if they refuse still to Accept that trust) to be joyned with the other trustees heretofore by them named to agree for the speedy Erecting the said New Church as they will Answer their Contempt in a Matter wherein the Honour of Religion the respect due to His Majesties Royal Instructions in this behalf and the Safety and Conveniencys of the parishoners are so greatly Concerned, And whereas it hath been represented to this Board that the said Vestry having now got a Majority on the North side the said River and determined to chuse none of the Inhabitants on the south side the said River whereby as is Suggested they intend to Continue & encrease the hardships of the said Lower Inhabitants which is Contrary to that Justice and Equality upon which the Consolidation of Two parishes was first established, It is Ordered that in the future Choice of Vestry men none of the Uper Inhabitants be chosen until there be an Equal Number of Vestry men on each side the said Nansemond River and that this Order be enter'd in the Vestry book of the said parish

On the Caveat and petition of Thomas Bibb & Nath^l Dickenson for a Grant for four hundred Acres of Land in Hannover County Surveyed long since for the said Dickinson and no patent Sued out the said Dickinson having been Summoned and not Appearing, It is Ordered that a patent be Granted the petitioner

James Nowling having enter'd a Caveat for Stopping a patent to John Lad and Amos Lad for two hundred Acres of Land in Goochland County some time agoe Surveyed for them and no patent Sued out the said John & Amos Lad having been Summoned and not Appearing It is Ordered Upon the petition of the said James Nowling that a patent be granted him for the said Land

On the petition of Joseph Randolph against Clement Reid for a Tract of Land Surveyed for the said Clement in Brunswick County by Consent of the said Reid It is Ordered that a patent be granted the said Randolph for the said Tract of Land

M^r Charles Green Clerk this day appearing before the Board According to Order and being heard what he had to Offer in relation to the Charge against him for speaking disrespectfully of the Governors recommendation to the Vestry of Truro parish to admit him to officiate as Minister of that parish until he had a Licence from the Bishop of London and now Acknowledging his Error in Insisting upon the Lord Fairfaxes Right of presentation to the said parish being so perswaded by his Lordship and not out of any disrespect to the Governor to whom he now understands the right of Such presentations is entrusted by his Majesties Instructions and the Laws of the Colony and promising a more decent regard to the Laws & Constitutions of this Colony for the future he was thereupon dismiss'd

Alexander Traquare having petitioned for a Grant of four hundred Acres of Land in Hannover County formerly Surveyed for William Smith who hath Neglected to Sue out a patent for the same the said Smith having been Sumon'd and not Appearing It is Ordered that the said Land be granted the petitioner

Ordered

That there be paid to M^r James Skelton the Sum of Ten pounds Current Money for his trouble in going to point Comfort to View and Vallue the house built at the Fort there by M^r Leonard Whiteing dec^d

Ordered

That there be paid to M^r Philip Finch the Sum of Ten pounds for laying and planting the Avenue to the Governors House

Ordered

That the General Assembly be further prorogued to the last thursday in May next and that proclomation Issue Acordingly

A New Commission of the peace for the County of James City and that the following persons be appointed Viz^t Edward Barradel, Edward Jaquelin, Lewis Burwell, Thomas Bray, Philip Ludwell, Henry Power, Rich^d Booker, Robert Goodrich, John Eaton, Carter Burwell, of the Quoram, William Marrable, Willis Wilson, Lancelot Woodward, Joseph Marston, Abraham Nicholas, William Prentis, Hudson Allen, Richard Talliaferro & Ja^s Bray

At a Council held at the Capitol April the 22^d 1738

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
William Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
John Custis
John Tayloe
Philip Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq^r

Ordered

That the General Assembly which now stands prorogued to the last Thursday in May be further prorogued 'till the Second thursday in August next and that a proclomation Issue Accordingly

Whereas the Inhabitants on Sherrando River by their petition have represented that the Northern Indians frequently passing through their plantations Commit frequent Outrages and have lately killed one of their men, And have prayed for a Supply of Arms & Ammunition for their defence. It is the Opinion of this Board and Accordingly Ordered that out of His Majesties Stores there be delivered to John Lewis Gent who is hereby Approved to be a Capt over such of the Inhabitants as live in Beverly Mannor, Thirty Muskets & Eight pair of Pistols with a proportionable quantaty of Powder and Ball, But that it should be an Instruction to the said Cap^t Lewis that neither he nor any of the men Under his Command do on any pretence whatsoever offer any Violence to any of the said Indians passing quietly throug their plantations nor to any Indians whatsoever unless the said Indians do first Commit Hostilities on the said Inhabitants in which case only they are at liberty to defend themselves and to Act offensively

The Governor acquainted the Council that he had lately received a Letter from the president of Pensilvania which he caused to be read at the Board wherein the said President proposed to delay the Meeting of the Cherrickie and Cawtawbaw Indians with the Northern Indians until the begining of August next and that Accordingly he had sent a message to the said Cherrickie & Cattawbaw Indians desiring them that they should postpone their Journey to Albany 'till that time

The following persons are appointed Inspectors

Ellis Gill at Wiccocomico during the Indisposition of M^r Jones
Anthony Haynes at Gibsons

Thomas Cobbs at the Colledge Land^r in the room of Cap^t Pierse
decd

Peter Hack at Andersons in the room of M^r Parker decd.

William M^rWilliams & Jn^o Parish at Fredericksburgh

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Stafford and that the following persons be Added to the present Acting Justices Viz^t James Hoe, Richard Bernard, Townsend Washington, Richard Foot, William Harrison, John Waugh, & Mott Donaphan

On the application of the Officers of His Majesties Revenue, It is Ordered that Rights be Issued to the Vallue of Five hundred pounds Ster

His Majesty having been pleased to ratify and Confirm an Act passed at a Session of the General Assembly held the twenty sixth day of August MDCCXXXIV in the Eighth Year of his Majesties Reign Entituled an Act for Docking the Intail of Certain Lands in the Countys of Gloucester and Elizabeth City and Vesting the same in Henry Willis in Fee simple and for Setling other Lands & Tenements and Several Slaves to the Uses, The Order of His Majesty in his privy Council is Ordered to be recorded in the Secretarys Office

Charles Carter Esq^r having represented to this Board that he had lately purchased from Abraham Bledsoe & Benjamin Cave a Tract of Land lying upon Beverdam Run of Hedgmans River in Orange County Granted to them by Patent bearing date the Eighth day of September MDCCXXXIII and that he Apprehends there is Contain'd within the said Bounds a greater quantity then is Express'd in the said Patent praying leave to resurvey and take a New Patent for the whole quantaty within the bounds It is Ordered that the Consideration of the said Petition be refered until it be made Appear that the said Land doth not lie within the Bounds claimed by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Fairfax

On Reading at the Board the petition of Joseph Brocke Gent Setting forth that in the Year MDCCXXXII he purchased of Larkin Chew Gent decd Seven thousand four hundred and fifty three Acres of Land being the Residue of Nine thousand four hundred Acres lying in the County of Spotsylvania and granted to the said Chew by Patent bearing date the fourth of June MDCCXXXII that the said Larkin Chew having Sold Several parcels out of the said Patent before the petitioners purchase pretended that the residue had been Exactly Surveyed and gave the petition^r A paper Under the hand of James Taylor then Surveyor of the said County wherein he Alledged the Several Courses of the Land remaining Unsold were truly Set down & Express but after the petitioner had got his Conveyance for the said Land and had Seated thereon he found that the Bounds Express in the said Chews Conveyance were Erronious, some of the Courses runing into Elder Grants and others into pryor Sales and leaving out a very great part of the Land intended to be Conveyed to the petitioner and that there was a Mistake in the Number of Pole in one of the Courses in the said Patent but that the petitioner apprehends the full quantity of Land intended to be Conveyed to him is still remaining & praying that the Surveyor of the said County of Spotsylvania may be Ordered to Survey the Land intended to be Conveyed to the petitioner by the said Larkin Chew within the Bounds of the said Patent for Nine thousand four hundred Acres not interferring with the Elder Grants or pryor Sales and Includeing Eight hundred Acres of Land formerly Granted by two Several Patents to the said Larkin Chew, Joseph Chew, Richard Buckner and Joseph Sutton and Comprahended within the Bounds of the said Chew's Patent and that the Course of the said Patent runing

South 65 degrees East may be Extended One hundred Poles further to reach the Corner therein Mentioned and that he may have a New patent According to Such Survey without paying for New Rights he having already paid the Rights According to his late Majesties Directions in that behalf, The Governor with the Advice of the Council taking the same into Consideration is pleased to Order as it is hereby Ordered that the Surveyor of the said County of Spotsylvania do Survey the Lands Mentioned in the petitioners Conveyance from Larkin Chew decd within the bounds of his aforementioned Patent not interfering with Elder Grants or pryor Sales and the Course of the said Patent 65 Degrees East be Extended 100 Poles further and that thereupon a Patent be granted the petitioner According to the prayer of his petition

On the Application of John Carter Esq^r It is Ordered that Charles Lynch be Summoned to Appear at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer to shew Cause why a Certain Tract of Land long since Surveyed for the said Charles Lynch lying on Hardway River in Goochland County should not be Granted to the said John Carter for default of the said Linches suing out a Patent for the same pursuant to the Orderes of Government

The Several Petitions of M^r Benjamin Waller and M^r Abraham Nicholas Jun^r Gent for leave to practice as Attorneys in the County Courts were read & refered to M^r Attorney Gen^l and M^r Benjamin Needler or either of them to Examine their qualifications and Report the same to this Board

At a Council held at the Capitol Ap^l 27th 1738

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
William Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson

John Grymes
John Custis
John Tayloe &
Thomas Lee Esq^r

The Account of Contingent Charges aboute the Governours House were Examined and Allowed
Ordered

That a New Commission of the peace Issue for the County of Prince William and that Norwood Hatt, John Hudnall (in the room of Joseph Hudnall) Thomas Pierson, Joseph Blackwell, Sam^l Earle, Thomas Stripling, Anthony Seal, Dan^l Tilbae, John Minor, John Awbry, Henry Terril be added to the present Acting Justices

Ordered

That a New Commission of the peace Issue for the County of York and that George Gilmer, Dan^l Moore, Samuel Reid, John Ballard, John Goodwin Thomas Cobbs, James Barber, Ellison Armistead and Arthur Dickenson be Added

Ordered

That a New Commission of the peace Issue for the County of Surry and that Benjamin Harrison, W^m Seaward, Kenneth McKenzie, Edward Ruffin, James Chappel, William Harper and Howell Briggs be Added

The Several petitions of Gilbert Buchanan and John OSheal Gent to practice as Attorneys in the County Courts were Read and referred to M^r Attorney General and M^r Benjⁿ Needler or either of them to Examine their qualifications and make report to this Board

At a Council held at the Capitol May 5th 1738

Present

The Governor

M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot &
John Carter	Thomas Lee Esq ^{rs}

The following Warrants to be paid by the Receiver General out of his Maj^s Revenue were this day Signed by the Governor in Council as follows Viz^t

To the Governor half a Years Sallary ending the 25 th Ap ^r last	£1000,,,—
To the Gentlemen of the Council for the same time	300,,,—
To the Judges and Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100,,,—
To the Auditor General half a Years Salary	50,,,—
To the Sollicitor for the same time	50,,,—
To the Attorney General for the same time	35,,,—
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time	50,,,—
To the Ministers for preaching one Gen ^l Court	6,,,—
To the Armourer	6,,,—
To the Batterys	22,,,—
To Repairs about the Governors House	78,14,,10
To paid William Prentis for Contingent Charges	354,,19,,—
To the Adjutant	75,,,—

And out of the Quit Rents

To the Commissary	50,,,—
To the Attorney General	35,,,—

Ordered

That a Commission of the peace Issue for the County of Accomack and that Southey Rue, Willaim Gore, Tho^s Parrimore, Robert and Ralph Justice be added to the present Just^s

The petition of Andrew Giles Gent for leave to practice as an Attorney in the County Courts of this Dominion was read at the Board and referred to M^r Attorney General and M^r Benjamin Needler to Examine the petitioners qualifications and make report thereof to this Board

Philip Morgan having obtained a Survey for one thousand Acres of Land in Brunswick County in the Year MDCCXXXVII Upon the Encouragement of His Majesties Bounty and Drury Stith Gent Surveyor of the said County having this day made prooffe that he returned a platt and Certificate for the said Land which were afterwards in the Secretarys Office whereby the said Morgan hath been hitherto disappointed in taking out his Patent, It is Ordered on the petition of the said Morgan that a Patent be now Granted without any Rights

The following Petitions for leave to take up his Majesties Lands were read and granted as follows Viz'

To Henry Robertson One thousand Acres joining John Nance, Thomas Yarbrough & Stith Hardways Lands on both side little Nottoway River

To John Ormsby Clerk four thousand Acres on both sides Nottoway Road to the branches of Mamazeen Creek joining Lee, Westbrook & Bolling in Amelia County

To Richard Eckolds Twelve hundred Acres in Amelia County on a branch of Nottoway River called by the name of the Harrican Creek beginning at a small pine marked R E about a quarter of a Mile below Duglas's path runing down the Creek for quantaty

To John Williamson Twelve hundred Acres already laid off in Several Surveys lying on the branches of the North Fork of James River called the Meadow Creek near Charles Lynch in Goochland County and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole

To Samuel Pincham Nine hundred Acres in Amelia County joining his own land and to have an Inclusive Patent

To Charles Moreman and Charles Mills four thousand Acres beginning on a branch of Meachom River and on the North side Meachoms River in Goochland County in one or more surveys

To George Braxton Sen^r George Braxton jun^r Humphry Brooke, Robert Rose and Thomas Chew Forty thousand Acres lying on both sides the Fluvania and on both sides pedlar River in Goochland County below the great Mountains

To John Jackson Fifteen hundred Acres joining his own land on the Burchen Swamp in Amelia County and to have an Inclusive patent for the Whole

To David Walker One thousand Acres lying in Prince George County joining his own land on Buckskin Creek and bounded by the Lines of Robert Mountfort & Joseph Stroud

To Thomas Chew and Robert Rose Clerk four thousand Acres (being chiefly barrens) lying between their three Surveys in Goochland County and to have an Inclusive patent for the whole

To Benjamin Burrow Eight hundred Acres in Prince George County beginning on the line of Colo Robert Mountford decd thence

down Harry's Swamp to the line that divides Surry and Prince George County's thence along the said line to the line of Thomas Hunt thence along his line to the line of Thomas Butler, thence along his line to the line of Thomas Stroud thence along his line to the line of Joseph Tucker thence along his line to the line of Dan' Tucker thence to the said John Borrow's line and to the beginning

To William Cary Eight hundred Acres in Prince George County beginning on Charles Pistols Upper Corner on the South side great Catt Tayle

To William Watson Nine hundred Acres on both sides the little Creek of Deep Creek joining Bollings, Robertsons & Worshams lines in Amelia County

To William Crawley Three thousand Acres on both sides the great branch of Winticomack Creek joining Tuckers and Bollings lines in Amelia County

To William Watson Two thousand Acres on the lower side of flatt Creek joining his own and Mayes line in Amelia County

To Edward Twheat Eight hundred Acres on both sides the Falls branch joining his Own and Deweys line in Amelia County

To William Cary One thousand Acres in Prince George County joining on Joseph Worshams line at the Upper flatt branch and down to Cap' Richard Jones's line and so to the lower flatt branch to M' Herberts line on the Fox branch

To Tarleton Fleming, William Mayo, & Stephen Hughes Eight hundred Acres of high barren land bounding on four thousand three hundred Acres of low land on both sides Willis's Creek in Goochland County and to have an Inclusive patent

To Wintworth Webb leave to have an Inclusive Patent for Twelve hundred Acres already Surveyed joining Thomas Christians Land on Phelps Creek and Bare Garden Creek in Goochland County

To William Randolph, John Harmer & Walter King Ten thousand Acres on the branches of Roanoke beginning at a Mountain called the Wart to Extend Northward Under the blew ridge of Mountains in one or more Surveys

To Joseph Mayo Eight hundred Acres in Henrico County lying between his own land Alexander Robinsons, Abney's and the head of White Oak Swamp and to have an Inclusive patent

To William Cable leave to have an Inclusive patent for four thousand Eight hundred Acres on James River in Goochland County already laid off in Several Surveys

To William Bedshaw leave to have an Inclusive patent for Twelve hundred Acres in Goochland County already Survey'd for him in Several Surveys

To William Mackain three thousand Acres beginning at Capt Richard Cocks lower Corner in the Fork of James River and thence on the River branches to little breemer Creek to Compleat the quantity

To William Randolph, John Harmer & Walter King Twenty thousand Acres on Tye River and Rockfish River beginning at Ties &

Roses South or South East line to Extend towards the Mouth of Rock Fish River in One or more Surveys so as it interfere not with any former Grant

To Anthony Relhan, Thomas Cade, James Relhan, Richard Kennon, William Kennon jun^r & Frances Kennon, Sixty thousand Acres on Cubb Creek begining on Thomas Ridleys Bark Camp and towards the Mountains between the Main River Roanoake & Appomattocks in Brunswick County

Whereas John Hyde Saunders hath humbly represented to this Board that on the Nineteenth day of July MDCCXXXV he obtained a patent for four hundred Acres of Land in the County of Goochland as lapsed from George Stover and John Saunders and that Upon Examining the Courses of the said Patent it appears by a Mistake of the Surveyor that the first Course instead of Runing West is described to run East Seventy Chain whereby the petitioners land is quite left out and his Course runs into an Elder patent, And praying that the same may be Rectified and a New patent Granted him According to the bounds of the said Land Viz^t begining at the back line of the land formerly Granted to Bartholomew Stover now in the possession of Allin Howard on Stovers branch thence on the said Howards line and Capt Isham Randolphs line to a Corner Oak of the said Randolphs Tract, thence South on the Lands of the said Randolph John Taylor and William Mayo to a Corner Oak, then East to a Corner poplar on the aforesaid Branch, The Governor with the Advice of the Council is pleased to Order As it is hereby Ordered that upon the petitioners returning a new platt and Survey into the Secretarys Office According to the true bounds of the lands intended to be granted him and Surrendering his former patent a New one be granted According to the prayer of his petition

At a Council held at the Capitoll June 15th 1738

Present

The Governor

William Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter
John Grymes

John Custis
William Randolph
John Tayloe
Philip Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq^r

Whereas William Mayo Gent Surveyor of Goochland County was Employed to prepare Maps of the Boundaries between His Majesty and the Lord Fairfax proprietor of the Northern Neck and having Accordingly finished Several of the said Mapps sent to England and one to be kept in the Council Office, It is Ordered in Consideration of His Expencc of time and the trouble he hath been at in this Service that there be paid him One hundred and twenty pounds Currant Money out of His Majesties Revenue of 2s per hh^d

It being Represented to this Board by the officers of His Majesties Revenue that divers of the Sheriffs have neglected to perfect their Accounts of His Majesties Quit Rents, It is Ordered that Unless the said Sheriffs do Complete their Rent Rolls and pay to the Receiver General the Several Sums of Money Received by them for the said Quit Rents on or before the Twentieth day of the next Month that then his Majesties Attorney General be and is hereby Directed to bring Suit against such delinquents and their Securities in the General Court and the Clerk of the Council is ordered to give the said Several Sheriffs Notice hereof

The Governor in Council was pleased to Nominate the following persons to be Sheriffs for the Ensuing Year Viz^t

For the County of

Nansemond	Lemuel Reddick
Lancaster	Joseph Chin
Brunswick	Nich ^s Lanier
Richamond	W ^m Jordan
Isle of Wight	Tho ^s Jarrel jun ^r
Eliz th City	Wilson Curle
Prince George	Isham Epes
King & Queen	Philemon Bird
Middlesex	Churchil Jones
York	William Nelson
Norfolk	W ^m Portlock
Caroline	Rob ^t Farrish
Hanover	Rich ^d Clough
Princess Ann	Char ^s Malbon
Accomack	Ja ^s Withart

Dudly Digges Gent on his application is Appointed to Supply the vacancy of Surveyor of the Customs at Cape Charles in the room of M^r Griffith Bowen decd

On reading at the Board Sundry Letters from James Logan Esq^r President of Pensilvania and also a letter from the Lieu^t Governor of New York inclosing a representation from the Commissioners of Indian affairs at Albany whereby it appears that the Government of New York Expects that this Colony should be at the Expence of maintaining the Cherekee and Catawbaw Indians during the time of their Treaty with the Six Nations at Albany & of presents to the said Nations It is the Opinion of this Board that such a demand from this Government is very Unreasonable in Regard those Nations live at a great distance from hence within the Province of South Carolina or Georgia and that this Government is no other ways Concerned in the Quarrel between the said Nations then to Mediate a peace between them which is Solely for the Interest of the Province of New York & Carolina to which they respectively belong and since the Government of New York thinks fitt to insist on these terms and that it appears the said Indians of the Cherekee and Cattawbaw Nations may Negoc-

iate a peace Upon much easier terms with the Six Nations (who are desirous of the same) without the Intervention of either Government, It is therefore Resolved that no further Application be made to the Government of New York on that Subject but that an Interpreter be Sent with the Cherrekee & Cattawbaws to Conestogow, there to meet the Interpreter of Pensylvania who According to M^r Logans Letter will procure them a Conference with the Deputies of the Six Nations and Assist them in Settling Terms of Peace between them

On reading at this Board the humble petition of divers Merchants trading to the West Indies representing that they have great quantities of Indian Corn lying in their Warehouses which they have offered to Sell at a reasonable rate but can find no purchasers and that if the same Continues on their hands Until the heat of the Summer encreases it will be in danger of Spoiling and praying that the prohibition on the Exportation thereof may be discontinued, It is the Opinion of this Board and Accordingly Ordered that from and after the twentieth of this month no further restraint on the Exportation of Corn be Continued

On the Application of M^r Samuel Baron Commander of the Fort at Point Comfort, It is Ordered that a further Sum of One hundred pounds be advanced him towards finishing the said Fort

Ordered

That the General Assembly which now stands prorogued to the Second thursday in August next be further prorogued to Wednesday the first of November at which time it is intended to proceed on business

The Several petitions of Dudley Digges & Philip Prescot Gent for Licenses to practice as Attorneys in the County Courts are referred to M^r Attorney General or M^r Benjamin Needler to Examine the petitioners qualifications and make report thereof to this Board

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for James City County and that M^r Richard Booker who has refus'd to Act be left out and that M^r Edmond Walker and M^r Leonard Henley be Added

Andrew Wade having Enter'd a Caveat & preferred his petition for a Grant of Fourteen Hundred Acres of Land Surveyed divers Years Agoe for John Smithings as is Suggested, on hearing the parties it Appearing to this Board that the Defendant hath obtained a patent for one thousand Acres and that the Other four hundred Acres being a Sperate Entry hath not yet been Surveyed, It is ordered that the said Caveat be dismis'd

The Caveat Enter'd by Richard Wood against Rob^t Childers for four hundred Acres of Land in Henrico County is dismis'd it appearing that the return of the Survey of the said land hath been delayed by the death of the Surveyor and not through any default of the defendant And it is Ordered that the said Childers have a patent for the said Land

The Petition and Caveat enter'd by Gilbert Elam against William Moore and Benjamin Branch for Seven hundred Acres of Land

in Henrico County on hearing the Parties It is Ordered to be dismissed

Gilbert Elam having petitioned for a Grant of four hundred Acres of Land lying on Deep Creek in Henrico County Surveyed for John Atkins upwards of Six Years agoe and no patent Sued out for the same the petitioner having proved his Allegations It is Ordered that a Patent be granted him for the said Land

Gilbert Elam having petitioned for a Grant of four hundred Acres of Land lying on Deep Creek in Henrico County Surveyed long since for James Hill and no Patents Sued out for the same pursuant to the Orders of Government the said Hill this day Appeared by his Council and Insisted that he ought not to Answer this petition because he Acknowledges he hath no Patent nor was the land ever Surveyed for him and therefore he is not within the Meaning of the Orders of Governm^t but is an Intruder on His Majesties Land and ought to be prosecuted as such, But forasmuch as it was this day made Appear to the Board that the said Land hath been Survey'd and the Boundarys thereof plainly Marked, It is Ordered that the petitioner have a patent for the same Upon his producing in the Secretarys Office a Cobby of the Survey & Entring Rights

On hearing this day at the Board the Matter in dispute between Richard Moseby and William M^cCay for four hundred Acres of Land in the County of Goochland Survey'd for the said M^cCay two years and a half agoe but the Surveyors Fee not paid by him and thereupon re-enter'd by the said Richard Moseby and a Debate arising whether a Surveyor is bound to deliver a platt and Survey Untill he has Received his Fee or Security for the Same, It was Resolved upon the question, That where a Surveyor has laid out & Surveyed a Tract of Land and made A platt thereof he is not bound to deliver such plott to the person employing him in Order to the obtaining a Patent without payment for such Survey or Good Security tendered him for the payment thereof

On Reading at this Board the petition of Benjamin Walker Gent, in behalf of himself and many other Inhabitants of S^t Margrets parish Complaining that John Brunskill Clerk Minister of the said Parish hath Neglected to perform Divine Service at a Chapel of Ease built Several Years agoe for the Conveniencie of a Great Number of Families living remote from the Church of the said parish and refusing to preach or Read prayers there as by Law he is obliged, It is Ordered that M^r Brunskill attend this Board on the Second day of the next General Court to Answer the said Complaint

Benjamin Walker Gent having Complained to this Board that the Inspectors at Roys and Conways Warehouses in Caroline County have greatly Neglected their duty, that they refuse to give transferr Notes for Stem'd Tobacco and make Sale thereof or Oblige the persons who receive it to allow them Ten, fifteen and Sometimes twenty per Ct That the Inspectors at Roys take little care of Tobacco

either before or after it is passed and that One Inspector Commonly passes the Tobacco that is brought thither & praying Redress therein, It is Ordered that the Court of Caroline County forthwith Appoint two or more of their Number to meet at such time and place as they judge most Convenient to Examine into the Several Matters Contained in the said Complaint and make report of their proceedings to this Board

At a Council held at the Capitol July the 31st 1738

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
John Grymes

John Custis &
Philip Lightfoot Esq^r

The Account of His Majesties Revenue of Quit Rents received for the Year MDCCXXXVII being prepared by the Receiver General and Examined by the Auditor was Sworne to by the Receiver General and Certified by the Governor in Council

M^r Benjamin Edwards hath leave of this Board to purchase of the Nottoway Indians a Tract of five hundred Acres of Land in Assamousack part of the Land appointed to be sold for the payment of their Debts

The following petitions for leave to take up his Majesties Lands were read and granted as follows Viz^t

To William Taylor Twelve hundred Acres on the North Fork of Hardway River joining on M^r Robert Lewis's line to Extend towards Poplar Camp Under the foot of the Mountains

To Richard Clough, John Key, & John Ragland Six Thousand Acres of Land lying in Goochland County on the South Fork of James River on Buffallow Creek

To Isaac Bates and John Cannon Two thousand Acres of Land lying in Goochland County joining on Wintworth Webb's line on Cannons Creek in One or more Surveys

Exam^d

Wil Robertson *Cls Con*

At a Council held at the Capitol the 26th day of October
MDCCLXXXVIII

Present

The Honourable William Gooch His Majesties Lieu' Governor

M ^r Commissary Blair	W ^m Dandridge
William Byrd	Jn ^o Custis
Cole Digges	W ^m Randolph
Jn ^o Robinson	Jn ^o Tayloe
Jn ^o Carter	Phil Lightfoot &
Jn ^o Grymes	Tho ^s Lee Esq ^r

His Majesties Warrant for Granting to Edward Barradale Esq^r the Office of Attorney General was this day Read in Council and Ordered to be Entered in the Secretaries Office

The Governor was pleased to Nominate and Appoint the following persons to be Sheriffs of the Undermentioned Countys for the Ensuing Year Viz^t

For the County of

Brunswick	Will ^m Macklin
Isle Wight	Thomas Jarrel
King William	Joseph Temple

John Robinson Gent is appointed an Inspector at Kemps Warehouse in the room of M^r Curtis deceased and Anthony Sidnor an Inspector at Indian Creek in the room of William Steptoe who hath Resigned

Captain Goodwin Master of the Ship Betty of Leverpoole lately built in Elizabeth River, Representing that the said Ship was built for the Maryland Trade and that he is bound thither as soon as shee is Rigged without Carrying hence any Goods or Merchantdizes whatsoever and praying that he may have liberty to Sail thither without paying port duties, It is Accordingly Ordered by the Governor in Council that if the said Ship proceeds out of this Colony without takeing on Board any Goods or Merchantdizes, No Port duties be demanded for her, Of which the Officers of the Customs in the Lower District of James River are hereby Required to take Notice

Daniel Stoner Gent is Appointed one of the Coroners for the County of Goochland

M^r Thomas Howard having been sent to the Alliganie Indians upon Occasion of the Murders Committed by the Indians last Summer on the people settled beyond Sherrando this day made Report of his Negotiation there and brought in Writeing an Answer from the said Indians wherein they Alledge that the said Murder was Committed by the French Indians living on the Lakes with a promise to bring in the persons Guilty of that crime, And upon Consideration of the Account of Expences Exhibited by the said Howard on this Service. It is

Ordered that there be paid out of His Majesties Revenue the Sum of Twenty pounds for his personal trouble Eight pounds to Each of the five Men that Accompanied him besides his Expences and for a Horse lost Amounting in all to Sixteen pounds Ten Shillings

The Account of Disbursements for the Governors House and the Acc^t of Contingent Charges for the last half Year were Severally Examined and Allowed

M^r Samuel Baron having laid before this Board the Acc^t of Charges about the Fort at Point Comfort, It is ordered that there be paid him at present Two Hundred pounds and that the Sum of Two hundred & Six pounds to Compleat the Whole of his Expences in Erecting the Breast Work and Parapet of this Fort be paid him at the Oyer & Terminer Court in June Next

On reading this day at the Board the petition of William Byrd Esq^r praying further time for Seating and Saving the Land Granted him on Roanoke River for the Settlement of a Number of Swiss protestants who he is Advised are now at Sea, further time for One Year is Accordingly Granted him for bringing the said Switzers upon the said Land since it may be Impracticable for them to go thither to dwell during the Ensuing Winter

Whereas it Appears to this Board that the Inspectors at Roys Warehouse have pass'd a Hogshead of Tobacco which is Unmerchantable and doth not Contain the quantity Stamped thereon, and divers other Complaints being made against them for misdemeanors in their office, It is Ordered that the said Inspectors be removed from Acting any longer in that Office

Whereas M^r David Bell this day represented to the Governor and Council that one M^r Jn^o Willson Merchant some time last Summer purchased of M^r Daniel Hornby of Richamond County a Considerable quantity of Tobacco lying at Wicocomoco Warehouse and pass'd by the Inspectors there, That upon sending for the said Tobacco in Order to be Ship'd in James River the said Willson discovered that the said Tobacco was Unfit for any Market being nothing but meer Trash and thereupon Ordered the same to be landed at Maycocks Warehouse on James River where it yet lies, And praying Relief therein, It is this day Orderd that said Tobacco be Viewed and Examined by the Inspectors at Maycocks Warehouse on the Tenth of November Next and that the said Inspectors at Wicocomico Warehouse have Notice to Attend by themselves or such as they shall depute to be present on their behalf at the said Examination And that a Report be made by the said Inspectors at Maycocks Warehouse in what Condition they find the said Tobacco and Whether the same be Merchantable or not to the end this Board may be enabled to judge whether the Inspectors at Wicocomico have been Guilty of a breach of their duty and that the person Injured may be put in a proper way to obtain a Recompence for his damages

On reading this day at the Board the Complaint of Ja^s Wood Gent Surveyor of Orange County Setting forth that Major Robert

Brooke hath lately taken upon him to Survey Divers great Tracts of Land on the other side the great Ridge of Mountains within the bounds of the said Woods Commission to his great prejudice and Loss in his office, It is Ordered that the Clerk of the Secretarys Office Receive no Surveys made by the said Brooke or any other person beyond the great Ridge of Mountains in Order to make out Patents thereon and that no person whatsoever other then the proper Surveyor do presume to make and Return any Surveys of Land lying out of the precincts whereof he is Constituted Surveyor

At a Council held at the Capitol the 7th day of November 1738

Present

The Governor

M ^r Commissary Blair	John Custis
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Grymes	Philip Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq ^r	

The Several following Warrants on the Receiver General for payment of the Established Salarys and Contingent Charges were Signed by the Governor and Council Viz^t

To the Governor for half a Years Salary Ending the 25 th of October last	£ 1000,,,—
To the Gentlemen of the Council for same time	300,,,—
To the Judges and Officers of the Court of Oyer and Terminer in June	100,,,—
To the Auditor General of the plantations half a Years Salary	50,,,—
To the Sollicitor of the Virginia Affairs for the same	50,,,—
To the Attorney General for the same	35,,,—
To the Clerk of the Council	50,,,—
To the Ministers Attending last Gen ^l Court	6,,,—
To the Armourer	6,,,—
To the Guners of the Several Batterys	23,,10,—
To William Prentis for Repairs about the Governors House	77,,11,,10
To the same for Contingent Charges last half Year	734,, 6,,— ³ / ₄
To John Grymes Esq ^r for Ballance of the late Adjutant Generals Salary	53,,16,, 8

And out of the Quit Rents

To M ^r Commissary Blair half a Years Salary	50,,,—
To the Attorney General half a Years Additional Salary	35,,,—

The Account of His Majesties Revenue of 2s per hh^d, Port Duties and head Money being Examined by the Auditor was this day Sworn Unto by the Receiver General and Certified by the Governor in Council Ordered

That a New Commission of the peace Issue for the County of Westmorland and that Dan^l M^cCarty Gent be restored to his former place in the said commission

Whereas upon hearing the Memorial of Henry Willis Gent in behalf of Franciscus against Jacob Stover for Stopping a Patent for One thousand Acres of Land Sued out for the said Stover Adjoining to a former Tract Surveyed for him on Sherrando River in the County of Orange It appears by the of James Wood Surveyor of the said County that the former Surveyor being Interrupted by a fresh flood of Water while he was Surveying the said Stovers Land Set a Course at a Venture to Include the dwelling House and plantation of the said Stover and Upon a Resurvey the said Dwelling House and plantation Adjoining is not Comprehended within the Bounds of that Survey, but the said Stover being Ignorant thereof did Convey to the said Franciscus Three Thousand Acres of Land Including the said House and plantation which upon Examination are found to ly out of the bounds thereof Yet that the said Stover being desirous to Convey his said dwelling house and plantation to the said Franciscus According to his Agreement made a New Entry for a Tract to Include the said House and plantation to the End he might be Enabled to pass the Fee Simple thereof to the said Franciscus According to his Agreement against which the said Franciscus by Coll Henry Willis his Attorney hath Caused a Caveat to be Entered, It Appearing to this Board that the said Stover hath Acted honestly and Candidly in the sale Aforesaid It is Ordered that he have a Patent for the said One Thousand Acres of Land, Upon his Conveying or Giving Bond to Convey unto the said Franciscus the said Dwelling house and plantation and as much of the Land Contained in his former patent as Will make the Whole Three thousand Acres includeing the said dwelling plantation pursuant to the agreement with the said Franciscus

On Reading this day at the Board the Humble pet^o of William Thompson Setting forth that some time agoe he with his family and three other Families of his Relations Entered with the Surveyor of Orange County for Sixteen Hundred Acres of Land in four Enty's and made Considerable Improvements thereon Intending as soon as he could procure a Survey thereof to take out patents for the same, but having been long Vissited with Sickness was Unhappily prevented Until One Richard Tunstal Gent Obtained A Grant for a large quantity of Land Adjoining to the Lands of William Beverly Gent threatning to Include the petitioners Settlement within his New Grant whereby he and the other three families will be deprived of all their Settlements and Improvements to their Utter Ruin and praying relief therein It is therefore Ordered that the Case of the petitioner be referred to the Surveyor of Orange County to Enquire if the Sixteen hundred

Acres of Land above mentioned be Entered for by the said Tunstall or any other person and if not, that then he return a Survey thereof for the petitioner and his other partners and that Patents be Granted them thereon

At a Council held at the Capitol November the 9th 1738

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
John Robinson
John Carter
John Grymes

William Randolph
John Tayloe
Philip Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq^r

Francis Stern is Appointed an Inspector at Roys Warehouse

The Office of Adjutant General being Vacant by the death of Maj^r Abraham Nicholas and the Board being Sensible of what Use the Continuance of that Office will be towards the Training and Disciplining of the Militia, It is therefore Resolved that Capt Isham Randolph a Gentlemⁿ well known and Universally Acceptable in the Country Be, and is hereby Appointed Adjutant General in the room of the said Nicholas

Present

John Custis Esq^r

A Petition of David Mossom Jun^r praying a Licence to practice as an Attorney in the County Courts of this Colony being read at the Board is Referred to Richard Francis Esq^r Barrister at Law to Examine the petitioners qualifications and make report thereof to this Board

A Petition of John Chapman praying a Licence to practice as an Attorney in the County Courts of this Colony being read at the Board is referred to M^r Attorney General to Examine the petitioners Qualifications and make report thereof to this Board

Sundry petitions for Land were Read and Granted as follows
Viz^t

To Henry Childs Two thousand Acres in Amelia County about Two Miles above the Mountains

To Michael Holland, Henry Childs, Alex^r Tynson, Ja^s Walker and Joseph Walker Ten Thousand Acres in Brunswick and Amelia Counties on the head of falling River to begin at the said Tynsons Camp

To Christopher Clark and Charles Lynch Three Thousand Acres on Towtea Creek joining on Maj^r John Bollings line to Extend Northward towards Hardaway River

To John Pleasants Ten thousand Acres on the head Branches of Appomattock River in Amelia County joining to an Entry already Entered for with the Surveyor of Amelia County and to have an Inclusive patent for the whole

To John Ganaway four Thousand Acres begining at a White Oak on Vaughs Creek in Amelia County Marked IG thence up the said Creek and over the Ridge to the Branches of Cubb Creek

To Philip Thurmer One Thousand Acres on Phils Creek including One Hundred Acres already patented by him and to have an Inclusive patent for the Whole in Goochland County

To Henry Childs Eighteen Hundred Acres on Appamattock River in Goochland County about Two Miles above the Mountains already laid off in Several Surveys and to have an Inclusive patent for the whole

To James Nevil Two thousand Acres begining at a great Hill about half a Mile above Elk Island joining on the Lines of Joseph Mayo, Hooper, George Carrington, his own line, James Daniels, William Cannons and Samuel Glovers and to have an Inclusive patent for the whole

To Nowel Burton Sixteen Hundred Acres joining four hundred Acres already patented being the plantation where he now lives on Willis's Creek in Goochland County joining the lines of Thomas Basset, Jacob Michaux and Joseph Dabbs and to have an Inclusive patent for the whole

To Richard Clough, John Key and Jn^o Ragland Six Thousand Acres in Goochland County on the South Fork of James River and pedlar River

To Robert Lewis One Thousand Acres on the branch of Ivy Creek in Goochland County joining his own line and the lines of M^r Holland and Cap^t Hudgson

To John Mayes Eight Hundred Acres Adjoining John Ellis's Upper line Runing on both sides flat Creek in Amelia County and so up the Creek fo[r] Compliment

To William Watson fifteen Hundred Acres on both sides Mallorys Creek begining at some Marked Trees at the Mouth of a Branch thence up and down the Creek for Compliment

To Nicholas Davies leave to have an Inclusive patent for Three Tracts of Land Sixteen hundred and Twenty Eight Hundred Acres to be joined together by One Hundred Acres of Land of Richard parsons on Muddy Creek in Goochland County

To Charles Burk Two thousand Acres lying on a Branch of Sandy River begining at William Ligings line and Runing up the pole branch for Compliment in Amelia County

To William Hudson Twelve Hundred Acres on the head branches of Mountain Creek at Gravelly Horse pen in Amelia County

Whereas notwithstanding the repeated Orders of the Government that no person not having Licence of this Board should be admitted to Enter for more then four hundred Acres of His Majesties Lands, Yet divers persons of small Substance in Combination with the Surveyors have made Seperate Entries for large quantities of Land lying Contiguous to one Another without such Licence and frequently keep the same on foot for a long time to the Exclusion of other His

Majesties Subjects who would take up and Cultivate the same, And whereas all such Entries made without the Orders of the Government are Illegal and Void It is therefore Ordered by the Governor by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesties Council the Several Surveyors within this Colony do Observe as a General Rule to Admit of no Entrys for any greater quantity of His Maj^s Lands lying Contiguous to One another then four Hundred Acres for any person whatsoever nor Survey any Entries already made for any greater quantity without the Licence of this Board for so doing as they will Answer their Contempt in a Matter which so much Concerns His Majesties Interest and the Improvement of this Country

November 13th 1738

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
William Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
William Randolph.
John Tayloe
John Custis &
Thomas Lee Esq^r

Pursuant to an Order of this Board the 26th of October last William Wilkins and Thomas Short Inspectors at Maycocks Warehouse this day reported they had Viewed & Examined Upwards of Sixty Hogsheads of Tobacco brought thither from Wicocomico on the Account of Jⁿ Wilson Merchant which was Owned by the Inspectors at Wicocomico to have been passed at that Warehouse and that they had brought Samples of Several Hogsheads thereof which they produced at this Board and it Appearing that the said Tobacco is Very bad and Unfit to have been pass'd, It is therefore the Opinion of the Council and Accordingly Ordered that the said Inspectors at Wicocomico for Neglect of their duty in passing the said Tobacco be and are hereby removed from Acting any longer in the Office of Inspectors

November 18th 1738

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
William Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
William Randolph
John Custis
John Tayloe &
Thomas Lee Esq^r

Ordered

That Elias Gill and Rostin Bates be Appointed Inspectors at Wicocomico in the room of the former Inspectors who for their Misbehaving themselves in their office were Removed

November 23^d 1738*Present*

The Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
 William Byrd
 Cole Digges
 John Robinson
 John Carter

John Grymes
 John Custis
 William Randolph
 John Tayloe &
 Thomas Lee Esq^r

On hearing this day at the Board the petition of Samuel Tscheffely praying a Grant for Twenty thousand Acres of Land on some of the Main branches of James River next adjoining to the Lands Already Granted for the Settlement of divers families of Swiss and German protestants which he proposes to Import in Order to make provision for a larger Number, It is Ordered that leave be granted the petitioner to Enter for Twenty Thousand Acres of Land not already Granted on any of the branches of James River & that he have a patent for the same Upon his bringing into this Colony within Two Years from this date One person for Each fifty Acres otherwise to pay Rights for the same as Usual, And it is further Ordered that after the petitioner has Chosen the said quantity of Land no other person presume to Enter for the same until the Expiration of the said Two Years, but in Case the petitioner shall not Import in that time the full Number of persons intended, or purchase Rights for the Surpluss then this Grant to be Void.

November 27th 1738*Present*

The Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
 William Byrd
 John Robinson
 John Carter
 John Grymes

John Custis
 William Randolph
 John Tayloe
 Philip Lightfoot &
 Thomas Lee Esq^r

M^r John Mercer Attorney at Law making Humble Suit to this Board to be Restored to the Liberty of practising at Prince William County Court in Consideration of his having much Business of his Own to Attend there and Several of his former Clients Requesting his Assistance in their business, It is the opinion of this Board and Accordingly ordered that the said Mercer be Restored to his practice in the said County he behaving himself with that decency towards the Justices and Uprightness in his practice as becomes him, but if any Misdemeanor shall hereafter be proved against him that then he be Suspended practising as an Attorney in that or any other Court in this Dominion

On Reading this day at the Board a Representation from the Inhabitants of Lancaster County Complaining of the Inconvenient Scituation of their Court house which is Inaccessable to most of the Inhabitants Except by Water, and that too Under the disadvantage of a very bad Landing and praying Relief therein, The Governor with the Advice of the Council was pleased to Order as it is hereby Ordered that the Justices of the said County do with all Convenient Speed cause a New Court House to be Errected and built in the old field where the General Muster of the Millitia in that County have been Usually Convened and that when the same shall be so Erected the Monthly Courts for the same County be thereafter held at that place

December 13th 1738

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
William Byrd
John Robinson
John Grymes

William Dandridge
John Custis
William Randolph
Philip Lightfoot &

Thomas Lee Esq^r

On the Application of John Tayloe Esq^r in behalf of himself and other Adventurers in Iron Mines praying leave to Import from Maryland some of the Iron Oar of that province for the more Easy fluxing of the Oar in their Mines without being obliged to pay the Port duties or other Fees Chargeable on Vessels Importing Goods and Merchantdize, It is Accordingly Ordered that the Naval Officers of the Several Districts into which any Oar shall be Imported do not require the port Duties or other Fees (except for a permit only) for any Vessels Importing Iron Oar from Maryland for the Use of the Iron Works here so as such Vessels do not Carry any other Goods or Merchantdizes

December 14th 1738

Present

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
William Byrd
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
John Custis
W^m Randolph
John Tayloe &

Philip Lightfoot Esq^r

On Consideration of a dispute between M^r Charles Carter and Mess^{rs} Harmer and King Merchants touching the Right to a Sum of Money given to Doctor Jn^o Tennent by the General Assembly and Claimed by Each party as Creditors to the said Tennent, It is the opinion of this Board that the most Equitable way is to divide the Money between them if they will Acquies in such a determination

December 19th 1738.*Present*

The Governor

M ^r Com ^{rs} Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
John Robinson	W ^m Randolph
John Carter	John Tayloe &
Thomas Lee Esq ^r	

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Princess Ann

Also a New Commission of the peace Issue for the County of Orange with the Addition of the persons recommended for the said Countys Respectively

Sundry Petitions for leave to take up His Majesties Lands were read and granted as follows Viz^t

To Thomas Gilliam One Thousand Acres in Brunswick County on both sides Meherrin River joining to the Land of Henry Briggs

To George Walting Fifteen Hundred Acres on Rattle-Snake in Brunswick County

To David Walker One Thousand Acres in Prince George County joining his own Land on Buckskin Creek and bounded by the Lines of Robert Mountford & Jos Stroud

To Richard Jones One Thousand Acres in Amelia County joining the Land he now lives on, begining on his Lower line next the Sweet house Branch

To Samuel Ridgway One thousand Acres in Goochland County joining to Henry Cary, Anthony Sharoon and Jn^o Paines Land on or near Willis's Creek

To Samuel Cobbs Two Thousand Acres upon Camp Creek in Amelia County

To Edward Broadnax fourteen hundred & fourteen Acres lying on both sides Willis's Creek in Brunswick County

To Anthony Hoggat leave to Add four hundred Acres for the Conveniency of Building A Valluable Mill to Six Hundred Acres Surveyed for him and Joseph Dabbs on Appamattock River

To Robert Mountfort Two Thousand Acres on Finny Wood begining at M^r Ravenscrofts Corner in the County of Brunswick joining his own Survey

To James Mountford Four Thousand Acres on the South Side Appamattock River Includeing the Lands he bought of Thomas Ellis, Nicholas Overby, William Bowen John West, Richard Ally and to take up all the Waste land joining on William Crawley and Laugh Flinns line & to have an Inclusive patent for the Whole

To Nowel Burton Sixteen Hundred Acres in Goochland County begining on M^r Henry Carys line on the North side Willis's Creek and

Extending thence to the lines of Digges and such other Courses as makes up the Complement in One or two Surveys

To William Cannon and William Radford Two thousand Acres in Goochland County joining on John Bolling

To John Bolling five thousand Acres in Brunswick County on the Branches of falling River and Rack Island Creek in One or More Surveys

To Peter Jefferson Two thousand Acres upon Davis's Creek beginning near the great pass that opens upon the Tent branch in one or more Surveys in Goochland County

To Isham Randolph Twelve thousand Acres joining to the Twenty Thousand Acres lately granted to William Randolph, John Harmer & Walter King on the Branches of Rockfish and Tye Rivers in One or more Surveys

To Ann Johnson Twelve hundred Acres Adjoining to the Lands of Colo Merriwether and Love Statham in Hannover County

To William Randolph John Harmer & Walter King Twenty four Thousand Acres beginning at a Mountain Called the Wart to Run West and North West Under the Blew Ridge of Mountains in One or more Surveys

Ordered

That a New Commission of the peace Issue for the County of King and Queen and that John Robinson be plac'd in his former Rank next to Colo George Braxton and M^r Humpry Hill next after M^r Philip Rootes

Ordered

That a New Commission of the peace Issue for the County of Middlesex and that M^r Richard Corbin be Ranked next after M^r Ralph Wormely in the Quoram, that M^r Mountague be Next to the quoram and Doct^r John Mitchel Added to the said Commission

Ordered

That a New Commission Issue for the County of Lancaster and that M^r Jesse Ball and M^r Richard Chichester be Added to the said Commission

Luke Smith is appointed an Inspector at Shachoes Warehouse

December 21st 1738

Present

The Governor

M^r Com^{rs} Blair
William Byrd
John Robinson
John Grymes

John Custis
John Tayloe
Philip Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq^r

On Reading this day at the Board the Petition of Divers Merchants & Traders Inhabitants of the Borough of Norfolk Representing that the greatest part of their dependance and Support Arises from their

Trade Caried on in Ships and other Vessels Entirely belonging to that Town and that they are Under great Hardships by reason of the Residence of the Custom House Officers on the North side James River, whereby they are Under a Necessity to Employ Boats and Hands to Repair to Hampton to Enter and Clear out their Vessels & even for a Single permit to Export their Commodities from One District to Another, And praying a Deputy may be Appointed to Reside in the said Borough with power to Enter and Clear their Vessels and grant them permits It is this day Ordered by the Governor in Council that the Collector of the Lower District of James River do appoint a fit person to Reside at the Borough of Norfolk to grant permits for the Lading and Unlading all Ships and Vessels belonging to the said Borough and to take bonds for the Dutys on Liquors Imported during the present Winter Season and Until further Order be given therein Upon a full hearing of the petitioners and the Officers of the said District in Council at the Next General Court

Whereas by an Act passed this Session of Assembly there is Vested in the Feoffees of the Town of York a Small parcel of Land lying on the River Side to be Used as a Common for the said Town Upon payment of One Hund^d Pounds Current Money to M^r Gwyn Reide which is to be Raised by Taxing the Several proprietors of Land in the said Town, And whereas part of the said Common hath been Appropriated for Erecting a Fort and Batterry for the defence of the Road and Port of the said Town, It is Ordered that the Sum of Twenty pounds being proportionable to the Vallue of the Lands so Appropriated besides the charge of passing the Act out of the Revenue of 2s per hh^d be paid to the Feoffees to Enable them to Satisfie the said Gwyn Reid in full Satisfaction for the Land afforesaid pursuant to the Act of Assembly

Maurice Smith is Appointed an Inspector at Mantipike in the Roome of James Fergusson who upon a Trial in the General Court is found Unworthy to hold the said Office

The following Petitions for leave to take up His Majesties Lands were Read and Granted Viz^t

To Charles Lewis One Thousand Acres on Green Creek and Rock fish River already Surveyed in Goochland County

To Christopher DeGraffenreid Two Thousand joining his Own Land in Brunswick County

Ex^d by

Wil Robertson *Cls Con*

To Charles Lewis one thousand acres on Green Creek and Rock Fish River already Surveyed in Goochland County

To Tscharner DeGraffendreit Two thousand Acres joining his own Lands in Brunswick and Amelia Counties

April the 21st 1739

Present

The Governor

M' Commissary Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq ^r	

His Majestys' Approbation of an Act of Assembly passed in the Year one thousand seven hundred and thirty six for confirming Titles to certain Lands in the Northern Neck being Read was Ordered to be Recorded in the Secretary's Office

Present

John Carter & John Tayloe Esq^r

On Hearing this Day the Complaint of Charles Carter Esq^r and Thomas Turner against Arthur Strother one of the Inspectors of Tobacco at Falmouth It is the Opinion of the Board that both the said Strother and the other Inspector be removed for not Destroying Trash Tobacco and for Strothers Selling Liquor at his Office

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majestys Revenue they are impowered to Sign Rights to the Value of five hundred Pounds and the Receiver General is to Issue them as usual

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for Orange County

May 1st 1739

Present

The Governor

M' Commissary Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq ^r	

The Board this Day taking into Consideration of Peter Leheup Esq^r for Expences in Solliciting and obtaining His Majesty's Approbation of an Act of Assembly passed in the year 1736 for confirming Titles for certain Lands in the Northern Neck Ordered That the Account be allowed

The Account of Contingent Charges and for Repairs of the Governors House being laid before the Board was Examined and allowed

Ordered

That Samuel Baron be appointed to give Security for finishing the Works and Fort now under his direction at Point Comfort before any more Money be advanced to him and that the Clerk of the Council take Bond of him for the performance thereof And that the Brick Work is to be paid for after the Rate of Forty shillings per Thousand

At a Council held at the Capitol the 5th Day of May 1739

Present

The Governor

M ^r Commissary Blair	William Dandridge
William Byrd	John Custis
John Robinson	William Randolph
John Carter	John Tayloe
John Grymes	Philip Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq ^r	

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majestys Revenue of two Shillings per Hh^d Port Duties and Head Money were this Day Signed by the Governor

For half a Years Salary to the Governor	£1000,,,—
For half a Years Salary to the Council	300,,,—
To the Judges and other Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100,,,—
For half a Years Salary to the Auditor of the Plantation	50,,,—
For half a Years Salary to the Sollicitor for Virginia Affairs	50,,,—
For half a Years Salary to the Attorney General . . .	35,,,—
For half a Years Salary to the Clerk of the Council . .	50,,,—
To the Ministers for attending one General Assembly & one General Court	22,,,—
For half a Years Salary to the Armourer	6,,,—
For half a Years Salary to the Gunners of the Battering	23,,10,,—
To Repairs done to the Governors House	50,, 7,, 4
To the Contingent Charges	607,,18,, 1
For half a Years Salary to the Adjutant	75,,,—

On the Revenue of Quit Rents

For half a Years Salary to M ^r Commissary Blair	50,,,—
For half a Years Salary to the Attorney General	35,,,—

The Accounts of his Majestys Revenue of Quit rents and of two Shillings per Hh^d Port Duties were this Day produced in Council and Examined by the Deputy Auditor and Sworn to by the Receiver General and were accordingly Certified by the Governor in the usual Manner

Samuel Earle and John Colborn are Appointed Inspectors at Falmouth Warehouse in the Room of the former Inspectors who were removed for Neglect of their Duty.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 13th of June 1739

Present

The Governor

M ^r Commissary Blair	William Dandridge
William Byrd	John Custis
John Robinson	William Randolph
John Carter	John Tayloe
John Grymes	Philip Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq ^r	

Ordered

That the Sheriffs of the respective County's who have not accounted for his Majestys Quit rents do attend the Officers of the Revenue before the last Thursday in July next to pass their Accounts

Ordered

That William Mallory be appointed an Inspector at Hampton in the Room of M^r Tebb who hath resigned

And that Thomas Laughton be appointed to Execute the Office of an Inspector at Urbanna in the Absence of John Worsham

The Governor was pleased to Nominate the following persons Sherifs for the respective Countys hereafter Mentioned Viz^t

Essex	Benjamin Winslow
Westmorland	Wharton Ransdon
Caroline	Head Lynch
Princess Ann	John Wishart
King William	Matt Mouray
Middlesex	Ralph Wormeley
Accomack	James Wishart
New Kent	John Bacon
Northampton	Joshua Mitchell
Prince William	Francis Awbry
Amelia	Charles Irby
Warwick	Matthew Wallis
Charles City	John Williams
Prince George	William Hawk
Henrico	John Nash
Surry	Richard Cocke
Goochland	George Carrington
Gloucester	Henry Whiting
Orange	Robert Green
King George	Jesse Murdock
Spotsylvania	Larkin Chew
Hanover	James Skelton

Ordered

That the General Assembly be prorogued 'till the _____ day of
November next

On Reading at this Board the Petition of divers of the Vestry men and others Inhabitants of the Parish of S^t Margerets in the Countys of King William and Caroline Complaining of an irregular Order of Vestry made in the said Parish the twenty fourth of April last by seven Members of the said Vestry making Void a former Order of the second of October preceeding where Ten Vestryman were present for the building of a Church in the said Parish whereby the Inhabitants of the same are like to be greatly oppressed It is Ordered that the several Parties do attend this Board on the Tenth Day of the next General Court in order to a full hearing of this matter and in the mean Time all further proceedings towards erecting the said Church be suspended which the Churchwardens and Vestrymen of the said Parish are hereby required to take notice

Several Petitions for Land were Read and granted as follows,
Viz^t

To Charles Fisher two thousand Acres of Land on Staunton River high up Roanoke River beginning on Otter Creek on the South side and running on both sides Staunton River.

To William Marrable two thousand Acres in Goochland County beginning at a White Oak marked WM. on Hardway River about a Mile above Benjamin Woodsons upper Entry and running thence up the River on both sides thereof to compleat that Quantity

To William Eppes eight hundred Acres in Prince George County beginning at his own Corner on the South side of Josephs Swamp thence along his own Line to a place called Cottens Branch to the Fork thence up the South Fork to Richard Carshleys line and his own Line including two former Surveys one of one hundred and the other of one hundred and seventy two Acres and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole

To Edward Clanton one thousand Acres of Land in Brunswick County joining on the Lands of Henry Beddingfield including seven hundred and sixty Acres already Patented and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole

To Thomas Harding one thousand three hundred Acres on both sides Falling Creek off Buffelo River adjoining to Randolphs Lines

To Edward Thweat, Henry Thweat, and John Mitchell four thousand Acres of Land in Brunswick County joining to Richard Stokes's Lines on both sides _____ Creek and on the Branches of Dry Creek in one or more Surveys

To John Bagley nine hundred Acres on the South side of Boush River joining on the Lines of Haskin and Randolph in Amelia County

To William Wynch & John Gannaway six thousand Acres beginning at a White Oak on Vaughans Creek in Amelia County marked IG thence up the said Creek and over the Ridges to the Branches of Cubb Creek

To Thomas Dickson one thousand Acres including a former Survey of four hundred Acres beginning at a Corner Red Oak of John Whitfields and his own Lines thence along Winkfields Line to a Branch thence down the branch to a blazed Poplar thence to a blazed White Oak in Col^o Robert Munfords Line where Martha Alexander Lives thence along his Line to the Church Road and Round to the Beginning

To John Goodwyn eight hundred Acres in Surry County beginning on William Sanders's Line on Pidgeon Creek Swamp in the North side thereof thence up the said Swamp to Benjamin Harrison Line taking in all the Waste Lands between the said Lines for Compliment including his Plantation where he now Lives being a survey of four hundred and twenty five Acres and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole

To the Reverend John Ornsby two thousand Acres of Land the one part upon the first Fork of the first Fork of Little Roanoke alias Licking Hole beginning at the said Fork the other beginning at the North West Corner of Cargills second Uppermost Survey on Staunton River Running downwards along and off from that and the adjoining Lines for Compliment

At a Council held at the Capitol July the thirty first 1739

Present

The Governor

Cole Digges
John Grymes

John Custis &
Philip Lightfoot Esquires

The Account of his Majestys Revenue of Quit Rents to this Time being laid before the Board, Examined by the Auditor and Sworn to by the Receiver General was Certified and Passed by the Governor in Council as usual.

A Memorial of John Grymes Esq^r to the Lords of the Treasury being read and approved by the Board ordered to be sent to M^r Leheup to be presented to their Lordships

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace do issue for the County of Northumberland and that Traverse Colston Samuel Blackburn and Robert Jones be added to the said Commission

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace do issue for Charles City County and that Hardemento be left out and Samuel Harwood jun^r of Wyanoke Edward Eppes Benskin Marston and David Stokes be added to the said Commission

The Governor was pleased to appoint John Tabb an Inspector at the Public Warehouse at Hampton in the Room of M^r Kirby deceased. and Hudson Allen be appointed Sherif of James City County

Matthew Juitt appointed Sherif for Northumberland County and John How Sherif for Stafford County

At a Council held at the Capitol October 23 1739

Present

The Governor

James Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot &
John Carter	Thomas Lee Esquires

The Governor having been pleased to appoint Benjamin Needler Gentleman to be Clerk of the Council in the room of William Robertson Esq^r deceased he was admitted accordingly and the Oath of his Office was administred to him

The Governor was pleased to Communicate to the Board his Majesty's Instruction under his Roial Signet & Sign Manuel authorizing and impowering the Governor to grant Commissions of Marque & Reprisal

Also a Letter from his Grace the Duke of New Castle Dated June 15th 1739.

And a Letter from Sir Yelverton Peyton Commander of his Majesty's Ship the Hector

Which being severally read and considered It is the Opinion & Advice of the Board That a Proclamation Issue for apprehending Sea Men belonging to his Majesty's Ships of War who shall be found travelling without a Certificate of leave from their respective Commanders

The Governor was pleased to appoint the Persons herein after mentioned to be Sherifs of the following Counties viz
for

King William	Augustine Moore
Princess Anne	James Kemp

and also to appoint Coroners for these following Countys viz
for

Amelia	Henry Anderson
Princess Anne	Nathaniel Newton

Then the Governor acquainting the Board the [that] he designed to appoint M^r William Gooch Naval Officer of York District in the Room of William Robertson Esquire deceased He was approved of by the Council

The Several Quantitys of Land herein after mentioned were granted to the following Persons upon consideration of their respective Petitions paying Rights, to wit,

To Samuel Givens one thousand Acres in Orange County
To James Cathey One thousand Acres in the same County

Upon Consideration of the Petition of William Eaton setting forth that he has Hazarded his life among the Catauba Indians by pressing them to Execute some of their own People for a Murder committed by them on the Fronties of this Colony who at his Instance were accordingly put to death & that he had been at Sundry Charges and great Trouble in that Affair in which he was employed by the Government; and he having exhibited his Account which [with] his said Petition the same was allowed And It is Ordered that the said Account be paid by the Receiver General and that he be allowed the same in his Account of contingent Charges

At a Council held at the Capitol Oct^r 28th 1739

Present

The Governor

James Blair
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter

John Grymes
John Custis
John Tayloe
Philip Lightfoot &

Thomas Lee Esq^r"

William Byrd Esq^r having obtained an Order of this Board the 11th Day of June 1735 to Survey 100,000 Acres of Land on both sides the South Branch of Roanoke River between Birches Creek & the Irvin in one or more distinct Tracts; settling thereon one Family for each 1000 Acres within two Years from the last of October then next: For which longer time was allowed him by two several Orders of the third of November 1737 & twenty sixth of October 1738 And the said William Byrd having this Day preferred his Petition setting forth several Matters which have prevented him hitherto from the said Land Upon Consideration thereof Twelve Months time is allowed him from this Day to settle the said Land according to the Terms of the said first mentioned Order.

His Majestys approbation and Ratification of an Act of the General Assembly of this Dominion To Dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof Lewis Burwell Esquire is seised and for settling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the same Uses being Read Ordered That the same be Recorded in the Secretarys Office

The Petition and Complaint of John Colvil Gent against John Mercer Gent being this Day heard and divers Witnesses examined Whereupon It appearing That the said John Mercer has behaved himself very insolently to the Justices of the County Court of Prince William and excited the People to condemn them and their Authority It is the Opinion of the Board & accordingly ordered that the said John Mercer be forever disabled to Practice as an Attorney in the County Court of Prince William and he is hereby disabled accordingly

The several Persons hereafter named were appointed Inspectors at the following Public Warehouses viz^t at

Pungoteague	James Gibson &	Smith
Pitts & Guilfords	Ralph Justice & Jervice Pitts	
Cherrystones & Hugers	Edward Robins & John Kendall	
Nailors	John Dean & John Foard cont ^a	

Ordered that Col John Simmonds be Summoned to answer the Petition of the Nottoway Indians

The several Quantitys of Land herein after mentioned were granted to the following Persons upon Consideration of their respective Petitions Viz^t

To John Robinson Esq^r William Gooch the younger Esq^r Henry Robinson Thomas Lewis & Andrew Lewis 30,000 Acres in Orange County lying to the South South West & North West of the Calves Pasture heretofore granted to Edward Barradall & John Lewis

To William Rand 2000 Acres in Goochland on the upper side of Shipsons Creek on the North side of James River & so running up to include the said Number of Acres.

APPENDIX

PROCLAMATIONS

[P. R. O., C. O. 5, Vol. 1319, No. 21 ("")]

Virginia S*

By His Maties L' Governor & Commander
in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation

Whereas His most sacred Maty hath by His Royal Commission under His Signet and Sign Manual bearing date at St. James's the third day of April 1722 in the Eighth year of His Reign constituted and appointed me to be L' Governor of this His Colony and Dominion and to execute & perform all and Singular the powers & authorities contained in His Majesties Commission granted to the R' Honble George Earl of Orkney His Maties L' & Governor General of the said colony in case of the death or during the absence of the said chief Governor now to the end that the peace of this His Maties Dominion may be the better secured and all proceedings at Law continued and that the ordinary course of Justice may not be interrupted I have thought fit by and with the advice of His Maties Council in this Colony in His Maties name to publish and declare that all magistrates and officers both Civil & Military do continue & remain in all and Singular their powers authorities and Jurisdictions until further order be taken therein Hereby requiring them to proceed in the Execution of the Several duties and all His Maties Subjects within this Colony are to be aiding and assisting to them therein and to yield all due obedience to this proclamation. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the 27th day of September 1722 in the Ninth year of His Maties Reign.

Hugh Drysdale

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1319, No. 21 ("") cont^d]

Virginia S*

By His Maties L' Governor & Commander
in Chief of this Dominion

A proclamation declaring the General
Assembly to be dissolved.

Whereas it is the opinion of His Majesties Council that by my arrival here and entring upon the administration of the Govern-

ment the General Assembly called by the Honoble Alexander Spotswood late His Maties L' Governor and Commander in Chief of this Colony is dissolved: Therefore I Hugh Drysdale Esq' His Maties L' Governor & Commander in Chief of the said Dominion do Signifie to all persons whatsoever that the said General Assembly of this Dominion which was prorogued to the fifteenth day of November next is hereby declared to be dissolved of which I do require all persons to take notice and accordingly I do hereby discharge all members of the said Assembly and other persons whatsoever from attending thereupon—And forasmuch as I am desirous upon all occasions for His Maties Service to have the advice and assistance of a General Assembly I do therefore hereby publish and make known unto all His Maties good and loving Subjects within this Dominion that I have given directions for issuing writts for a new assembly to begin and be holden at his Maties Royal Capitol in the City of Williamsburgh on the fifth day of December next. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the 16th day of October 1722 in the Ninth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George.

Hugh Drysdale

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1319, No. 21 ("") cont^d]

Virginia S*

By His Maties L' Governor & Commander
in Chief of this Dominion

A proclamation proroguing the General Assembly.

Whereas the General Assembly by my writts for Election of Burgesses bearing date the 16th day of October last past is to meet on the fifth day of December next And whereas I have advised with His Maties Council and find no urgent occasion for the said Assembly's meeting so soon I do therefore by virtue of the powers and authorities derived to me by His Maties Royal Commission by this proclamation in His Maties name publish and declare that I have prorogued the said Assembly and it is hereby prorogued to thursday the ninth day of May next at which time I do require every respective member that they fail not to give their attendance accordingly. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh this third day of November 1722 in the Ninth year of His Maties Reign.

Hugh Drysdale

God Save the King

Virginia S^a [C. O. 5, Vol. 1319, p. 341 or fo. 171]

By his Majestys Lieut Governor and
Comander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation prorogueing the General Assembly

Whereas the General Assembly sumoned to be held at the Capitol the Fifth day of December 1722 and by Writt of prorogation begun and holden on the ninth day of May last stands prorogued to the 7th day of November next. And whereas I have advised with his Majesties Council and find no urgent Occasion for the said Assemblys Meeting so soon I do therefore by virtue of the powers and authorities derived to me by his Majesties Royal Comission by this proclamation in his Majesties Name publish and declare That I have prorogued the said assembly and it is hereby prorogued to Thursday the Fifteenth day of May next at which Time I do require every respective Member That they fail not to give their Attendance accordingly. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the Nineteenth day of October 1723 in the Tenth year of his Majesties Reign

Hugh Drysdale

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1319, p. 343 or fo. 172]

By his Majesties Lieut Gov^r and Comd^r in Chief
of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia

A Proclamation for publishing the Repeal of the Act of Assembly past in 1722 Entituled an Act for amending the Act concerning Servants and Slaves and for the better Government of Convicts imported and for the further preventing the clandestine Transportation of persons out of this Colony.

Whereas all Laws Statutes and Ordinances made and past in the General Assembly of this Dominion and according to the Constitution of this Government by his Majestys Letters patents under the Great Seal of Great Britain to be transmitted to his Maty for his Royal Approbation or disallowance and such of the said Laws Statutes and Ordinances as shall be thereupon disallowed or disapproved and so signified by his Majesty under his sign manuel and Signet or by Order in his privy Council and from thenceforth to cease determine and become utterly void And whereas their Excellencies the Lords Justices of Great Britain in Council have been pleased to signifie their disapprobation & disallowance of one Act passed in the year 1722 Entituled An Act for amending the Act concerning Servants and Slaves and for the better Governm^t

of Convicts imported and for the further preventing the Clandestine Transportation of persons out of this Colony I do therefore in pursuance thereof by this proclamation publish and declare that the said Act of Assembly is repealed and utterly void and of none Effect And for the more solemn signification thereof I do appoint this proclamation to be read and published at the Courthouses of the Several Counties within this Dominion and the Sheriffs are to take care the same be done accordingly. Given at the Council Chamber at Williamsburgh this 18th day of January 1723 In the Tenth year of his Maties Reign

Hugh Drysdale

God Save the King

[On p. 411 of Vol. 1319 of C. O. 5 is a proclamation proroguing the Assembly to Thursday, July 9, 1724. Its date is April 16, 1724. Its form is exactly similar to that of the proclamation of October 19, 1723, given above. Hence it is not printed here.]

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1319, p. 411 or fo. 206]

By his Maties Lieut Gov^r & Comd^r in Chief
of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia

A Proclamation prohibiting the Exportation of
Indian Corn or Wheat

Whereas the Badness of the last years crop of corn and the great Export already made thereof hath given Just apprehensions of a scarcity if timely care be not taken to prevent the further Exportation thereof I have therefore by and with the advice of his Majesties Council thought fitt to issue this proclamation hereby strictly prohibiting from and after the date hereof all maner of persons to Export out of this Colony Either by Land or Water any Indian corn or wheat or meal or Flower made of the same until the First day of August next and for the more effectual prevention of such Exportation contrary to the Intent and meaning hereof I do hereby strictly charge and require the collectors and Naval Officers that they do not until the said First day of August Clear any Ship or Vessel which hath on board any Such Indian Corn or Wheat Meal or Flower for Exportation Hereby also requiring all persons within this Colony to take Notice hereof and to conform themselves accordingly under pain of suffering such punishments as may be justly inflicted on them for their contempt in a matter so necessary for the Welfare of his Maties Subjects here. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the Sixth day of May in the Tenth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George

Hugh Drysdale

God Save the King

[On p. 412 of Vol. 1319 of C. O. 5 is a proclamation dated June 10, 1724, proroguing the Assembly to Nov. 12, 1774. Its printing seems to be superfluous as it also follows the form already given. On p. 433 of the same volume is a proclamation dated October 17, 1724, further proroguing the Assembly to Jan. 14, 1724/25.]

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1319, p. 433]

By his Majesties Lieut Govern^r and Com^r in
Chief of the Colony & Dominion of Virginia

A Proclamation for publishing the Repeal of the Act of
Assembly past in 1723 Intituled An Act for
Laying a Duty on Liquors and Slaves

Whereas all Laws Statutes and Ordinances made and past in the General Assembly of this Dominion and according to the Constitution of this Government by his Majesties Letters patents under the Great Seal of Great Britain to be transmitted to his Majesty for his Roial approbation or Disallowance and such of the said Laws Statutes and Ordinances as shall be thereupon disallowed or disapproved and so signified by his Majesty under his Sign Manual and Signet or by Order in his privy Council are from thenceforth to cease determine and become utterly void. And whereas his Majesty by Order in his privy Council hath been pleased to Signify his Disapprobation and disallowance of One Act passed in the Year One Thousand Seven hundred Twenty Three Entituled an Act for Laying a Duty on Liquors and slaves I do therefore in pursuance thereof by this proclamation publish and declare That the said Act of Assembly is Repealed and utterly void and of none Effect and for the more solemn signification thereof I do appoint this proclamation to be read and published at the Courthouses of the Several Counties within this Dominion and the sheriffs are to take care the same be done accordingly. Given at the Council Chamber in W^mburgh this Twenty Seventh day of October 1724 in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George

Hugh Drysdale

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1319, p. 435]

By his Majesties Lieut Gov^r & Comd^r in Chief
of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia

A Proclamation prohibiting the Exportation of Indian
Corn or Meal made of the same and pease

Whereas the support of many of the meaner sort of People as well as of the Servants and Slaves within this Colony doth de-

pend upon the produce of the crops of Indian corn and pease Of which great Part hath been damaged and Spoiled by the Violence of the late Storms and a long continuance of unseasonable weather and it being therefore necessary for the better Supplying the Wants of the Inhabitants to prevent the Exportation of such Kind of Grain I Have by and with the Advice of His Majesties Council thought fitt to Issue this proclamation hereby Strictly prohibiting from and after the First day of November next ensuing the date hereof all maner of persons to Export out of this Colony Either by Land or Water any Indian Corn or Meal made of the Same or any kind of pease until the Twenty Fifth day of April which shall be in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty Five and for the more Effectual prevention of Such Exportation contrary to the Intent and meaning hereof I do hereby strictly charge and require the Collectors and Naval Officers That they do not until the said Twenty fifth day of Aprill clear any Ship or Vessell which hath on board any such Indian Corn Meal or pease for Exportation hereby also requiring all persons within this Colony to take Notice hereof and to conform themselves accordingly under pain of Suffering such punishments as may be Justly inflicted on them for their Contempt in a matter so necessary for the Welfare of his Majesties subjects here. Given at the Council Chamber in W^mburgh the Twenty Seventh day of October 1724 in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George

Hugh Drysdale

God Save the King

[On p. 436 of Vol. 1319 is a proclamation dated December 9, 1724, for a further prorogation of the Assembly to May 13, 1725.]

[On pp. 459-462 of Vol. 1319 are duplicates of the proclamations of October 17 and 27, 1724, a memorandum of the proclamation of December 9, 1724—proroguing the Assembly to May 13, 1725—and then the following memorandum: 19th April 1725 A Proclamation issued (as before) proroguing the General Assembly to Thursday the Eighth day of July 1725.

On p. 157 of Vol. 1320 is a proclamation dated June 10, 1725, proroguing the Assembly to November 18, 1725.]

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1320, p. 157]

Virginia S^r

By his Majestys L^t Gov^r and Comd^r
in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation for Apprehending Henry Irby
John Dennet & Palister Bowles

Whereas Henry Irby late of the County of Charles City Labourer being Comitted to the Goal of that County for Felony

hath Since broke prison and fled from Justice and John Dennet late of the County of New Kent Labourer being also Comitted to the Goal of that County for Felony hath in like maner made his Escape Against both which persons Bills of Indictment for the Felonies aforesaid have been found by the Grand jury for the Body of this Colony And Whereas Palister Bowles of the County of James City Labourer being an Accomplce with the said Irby and Dennet apprehending himself in Danger of a Legal prosecution hath also absconded from the place of his habitation and together with the said Dennit and Irby been seen upon the Borders of this Colony toward North Carolina For the more Effectual bringing the Said Offenders to Condign punishment I have thought fit by and with the Advice of his Majestys Council to Issue this proclamation Hereby in his Majestys Name Strictly charging and requiring all his Majestys Officers Civil and Military as well within the Frontier Counties bordering on Carolina as within any other County to which this proclamation shall come and whether the said Offenders or either of them may hereafter happen to resort that they use their Utmost diligence to discover apprehend and secure the said Henry Irby John Dennet and Palister Bowles and them or either of them having So taken Safely to Convey to the publick Goal at Williamsburgh And for the more Effectual apprehending and Securing the Said Offenders I do hereby require and Comand all his Majestys Officers and Especially the Sherifs of y^e respective Counties upon discovery of the said Offenders to raise and take with them such power of the County as they shall think sufficient and therewith to pursue the said Offenders and every of them hereby Certifying all such as shall Neglect their Duty herein or shall refuse to be aiding and assisting when thereunto required for apprehending and Securing the said Offenders That I will give Directions for prosecuting them with the utmost Severity And to the End the Said Offenders may be more Effectually discovered by the following Description of their persons tho' they should pass under other Names The said Henry Irby is a Man of Middle Stature, of a dark brown Complexion and wears a Wigg and is about Six and Twenty Years of age John Dennit is a Young Fellow about Twenty Three Years of age Tall and Slender of a Sallow Complexion and wears a Wigg And Palister Bowles is about Thirty Five Years of Age of a low stature well sett a pale Complexion and has dark brown hair And for the Encouragement of Such as shall apprehend and secure any of the Said Offenders so as they be brought to Justice I do hereby with the Advice aforesaid promise a Reward of Twenty pounds Currant Mony for Each of the persons aforenamed to be paid to the person or persons that shall apprehend and secure them or either of them Immediately upon their respective Comitments to the publick Goal at W^mburgh And I do appoint this proclamation to be read and published at all Churches Chappells and Court houses

and that the Sherrifs of the several Counties do take Care the Same be done accordingly Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the Tenth day of June 1725 In the Eleventh Year of the Reign of Our Soverain Lord King George

Hugh Drysdale

God Save the King

[On p. 161 of Vol. 1320 of C. O. 5 is a proclamation dated October 19, 1725, proroguing the Assembly to May 12, 1726. On p. 317 of the same volume is a proclamation dated February 1, 1726/27, proroguing the Assembly to May 11, 1727. On p. 317 of the same volume is a proclamation dated April 21, 1721, proroguing the Assembly to September 6, 1727.]

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1320, p. 319]

Virginia S^r

By the president and Comander in Chief
of this Dominion

A Proclamation for a Fast

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God for the punishment of Our Sins to afflict this Colony with a long and violent Sickness and Grievous Mortality and to the End all persons may be Excited to a speedy Repentance that So the Almighty may be moved to avert his Judgments I have thought fitt by and with the Advice and Consent of the Council to appoint That Wednesday the Tenth day of May next be observed and kept throughout this Colony and Dominion as a Day of public Fasting and Humiliation hereby in his Majestys Name requiring and Comanding all his Majestys Subjects That laying aside all Secular Employment and Bodily Labour they Religiously attend Divine Service at their respective Churches and Chappels And I do require the Ministers of the respective parishes That on the Said Day they preach sermons Suitable to the Occasion And that in all Churches and Chappels where there are no Ministers Divine Service and a proper Homily be read by the Clerk or Reader And I do further comand and require all persons whatsoever to Observe and keep the said Day of Fasting and Humiliation with all due Devotion as they tender the Favour of Almighty God and on pain of suffering such punishments as may be Justly Inflicted on them for their Neglect of so Religious and Necessary a Duty hereby Comanding the Sherifs of the respective Counties to Cause this Proclamation to be read and Published in all Churches and Chappels within this Dominion Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the Twenty First Day of April 1727 In the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of our Soverain Lord King George

Robert Carter

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1320, p. 321 or fo. 161]

Virginia S^o

By the President and Comander in Chief
of this Dominion

A Proclamation for apprehending John Prowse

Whereas Information hath been given to me that John Prowse late of the County of Hanover being some time about the Month of November last past at a Horse race on Maherine River did then and there assault a Saponie Indian and the said Indian did so grievously Scorch and burn by Setting Fire to his Cloaths while he was asleep that of the said Burning and other Injuries then received from the said prowse the Said Indian in a few days thereafter died To the End therefore the said prowse may be brought to Just punishment for the Crime aforesaid I have thought fitt by and with the Advice of his Majestys Council to Issue this proclamation hereby in his Majesty's Name Commanding & requiring all his Majesty's Officers Civil and Military and all other his Majesty's Subjects within this Dominion to make diligent Search after the Said John Prowse and him having found to apprehend and Secure and safely to Convey or Cause to be Convey'd by the sherif of the County where he shall be so apprehended unto the publick Goal at Williamsburgh And I do hereby promise a Reward of Ten Pounds Current Money to any person or persons who shall apprehend the Said prowse to be paid upon his Comitment to the Said public Goal And I do appoint this proclamation to be read and published by the Sherifs in their respective Counties Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the Twenty Sixth day of April 1727 In the Thirteenth Year of his Majestys Reign

Robert Carter

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1322, p. 44]

By the honble William Gooch Esq' Lieutenant Governor
and Comander in Chief of the Colony and
Dominion of Virginia

A Proclamation

Whereas his present Majesty our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c hath been pleased to issue a proclamation declaring his Majestys pleasure for Continuing the officers in his Majestys plantations till his Majestys pleasure shall be Further Signified in these words

"George R

Whereas by one act of parliament in the sixth year of the "late Queen Anne of blessed memory Intituled an Act for the Security of her Majestys person and Government and of the Suc-

“cession to the Crown of Great Britain in the protestant line. It
“was Enacted (amongst other things) that no office place or Em-
“ployment Civil or military within any of her said late Majestys
“plantations should become Void by reason of the demise or death
“of her said late Majesty her heirs or successors Kings or Queens
“of this Realm, but that the person and persons in any of the
“Offices places or Employments aforesaid should Continue in their
“respective offices places and Employments for the space of six
“months next after such death or demise unless sooner removed and
“discharged by the next in succession to whom the Crown of this
“Realm should come remain and be according to the Several Acts
“of parliament for Limitting and settling the succession of the
“Crown as by the Said recited act may appear And in regard it
“may happen that our pleasure may not Within the said time be
“declared touching the Said Offices places and Employments in
“our Forreign plantations which will at the end of the said six
“months become Voide We for preventing the Inconveniences
“that may happen thereby in our princely Wisdom and Care of the
“state reserving to our Judgment hereafter the Reformation and
“(redress of any abuses in the Execution of any such Offices places
“and Employments upon due knowledge and Examination thereof)
“have thought fit with the advice of our privy Council to issue this
“Roial proclamation and do hereby order Signifie and declare that
“all persons that at the time of the decease of our late Royal Father
“King George the first of Glorious Memory were duely and Law-
“fully possessed of or Invested in any office place or Employment
“Civil or Military in any of our plantations and which have not since
“been removed from Such their Offices places or Employments
“shall be and shall hold themselves Continued in the said Offices
“places and Employments as Formerly they held and Enjoyed the
“same untill our pleasure be Further known or other provision be
“made pursuant to the Comission and Instructions of our said Late
“Royal Father to his Governors and Officers of the plantations
“aforesaid and that in the mean time for the preservation of the
“peace and Necessary proceedings in matters of Justice and for the
“Safety and Service of the State all the said persons of whatsoever
“degree or Condition do not fail every one Severally according to
“his place office or Charge to proceed in the performance of and
“Execution of all duties thereunto belonging as Formerly apper-
“tained unto them during the life of our said late Roial Father And
“Further we do hereby Will and Comand all and Singular Sub-
“jects in the said plantation of what Estate or Degree they or any
“of them be to be aiding helping & assisting at the Comandment
“of the said Officers in the performance and Execution of the said
“offices & places as they tender our displeasure and will answer
“the Contrary at their utmost perils Given at our Court at St
“Jamess the Fifth day of July 1727 In the First Year of our Reign.

I have thought fit with the advice of his Majesties Council of this Dominion to publish the said proclamation throughout this Colony To the end the same may be made known to all his Majesty's Subjects residing therein and that all due obedience may be given thereto. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the Fourteenth day of December In the First Year of his Majesty's Reign

William Gooch

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1321, p. 97 or fo. 48]

Virginia S^a

By his Majestys Lieut Governor and
Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation prohibiting the Entertainment of Sailors
belonging to his Majestys Ships of War and
preventing the Desertion of such Sailors

Whereas The Safety of the Trade of this Dominion requires that his Majestys Ships of War appointed for the protection thereof be kept Compleatly mann'd And Whereas divers Evil disposed persons do not only frequently Seduce the Sailors in his Majestys pay to depart the Service and take Employment in the Trading Ships and Vessels And many of the said Sailors are tempted to desert by the Entertainment and reception they meet with in diverse disorderly houses on shore in Violation of the Laws made to prevent such practices for the better putting a Stop to these Evil practices I have thought fit by and with the advice and Consent of his Majestys Council to Issue this proclamation in his Majestys Name hereby Strictly charging and requiring all Masters of ships and Vessels Trading within the Colony that they do not upon any pretence whatsoever presume to hire receive or Entertain any Sailor whatsoever which shall not have a sufficient discharge on pain of suffering such prosecution and penaltys as by the Laws now in Force are inflicted on such offenders And I do hereby further command and require all Ordinary keepers and other persons that they do not receive harbour or Entertain in their houses any Sailor belonging to any of his Majestys ships of war without the Licence or permission of the Captain or Commanders of the Ships to which they respectively belong And to the end such Sailors as may attempt to desert his Majestys Service may be the better detected and Secured and such persons as harbour and protect them more Effectually punished I do hereby Strictly charge & require all his Majestys Officers Civil and Military And all other his Majestys Loving Subjects within this Dominion to apprehend Examine and Secure all such Seamen as they shall find travelling about the Country and who cannot give a good account

of themselves or of their being Employed in Lawfull Business and to cause such Seamen to be conveyed to the Ship to which they or any of them belong according to the directions of the Act of Assembly prohibiting Seamen being harboured & Entertained on Shore hereby promising that the rewards given by the said Act for taking up & Conveying such Seamen shall be duly answered & paid And I do further Command the several persons deputed to prosecute for the King in the respective Countys within this Dominion that they duly prosecute all such persons as shall be found to have Offended in any of the premisses And that none may pretend Ignorance hereof I do appoint this proclamation to be read and published by the Sherifs at the Court houses of their respective Countys and to cause Copys hereof to be affixed at such places therein where the greatest Number of ships usually ride Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the Seventeenth day of April 1728 In the first Year of his Majestys Reign

William Gooch

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1321, folio 49]

Virginia S*

By his Majestys Lieut Governor &
Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation for prohibiting the Exportation of
Grain Flower and Meal

Whereas the Scarcity of Corn in diverse parts of this Colony hath already raised the same to an Excessive price and a much greater Dearth and scarcity may be fear'd if timely care be not taken to prevent the Exportation thereof I have therefore thought fit by and with the advice and consent of his Majestys Council to Issue this proclamation hereby in his Majestys Name Strictly forbidding and prohibiting all persons whatsoever to Export out of this Dominion from and after the date hereof any Wheat Indian Corn pease or other Grain whatsoever or Flower or Meal made of the same until further directions be given therein by proclamation on pain of Forfeiture of double the value of all such Wheat Corn pease or other Grain Flower or Meal which shall be Laden or put on board any Ship or Vessel in Order for Exportation during the Continuance of this prohibition as by an Act made last Session of Assembly Entituled an Act for prohibiting the Exportation of Grain in times of Scarcity is Enacted & declared And I do further in pursuance of the said Act require the Naval Officers & other Officers of his Majestys Customs in the Several ports or Districts within this Dominion to seize and Secure all such wheat Indian Corn pease or other Grain which at any Time during the Continuance of this prohibition shall be laden or put on board any Ship or Vessel for Exportation Excepting as in the said Act is

Excepted And I do appoint this proclamation to be read and published at the Court houses of the Several Countys And in all Churches and Chappels within this Dominion And that the Sherifs Of the Several Countys take Care the same be done accordingly Given at the Council Chamber at Williamsburgh this Twenty Seventh day of April 1728 In the first Year of his Majestys Reign

William Gooch

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1321, p. 101 or fo. 50]

Virginia S*

By his Majestys Lieut Governor and Commander
in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation for a Fast

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God in a very Surprizing and unusual manner to Overspread this Dominion with vast Multitudes of Catterpillars which Threaten Destruction to the fruits of the Earth and which we have just cause to fear are brought upon us as a punishment for our many Sins & Impieties And forasmuch as a Sincere and unfeigned Repentance with a speedy Application to the Throne of Grace will be the surest Means to avert the Impending Judgment I have therefore thought fit by and with the advice and Consent of his Majestys Council And do by this proclamation Strictly charge and Command that a day of General and publick Fasting & humiliation for the purposes afores^d be strictly kept and observed throughout this Dominion on Friday the seventeenth day of May next and for the better Solemnizing the same I do hereby require the Ministers of the respective parishes to preach Sermons Suitable to the Occasion and that in all Churches and Chappels having no Minister Divine Service and a proper homily be read by the Clerk or Reader And I do Strictly charge and Command that the said day of Fasting and humiliation be religiously Observed by all his Majestys Loving Subjects throughout this Dominion as they tender the Favour of almighty God and on pain of suffering such punishment as may be justly inflicted for the Contempt or Neglect of so Religious and Necessary a Duty And I do appoint this proclamation to be read & Published in all Churches and Chappels within this Dominion And that the Sherifs of the respective Countys take Care for the timely dispersing thereof Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh this Twenty Seventh day of April 1728 In the first Year of Matys Reign

William Gooch

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1321, p. 229 or fo. 114]

Virginia S^o

By his Majestys Lieutenant Governor and
Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation permitting the Exportation of
Wheat and Flower

Whereas the present happy prospect of a plentiful Crop of Indian Corn and other Grain which in a short time will be ready to Supply the wants of the people Makes it unnecessary any longer to continue the Restraint on the Exportation of Wheat whereof a greater Quantity hath been produced than the Necessitys of the Colony require I have therefore thought fit by and with the advice and consent of his Majestys Council to publish and Declare that from and after the issuing of this proclamation all Merchants and others have hereby Free Liberty and permission to Ship Lade and Export Wheat and Flower made thereof from any port or place of this Dominion in the same manner as they might have done before the late prohibition was laid which said prohibition is Nevertheless to continue in Force as to all the other kinds of Grain therein mentioned untill further Order be given therein And to the end the Liberty hereby allowed may be speedily made known I do appoint and direct the sherifs of the respective Counties to cause this proclamation to be read and published at the Court houses and in all Churches and Chappells in their said Several Counties and also to give immediate Notice hereof to the Officers of the Customs in the Counties where any such shall be resident Given at Williamsburgh this Twentieth day of September One Thousand seven hundred and Twenty Eight In the second year of his Majestys Reign

William Gooch

God Save the King

[On p. 229 of Vol. 1321 of C. O. 5 is a proclamation dated October 24, 1728, proroguing the Assembly to May 15, 1729.]

By his Majestys Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia

A Proclamation permitting the Exportation of
Corn and other Grain

Whereas by proclamation bearing date the Twenty Seventh day of April last the Exportation of Corn and other Grain was prohibited upon the apparent Scarcity thereof to supply the wants of the Inhabitants since which it has pleased God of his Goodness by the continuance of Seasonable weather to bless the Fruits of the Earth with their wonted Increase so as there seems no Occasion to continue the said prohibition I have therefore thought fit by

and with the advice of the Council hereby to declare that all Merchants and others have from hence forth full Liberty to Export out of this Dominion Indian Corn or any other kind of Grain whatsoever or Meal or Flower made of the same in like manner as they might have done before the said former proclamation was issued of which the Officers of his Majestys Customs and all others concerned are hereby required to take Notice And for the more speedy Signification hereof I do appoint this proclamation to be published by the Sheriffs of the respective Countys within this Colony. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the Second day of November one Thousand seven hundred and Twenty Eight In the second year of his Majestys Reign

William Gooch

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1322, pp. 41, 42]

By his Majesties Lieutenant Governor and Commander
in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia

A Proclamation for a day of Fasting & humiliation

Whereas This Colony hath for these Two years past been Threatned with an unusuall multitude of Catterpillars and now again in a more Surprizing manner by the Vicible increase of those Destructive Insects to the apparent hazard of the Fruits of the Earth Which Impending Calamity can only be averted by that almighty power Who it is Justly to be feared has sent the same for the punishment of an offending people. I therefore Seriously Considering that such publick Calamities call for a speedy repentance of our Sins and a fervent application to the Throne of Grace for Imploaring allmighty God to turn from us this Threatning Judgment have thought fit by and with the advice of his Majestys Council to order and appoint that Friday the Twenty Fifth of this present month of april be kept and observed throughout this Colony as a day of publick Fasting and humiliation for the purposes aforesaid And for the more Solemn observation of the said Fast I do further order and direct that in all parishes Within this Colony where there are Ministers Divine Service be performed and prayers herewith Sent used which the Sherifs of the Several County's are required forthwith to transmit to the said Ministers and that Sermons Suitable to the Solemnity of the day be preached by such ministers respectively and that in all other Churches and Chappells where there are no ministers the service be performed and a proper homily read by the Clerks or readers hereby Strictly Charging and requiring all his majestys good Subjects that abstaining from all Servile and bodily Labour they repair to the respective Churches and Chappells and religiously observe the said day of Fasting with a becoming Devotion as they tender the Favor of

almighty God and on pain of suffering such punishment as may Justly be inflicted on them for their Neglect of So religious and Necessary a duty And I do appoint this proclamation to be read and published in all Churches and Chappells within this Colony and that the sherifs of the respective Counties take care the Same be done in Convenient Time. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the First day of April One Thousand Seven hundred and twenty Nine In the second Year of his Majestys Reign.

William Gooch

God Save the King

[On p. 43 of Vol. 1322 of C. O. 5 is a proclamation dated April 19, 1729, proroguing the Assembly to November 20, 1729.]

[On pp. 143-148 of Vol. 1322, of C. O. 5 are four proclamations. The first two are duplicates of the proclamations of April 1 and 19, 1729. The next is dated October 22, 1729, proroguing the Assembly to February 12, 1729/30. The next is dated January 24, 1729/30, and prorogues the Assembly to May 21, 1730. This omits the words found in almost all proclamations of prorogation "have advised with his Majesty's Council" and reads merely "Whereas I find no urgent." This shows that the governor did not always think it necessary to consult the Council on a question of prorogation.]

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1322, p. 149]

Virginia S*

By his Majestys Lieutenant Governor and
Comander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation for publishing the Repeal of the act of Assembly past in One Thousand Seven hundred and five Intituled an Act declaring how long Judgments Bonds obligations and accounts shall be in force for the assignment of Bonds and Obligations directing what proof shall be Sufficient in Such Cases and asserting the Damage upon protested Bills of Exchange

Whereas all Laws Statutes and ordinances made and past in the General Assembly of this Dominion are According to the Constitution of this Government by Letters patents under the Great Seal of Great Britain to be transmitted to his Majesty for his Roial Approbation or disallowance and Such of the said Laws Statutes and ordinances as shall be thereupon disallowed or disapproved and So Signified by his Majesty under his Sign Manual and Signet or by order in his privy Council are from henceforth to Cease Determine and become utterly void And whereas the Queens most Excellent Majesty Guardian of the Kingdom of Great

Britain and his Majesty's Lieutenant within the Same by Advice of his Majesty's privy Council hath been pleased to Signify her disapprobation and disallowance of one Act passed in the year One Thousand Seven hundred and five Intituled an Act declaring how long Judgments Bonds Obligations and accounts shall be in force for the assignment of Bonds and Obligations directing what proof shall be Sufficient in Such Cases and Assertaining the Damage upon protested Bills of Exchange I do therefore in pursuance of her Majesties Roial Comands by this proclamation publish and declare that the said Act According to her Majestys pleasure is repealed and utterly Void and of none Effect And for the more solemn Signification of her Majestys pleasure herein I do appoint this proclamation to be Read and published at the Court houses of the several Countys within this Dominion and the Sherifs are to take Care the same be done accordingly Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh this Fifteenth day of April One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty in the Third year of his Majestys Reign

William Gooch

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1322, p. 151]

Virginia S^a

By his Majestys Lieutenant Governor and
Comander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation Notifying the peace and Cessation
of hostilities between his Majesty and the
King of Spain

Whereas I have received his Majestys Comand to make known to all his good Subjects of this Colony that a Treaty of peace is happily Concluded between his Majesty and the most Christian King of the one part and the King of Spain on the other to which the State General of the united provinces have since acceded and that in Consequence of the said Treaty all acts of hostilities are to Cease on the one part and the other and all prizes which have been taken on either Side since the Arrival of the King of Spains orders for a Cessation of arms at Cartagena the 11/22 of June One Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty Eight are to be punctually Restored upon application to the Governors of the respective places to which Such prizes were Carried or in default thereof the Just Value of the said prizes and their Cargoes at the time when they were taken and Reparation according to Justice also given for any further Damage Occasioned by the Detention thereof till the time of their being delivered up Excepting seizures made on account of Illegal Trade in the places and Limitts prohibited by the Laws and the Treatys of peace and Commerce I have therefore in

Obedience to his Majestys Comands Thought fitt to issue this proclamation hereby in his Majestys Name Charging and requiring all officers and other his Majestys Subjects within this Colony that they forbear all Acts of hostilities against the Subjects of the King of Spain their Ships Vessells or Effects And to the End his Majestys subjects [in] this Colony whose Vessells or Effects have been taken by any of the Subjects of Spain Since the said 11/22 of June One Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty Eight may be the better enabled to Seek and obtain Reparation for the loss and Damages sustained thereby I do hereby Notify and make known that an Authentic copy of the Schedule Sent by the King of spain to the Viceroyes of Peru and New Spain and other the Governors and Officers of the Spanish Dominions of America for the purposes aforementioned is now in my hands of which any of his Majestys Subjects having Occasion to make use thereof in any of the Spanish Governments in the West Indies may be furnished with attested Transcripts and for the better Notification of this his Majestys pleasure I do hereby order and require the Sherifs of the several Counties to Cause publication hereof to be made at their respective Court houses. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburg the Twenty Ninth day of May One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty In the Third year of his Majestys Reign

William Gooch

God Save the King

[On p. 405 of Vol. 1322 of C. O. 5 is a proclamation dated October 28, 1730, proroguing the Assembly to May 20, 1731.]

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1322, p. 405]

Virginia S*

By his Majesties Lieutenant Governor and
Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation for preventing the unlawful Meetings and
Combinations of Negro's and other Slaves

Whereas by an Act made at a General Assembly begun and held at the Capitol the Ninth day of May one Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty three Entituled an Act directing the Tryal of Slaves committing Capital Crimes and for the more Effectual punishing Conspiracies & Insurrections of them and for the better Government of Negro's Mulatto's and Indians Bond or Free diverse prudent and usefull Regulations are Established for preventing the Meetings of Slaves at other plantations than those to which they belong and for punishing as well such as shall assemble together in Unusual Numbers as the persons who shall suffer or permit such Meetings Notwithstanding whereof great Numbers of Negro's and other Slaves have of late not only been suffered

to assemble But diverse wicked Conspiracies have been framed amongst them to the Manifest endangering the publick peace of the Government and the lives and properties of his Majesties Subjects For preventing the like for the Future I have thought fit by and with the advice of his Majesties Council to issue this proclamation hereby in his Majesties Name requiring all Justices of the peace Sherifs Constables and other Officers diligently to put in Execution the severall powers and Authorities to them given by the aforementioned Act of assembly for dispersing all unusual and Unlawfull Meetings of Slaves and bringing the Offenders to Speedy and Exemplary punishment And the said Justices of the peace in their respective County Courts are hereby Strictly enjoined to give in Charge to the Grand Jurys to enquire of and present all persons who either by Connivance encourage or by Negligence Suffer any such unlawfull Assemblys of Slaves at their plantations or who knowing of such unlawfull Meetings Neglect to suppress the same and to cause the penalties inflicted by Law to be duly leyed on the Offenders And whereas Notwithstanding the plain and positive Directions for publishing the aforementioned Act of Assembly And one other Act made in the year one Thousand seven hundred and five Entituled an Act concerning Servants and slaves at certain times of the Year by the Sherifs at the County Courts and by Ministers and Readers at their respective Churches and Chappells Yet the same hath been greatly neglected in Sundry places of the Country whereby it is probable the slaves have taken Occasion to meet together with greater boldness imagining the said Laws were no longer Subsisting I Do therefore with the advice aforesaid hereby strictly charge and Command all persons whose Duty it is to cause the said Laws to be duly read and published according to the Directions therein contained that none may pretend ignorance of what is enjoined them thereby And I Do further require that the Grand Jurys in the respective Counties be directed by the Justice to present all persons that have or hereafter shall Neglect their Duty in the reading and publication of the said severall Acts of Assembly or the Churchwardens neglecting to procure Copies thereof in Order to such publication And forasmuch as by one Act made at a General Assembly begun and held the First day of February One Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty-Seven Intituled an Act for making more Effectual provision against Invasions and Insurrections It is amongst other things Enacted that for preventing the Danger which may happen to the Inhabitants by the unlawfull Concourse of Negro's during the Christmas Easter and Whitsuntide holydays the County Lieutenant or other Commanding officer of the Militia in every County Be and they are hereby impowered to appoint and direct such and so many of the Militia in the respective Counties as such Commanding Officer shall think fit to patrol in such places as shall be Directed and cause the same to be relieved from time to time for dispersing all un-

lawful Concourse of Negro's and other slaves I have in pursuance of the said Act with the advice aforesaid thought fit to direct the County Lieutenant or other Commanding Officer of the Militia in the respective Counties That not only during the said holydays but at such other times as they shall find Occasion they do appoint sufficient parties of the Militia to patrol in the several precincts of their said Counties for the purposes in the said Act mentioned And for further preventing the Dangers which may happen from the Secret Combinations of Negro's or other slaves I do hereby Order and Direct that as well all persons serving in the Militia as all Overseers having Arms Do at such time as they repair to their Several Churches or Chappells constantly appear with their Arms and the Officers of the Militia are required to take Care the same be done accordingly until they shall receive my further Orders therein And I Do appoint this proclamation To be read and published by the sherifs at the respective County Courts and by the Ministers or Readers of all Churches & Chappells within this Dominion Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the Twenty Eighth day of October One Thousand seven hundred and Thirty in the Fourth Year of his Majesties Reign.

William Gooch

God Save the King

[On p. 407 of Vol. 1322 is a proclamation dated May 6, 1731, proroguing the Assembly to June 24, 1731, and following this is a proclamation dated June 10, 1731, proroguing the Assembly to November 18, 1731.]

[On p. 101 of Vol. 1323 is a proclamation dated October 21, 1731, proroguing the Assembly to May 18, 1732.]

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1323, p. 101]

Virginia S^r

By his Majestys Lieutenant Governor and
Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation for publishing the Repeal of the Act of Assembly
Made at a General Assembly begun and holden at the Capitol
the Twenty first day of May One Thousand Seven Hun-
dred and Thirty Entitled an Act for continuing
part Of an Act for laying a Duty on
Liquors with some Alterations
and Amendments

Whereas all Laws Statutes and Ordinances made and past in the General Assembly of this Dominion are according to the Constitution of this Government by his Majesty's Letters patents under the Great Seal of Great Britain to be Transmitted to his

Majesty for his Royal Approbation or Disallowance and such of the said Laws statutes and Ordinances as shall be thereupon disallowed or Disapproved and so Signified by his Majesty under his Sign Manual and Signet Or by Order in his privy Council are from thenceforth to Cease Determine and become Utterly Void And Whereas his Majesty by Order in his privy Council hath been pleased to Signify his Disapprobation and Disallowance of an Act made at a General Assembly begun and holden at the Capitol the Twenty first day of May One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Entitled An Act for continuing part of an Act for laying a Duty on Liquors with some Alterations and Amendments I Do therefore in pursuance thereof by this proclamation publish and declare that the said Act of Assembly is Repealed and Utterly Void and of none Effect And for the more Solemn Signification hereof I Do appoint this proclamation to be read and published at the Court Houses of the Several Counties within this Dominion And the Sherifs are to take care the same be done accordingly. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh this Fifteenth day of December One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty one In the fifth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George the Second.

William Gooch

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1323, p. 103]

Virginia S^r

By his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and
Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation for the more speedy Detecting and punishing the Felonious burning of certain Tobacco Warehouses And for preventing Rioutous and Seditious practices tending to the Disturbance of the public peace

Whereas the Ware Houses appointed by Law for receiving and Inspecting Tobacco at Coan in the County of Northumberland and Deep Creek in the County of Lancaster have been lately burnt with the Tobacco therein And there being great reason to Suspect that the same was contrived and executed by some wicked and Licentious persons in those Counties And whereas by an Act passed last Session of Assembly the Malicious burning such Houses is declared to be Felony And the Offenders Ousted of all benefit of Clergy To the end therefore that the persons concerned in the Felony aforesaid and their Accomplices, Aiders and Abettors may be brought to Speedy and Condign punishment I have thought fit by and with the advice and Consent of his Majestys Council to issue this proclamation hereby promising a Reward of One Hundred pounds Current mony of Virginia to any person or persons

who shall discover such as are guilty of burning either of the said Warehouses in Northumberland or Lancaster Counties so as such Offender or Offenders be thereof Lawfully Convicted And I do further promise his Majestys most Gracious pardon to any one of the Accomplices in the said Felonies who shall discover the other person or persons concerned with him so as he or they be thereof Lawfully Convicted as aforesaid Together with the like Reward of one Hundred pounds to be paid to such discoverer immediately upon such Conviction And Whereas I am Informed that diverse loose and disorderly persons particularly in the Frontier Counties and other remote places have by affixing Notes dropping of Anonymous Letters and other Seditious Means made it their business to Stir up his Majesty's Subjects to a dislike and Opposition to the Act of Assembly for amending the staple of Tobacco tho' apparently Calculated for the General Good of this Colony by reviving its decayed Trade and some of those evil disposed persons have been so daring as to appoint places for the people to Assembly[e] and Consult about obstructing the Execution of the said Act of Assembly For preventing his Majestys good Subjects from being deluded into unlawful Courses by the Vile practices and Insinuations of such Turbulent and Seditious Spirits I Do with the advice and Consent aforesaid hereby Strictly charge and require all Justices of the peace Sherifs and other his Majestys Officers Civil and Military to use their utmost endeavours to detect Discover and apprehend the Authors of all such papers as have been or shall be hereafter spread abroad tending to the Disturbance of the public peace or to pervert the Minds of his Majestys Subjects from their Obedience to the Laws and also all such persons as shall go about to Stir up the people to any Rioutous or Seditious practices Contrary to the established Laws To the end the Offenders herein may be duly prosecuted and punished And in the mean time to cause such Offenders to be bound to their good Behaviour And whereas all meetings and Assemblys of the people (not being called together by Lawfull Authority) on which any Disturbance of the peace may ensue are punishable by Law the said Justices and officers are further required to Suppress all such unlawfull Assemblys taking an Account of the Names of the persons so met which they are forthwith to Transmitt to his Majesty's Attorney General that so the Offenders may be brought to an open and Exemplary punishment Saving always to his Majestys good Subjects of this Dominion their Right and privilege of Assembling at the Courts held for proof of public Claims in their Several Counties to present their just Grievances in which they are in no wise to be Molested So as they behave themselves there in a peaceable and Orderly manner And for the better preventing any future attempts which may be made to burn or distroy the Tobacco Ware Houses I Do hereby with the advice aforesaid Order and direct the Inspectors of the several Ware Houses within this Colony that they provide

one or more honest and Trusty persons constantly to watch at the respective Warehouses under their Care at all such times as they are not attending there themselves assuring them of being paid by the public for their Trouble and Service and that none may pretend Ignorance in the premises I Do appoint this proclamation to be read and published at all Churches Chapels and Courthouses within this Colony and the Sherifs of the respective Counties are to take care that the same be done accordingly. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the Seventeenth day of March One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty one In the fifth year of his Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1323, p. 105]

Virginia S*

By his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and
Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation for publishing the Repeal of an Act of Assembly made at a General Assembly begun and holden at the Capitol in the year One Thousand seven Hundred and five Entitled an Act against Importing Tobacco from Carolina and other parts without the Capes of Virginia And also one other Act of Assembly made at a General Assembly held at the Capitol in the year One Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty six Entitled an Act for the more Effectual preventing the bringing Tobacco from North Carolina and the bounds in Controversy

Whereas all Laws Statutes and Ordinances made and past in the General Assembly of this Dominion are according to the Constitution of this Government by his Majestys Letters patents under the Great Seal of Great Britain to be Transmitted to his Majesty for his Royal Approbation or Disallowance and such of the said Laws Statutes and Ordinances as shall be thereupon Disallowed or Disapproved and so signify'd by his Majesty under his Sign Manual and signet or by Order in his Privy Council are from henceforth to Cease Determine and become Utterly Void And whereas his Majesty by Order in his privy Council hath been pleased to Signify his Disapprobation and Disallowance of one Act made at a General Assembly begun and holden at the Capitol in the Year One Thousand Seven hundred and five entitled an Act against Importing Tobacco from Carolina and other parts without the Capes of Virginia And also one other Act made at a General Assembly

held at the Capitol in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Six Entitled an Act for the more Effectual preventing the bringing Tobacco from North Carolina and the bounds in Controversy I Do therefore in pursuance of his Majestys pleasure signify'd to me by this proclamation publish and declare that the said Acts of Assembly are Repealed and Utterly Void and of none Effect and for the more Solemn Signification hereof I Do appoint this proclamation to be read and published at the Court Houses of the several Counties within this Dominion and the Sherifs are to take Care The same be done accordingly Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh this second day of May One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty two In the fifth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George the second

William Gooch

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1323, p. 107]

Virginia S^e

By his Majestys Lieutenant Governor and
Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation giving a Reward for discovering the
person or persons who burnt the parish Church
of Saint Mark in the County of Spotsylvania

Whereas the parish Church of S^t Mark in the County of Spotsylvania built at the public charge was lately by some wicked and evil Disposed persons Maliciously set on fire and burnt And whereas the House of Burgesses now met in Assembly out of a just Detestation of so horrid and unparralleled a Crime have Voted the sum of One Hundred pounds Current mony to be paid by their Treasurer to any one who shall discover the person or persons who Committed that Fact so as he or they be thereof Convicted I Do therefore by and with the advice and Consent of his Majestys Council And at the Request of the said House of Burgesses hereby publish and declare that the said Reward of One Hundred pounds shall be duly answer'd and paid to any one who shall discover the person or persons concerned in burning the said Church of S^t Mark So as such person or persons be thereof Convicted And I Do further by and with the advice and Consent aforesaid hereby in his Majesty's Name promise and declare that if any of the persons concerned in burning of the said Church other than the principal Actor therein shall discover his Accomplices so as they be thereof Convicted such discoverer shall besides the Reward aforesaid have and receive his Majestys most Gracious pardon And I Do appoint this proclamation to be read at the Court Houses and in the several Churches and Chappels within the Several Counties And the Sherifs thereof are to take Care the same be done accordingly. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the Twenty third

day of June One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty two In the sixth year of his Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1323, p. 107]

Virginia S^r

By his Majestys Lieutenant Governor and
Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation giving a Reward for discovering the persons who burnt the Ware House at Falmouth in the County of King George

Whereas one of the Warehouses at Falmouth in the County of King George hath been lately burnt down with a Considerable Quantity of Tobacco therein And it being greatly Suspected that the said Warehouse was Maliciously set on fire by some wicked and evil designing person And whereas the House of Burgesses for the better discovery of the Offender or Offenders therein have Voted the sum of One Hundred pounds in the Treasurers hands to any person or persons who shall discover the Actors in that Felony So as he or they be thereof Convicted I have therefore thought fit by and with the advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council to issue this proclamation hereby promising that whoever shall discover the person or persons who set fire to the said House so as he she or they be thereof Convicted shall be duly paid the said Reward of One Hundred pounds immediatly upon such Conviction And I Do hereby in his Majestys Name further publish and declare that if any persons concerned in the Felonious burning the said Warehouse other than the principal Offender therein shall discover his or her Accomplices such discoverer shall not only have the Reward aforesaid but shall also receive his Majestys most Gracious pardon for the said Offence And I Do strictly charge and require all Magistrates and all other his Majestys good Subjects to do their Utmost to detect and discover the persons guilty of the Felony aforesaid So as they might be brought to Condign punishment for the said Crime very Injurious to the persons whose Tobacco was burnt and which has Occasioned a great Charge to the public for the Repayment whereof every one in the Government is to have a Share in the Burden And ought the more Zealously to endeavour the discovery of those who have Occasioned the same and I do appoint this proclamation to be read and published at the Court Houses Churches and Chappels of the several Counties And that the Sherifs take care the same be done Accordingly. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburg the Twenty Ninth day of June One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty two In the Sixth year of his Majesty's Reign

William Gooch

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1324, p. 19]

By his Majesties Lieutenant Governor, & Commander
in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia

A Proclamation, Dissolving the General Assembly.

Whereas the General Assembly begun at his Majesty's Royal Capitol the First Day of February, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty seven, stands Prorogued to Thursday, the Eighth Day of this Instant May: And Whereas I have thought fit, for divers Considerations regarding his Majesty's Service, to Dissolve the said Assembly; I have therefore, by and with the Advice of the Council issued the Proclamation, declaring the said Assembly to be dissolved, and it is hereby accordingly dissolved; of which all his Majesty's Subjects within this Colony are required to take Notice.

And Whereas I am desirous, upon all Occasions, to have the Advice of a General Assembly, for his Majesty's Service, and the Good and Prosperity of his Subjects I Do hereby further Publish and Declare, that I intend speedily to issue Writs for the Election of Burgesses to serve in a New Assembly, at such Time, as by the Advice of his Majesty's Council, shall be judged most fit and convenient. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh, the First Day of May, One Thousand seven hundred and Thirty Five, In the Eighth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the second.

William Gooch

God Save the King

[On p. 91 of Vol. 1324 of C. O. 5 is a proclamation dated November 1, 1735, proroguing the Assembly to February 5, 1735/36. This is followed by another dated December 10, 1735, proroguing the Assembly to May 29, 1736; and another dated April 22, 1736, proroguing the Assembly to August 5, 1736.]

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1324, p. 93]

Virginia S^r

By His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and
Commander in Chief, of this Dominion

A Proclamation for the more effectual putting in Execution the
Laws concerning the Militia: And for preventing the un-
lawful Concourse of Negros, and other slaves

Whereas, it is necessary, for the Safety and Defence of this Colony, that the Militia be kept in a due Discipline, and well provided with Arms and Ammunition, and in a readiness to oppose and Suppress, as well Foreign Invasions of Indians, as Intestine Insurrections of Slaves: I have thought fit, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council, to issue this Proclamation,

hereby requiring, in his Majesty's Name, all and every the County Lieutenants, as well as other Subordinate Officers of the Militia, to cause private Musters to be made, of the several Troops and Companies under their Command, at such Times and Places as they shall judge most convenient, for the Listing, Training, and Exercising all such Persons as by Law ought to serve therein.

And, to the End all Persons oblig'd to serve in the Militia, and who ought to be furnished with Arms and Ammunition, as the Law directs, may no longer be excused from this necessary part of their Duty, I do, with the Advice aforesaid hereby further Order and Direct, That the County Lieutenant, or other Chief Commanding Officer, residing in each County, within this Colony, do take care, that a Court Martial be appointed and held, at the Time and Place appointed for holding the same; and to cause to be fined, all Persons whatsoever, who shall have absented themselves from General or Private Musters, or shall have appeared there not Armed and Accoutred as the Act of Assembly doth direct and require. And, for preventing the Dangers which may happen from the unlawfull Concourse of Negroes, I do further Charge and Command every County Lieutenant, or other Commanding Officer of the Militia, at such Times as they shall judge necessary, to appoint and direct such and so many of the Militia, of their respective Counties, to be drawn out, and to Patrol in all convenient and necessary Places; and from Time to Time to cause the said Parties or Detachments to be relieved by others, as Occasion shall require, for dispersing all unusual Concourse of Negroes, and other Slaves, and preventing any dangerous Combinations amongst them, especially during the Holy-Days, wherein they are exempted from Labour.

And for further preventing the Dangers which may happen, from Insurrections of Slaves, I do hereby with the Advice aforesaid, strictly Charge and Command, That all Persons serving in the Militia, who shall during the said Holy-Days, repair to their Parish Churches or Chappels, do take with them their Arms, Ammunition, and Accoutrements; and the Captains and Subaltern Officers, of the Militia, are to take Care the same be done accordingly.

And, I do appoint, that the Proclamation be read and Published, at the Court-House of each respective County, within this Colony by the Sherifs of the said Counties, respectively. Given at the Council Chamber, in Williamsburgh, the 29th Day of October 1736 In the Tenth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch

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Virginia S*

By his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and
Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation Proroguing the General Assembly*

Whereas the General Assembly summoned to be held at the Capitol the first Day of August One thousand seven hundred and thirty five And by Writ of Prorogation begun and holden on Thursday the fifth Day of August last past stand Prorogued on Thursday the twelfth Day of January next. And Whereas I have advised with his Majesty's Council and find no Urgent Occasion for the s^d Assembly's meeting so soon I do therefore by Virtue of the Powers and Authorities to me Granted by his Majesty by this Proclamation in his Majesty's Name Publish and Declare that I have Prorogued the said Assembly and it is hereby Prorogued to Thursday the Twelfth Day of May next At which time I do require every respective Member that they fail not to Give their Attendance Accordingly. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the xvith Day of December MDCCXXXVI In the Tenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the second

William Gooch

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Memorandum that another Proclamation Issued the 5th Day of May 1737 Proroguing the said Assembly Until the 28th Day of July Next following

Memorandum that another Proclamation Issued the 16th Day of July 1737 Proroguing the said Assembly Until the 24th Day of November Next following

Memorandum that another Proclamation Issued the 26th Day of October 1737 Proroguing the said Assembly Until the 12th Day of January Next following

Memorandum that another Proclamation Issued the 15th Day of December 1737 Proroguing the said Assembly until the 25th Day of May next following

Memorandum that another Proclamation issued the 22^d Day of April 1738 Proroguing the said Assembly until the tenth Day of August next following

Memorandum that another Proclamation issued the 15th Day of June 1738 Proroguing the said Assembly until the 1st Day of November

*This proclamation, though similar to other proclamations of prorogation which have been omitted, is printed entire because of the attached memoranda.

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1324, p. 282]

Virginia S^t

By his Majestys Lieutenant Governor and
Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation for Prohibiting the Exportation of Grain
or Flower or Meal made of the same

Whereas by repeated Advices from all parts of this Dominion it appears there are great Apprehensions of a General Scarcity of all manner of Grain and that if speedy care be not taken to prevent the Exportation of such Corn Wheat and other Grain of the last Crop yet remaining in the Country the Inhabitants will be greatly distressed I have thought fit by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council to issue this Proclamation hereby strictly Prohibiting all Persons whatsoever to Export out of this Colony after the tenth Day of this Present Month of August Any Wheat Indian Corn Pease or other Grain whatsoever or Flower or Meal made of the same until the last Day of October next Under the Penalties & Forfeitures mentioned & contained in the Act of Assembly in the first Year of his Present Majesty's Reign Intituled "an Act for Prohibiting the Exportation of Grain in times of Scarcity" and I do hereby strictly charge and Command the Naval Officers and other Officers of the Customs within this Dominion that they cause to be Seised all such Ships or Vessels in which such Grain or other Commodities aforesaid shall be laden in Order for Exportation and to Prosecute the Owner or Owners of such Wheat Corn or other Grain & Commodities aforesaid for the Penalties & Forfeitures imposed by the said Act of Assembly unless the Owner or Owners of the same shall in Convenient time after the Publication hereof reland or cause to be relanded and disposed of in this Colony And to the end none may pretend Ignorance herein I do appoint this Proclamation to be forthwith Read and Published at the several Court Houses Churches & Chappels within this Dominion and that the sherifs of the respective Counties take care the same be done accordingly Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the 5th Day of August 1737 In the Eleventh Year of his Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch

God Save the King

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1324, p. 283]

Virginia S^s

By his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Com-
mander in Chief of the Colony & Dominion of Virginia

A Proclamation for continuing the Prohibition of the
Exportation of Indian Corn or Meal made
of the same

Whereas by Proclamation bearing Date the 5th Day of August last the Exportation of Corn & other Grain was Prohibited until the 30th Day of this Present Month And Whereas upon Consideration of the shortness of the Present Crop of Indian Corn it is found necessary to continue the same Prohibition as to Indian Corn for a longer time but to Allow the Exportation of Wheat Pease and Beans as less necessary for the support of the Inhabitants I have therefore thought fit by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council to Issue this Proclamation hereby strictly Prohibiting the Exportation of Indian Corn or Meal made of the same until the 20th Day of June next Under the Penalties contained in the Act of Assembly made in the First Year of his Present Majestys Reign Intituled "An Act for Prohibiting the Exportation of Grain in times of Scarcity" and I do hereby require the Officers of his Majestys Customs in the several Districts and all others whom it may concern to use their utmost diligence to Detect & Prosecute the Offenders for the said Penalties inflicted by Law and I do appoint this Proclamation to be Read and Published at the Court Houses Churches and Chappels in each respective County within this Colony and that the Sherifs take care the same be done accordingly. Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh this 26th Day of October 1737 In the Eleventh Year of his Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch

God Save the King

[On p. 1 of part 7 of Vol. 1325 of C. O. 5 is a proclamation dated May 5, 1739, proroguing the General Assembly from May 15, 1739, to July 12 next. This proclamation omits the words "Whereas I have advised with his Majestys Council of State & find," reading simply: "I find no urgent occasion." This is followed by a proclamation dated June 13, 1739, proroguing the General Assembly from July 12, 1739, to November 22 next. This proclamation omits the same words as above.]

[C. O. 5, Vol. 1325, part 7]

Virginia S*

By his Majestys Lieutenant Gov' and
Commander in Chief of this DominionA Proclamation for apprehending Seamen Absenting them-
selves from their Duty on Board his
Majesty's Ships of Warr

Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne Intituled An Act prohibiting seamen being Harbour'd or Entertained on Shore It is Enacted That every Seaman that shall run away or absent himself unlawfully from the Ship or Vessel he belongs to Shall be and is thereby liable to be taken up and secured by any person or Persons and upon a warrant from a Justice of the Peace of the County where he is taken up Conveyed from Constable to Constable till he be put on Board the Ship or Vessel he belongs to and that if any ordinary Keeper or other Person shall entertain Harbour or Conceal any Sea man except he be able to give a good account that he is about his Lawfull Business Such Ordinary Keeper or Person shall forfeit and pay Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco to him her or them that will Inform or sue for the same in any Court of Record in this Colony and Dominion And Whereas the Absence of Seamen from their Duty on Board his Majesty's Ships of War Especially at this Juncture may be attended with many Dangerous and Evil Consequences I have therefore thought fit by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council of State to Issue this Proclamation in his Majesty's Name thereby strictly Charging and Commanding all Sheriffs Constables Officers and Ministers of Justice and other his Majesty's Liege Subjects that they Diligently intend the putting the said Act in due Execution by apprehending any Such seaman or seamen as by the said Act is Directed who shall be found Travelling or going about from Place to Place unless he or they shall produce a Certificate From the Capt. or Lieutenant of the Ship to which he belongs expressing that he or they have Leave to be absent with the Cause or reason thereof and that no ordinary Keeper or other Person or Persons do presume to receive Harbour or Entertain any Such Seaman or Seamen without such Certificate upon any pretence whatsoever Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh this 23^d Day of October [1739] in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the second.

William Gooch

[On pp. 3 and 4 of part 7 of Vol. 1325 is a proclamation dated November 1, 1739, proroguing the General Assembly from November 22, 1739, to January 31 next [1739/40]. This reads as usual. There follows a proclamation dated January 9, 1739/40, proroguing the General Assembly from January 31, 1739/40, to May 22 next [1740]. This reads like the proclamation dated May 5, 1739.]

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