

appointed His Exc<sup>y</sup> Lionel Copley Esq<sup>e</sup> Chief Justice, and <sup>Liber K.</sup> Capt<sup>n</sup> Nehemiah Blakistone, Col Henry Iowles, Col George Robotham, Maj. Nicholas Greenberry, Thom<sup>s</sup> Tench, Maj. Robert King, Doctor John Brooke M<sup>r</sup> John Addison and M<sup>r</sup> Robert Mason Justices of the said Court

Major James Smalwood of Charles County a near Neighbour unto and well acquainted with most or all of the Indians in the said County is called in, and hath intimated unto him that his Exc<sup>y</sup> pursuant to his Majestys Instructions and according to former Articles with s<sup>d</sup> Indians is desirous to have some Conference with them, in Order to the renewing ratifying and confirming their antient League and Peace with the English, to which End and Purpose the said Major Smalwood is desired and hereby required to acquaint the Great Men of the several Nations of the said Jndians with his Exc<sup>ys</sup> Arrival here, and that they will give him a Meeting at S<sup>t</sup> Marys on the tenth Day of May next the time appointed for convening the General Assembly of this Province; and that the said Major Smalwood for the better Dispatch and Expedition in the Premises be authorised and empowered by Warrant from this Board to press Horse or horses, as Occasion shall require

Presented to the Board and ordered to be read Major Sewalls Petition to the King in Council and the Order of Council thereon passed the 19th day of November Anno Domini 1691 as follows (Viz<sup>t</sup>)

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty  
The humble Petition of Nicholas Sewall

Sheweth

That Your Petitioner some time in October 1689 after the <sup>p. 4</sup> Turn of Government in Maryland, being with several Persons of that Province forced by the violent Proceedings of some Persons there to fly for their Security to the Colony of Virginia, from which Place on the 28th of Decem<sup>b</sup> following Your Petitioner was necessitated to return privately in a small Vessel of his own to his Plantation in Maryland, in order to take some Provisions for his Support in Virginia; It happened that whilst your Petitioner was at his own house with his Wife and Family, One M<sup>r</sup> John Payne formerly a Comptroller under King James having Notice that your Pet<sup>r</sup> was returned from Virginia did on the third of January 1689 with several armed Men at an unseasonable time of Night come to seize your Petit<sup>rs</sup> Vessel then riding at an Anchor in Patuxent River, but the Persons who had Charge of your Petitioners Vessel being unwilling to suffer the said Payne to come on board with the force he brought with him they at the same time