

James Heath
sworn Clerke of
the Council.

The Clerke of the Council's place being voyd } by the discharge of M^r John Llewelin the hon^{ble} Coll. William Digges and Maj: Nicholas Sewall

Liber B.
P. R. O.

Vide oath Principall Secretarys present to this Board James
Lib: fo: Heath to be Clerke of the Council which was ac-
cepted and the said Heath accordingly sworn.

John Loder appears }

John Loder according to a summons by
order of the Hon^{ble} Coll: Henry Darnall and
Maj: Nicholas Sewall makes his appearance. Coll. Darnall and
Maj: Sewall required the said Loder to give an account to this
Board what he had to alleage against Capt: Croft Com^r of his
Maj^{ty}'s Ketch the Deptford according to his the said Loders
report of the wrong he had received att the hands of the said
Croft. The which the said Loder gave as foll: upon oath.

John Loder's Decla }
agt Capt: J^{no} Croft }

The Declaration of John Loder Merchant
of the Ketch Mary at Boston in New Eng-
land Testifieth that being arrived att Poynt Comfort in Vir-
ginia with his said Ketch (designing a trade in Virginia and
Maryland) in December last past there meets with Capt: John
Croft Com^{ander} of the Deptford Ketch who demanded to see
his Coquett or Certificate of the goods loaden on board her the
which the said Loder produced under the officcr's hand and
seal of the King's Custom house in Boston aforesaid against
wh^{ch} the said Croft made severall groundless objections ques-
tioning the authority of the officer the Power of any to grant
such Certificate yea the Government of New England alsoe
together with many other frivolous objections undertaking
likewise to be not onely the Interpreter of the Law but the
Executioner alsoe as will appeare by the illegall procedure of
the said Croft against the said Loder for having first judged
him (in his own weak opinion) a Transgressor of the Law
immediately proceeds to the execution thereof by taking pos-
session of the said Ketch sending three of his men on board
her and fetching away on board his Man of Warr Ketch the
said Loder, the Master of his said Ketch and two of his men,
and this without proceeding to condemnation, the said Loder
being with his Vessell thus under Custody and detained from
proceeding or goeing about his lawfull occasions in the way
of Trade to his very great damage and detriment in the Loss
of time, demurrage of the Vessell, Loss of a Markett, together
with many other Prejudices and Inconveniencies that there on
necessarily ensue And seeing noe way of Remedy or Redress
by Law against such a lawless person, it being then four
months to the Court was therefore necessitated to yield to the
unreasonable demands of the said Croft which were noe less
than five Barrells of English Brandy or Spirits, two Barrells of
Jamaica Sugar, one piece of shirting flannell And one case of