

At a Council held at the City of St Maries
The 3rd day of Aprill Anno 1689

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The hon^{bte} { William Joseph Esq^r
Coll Henry Darnall
Coll William Digges } present
Clement Hill Esq^r }

Came before this board M^r Francis Ienkins Sher: and M^r Thomas Iones Commisioner of Sumerset County and made Complaint That by the default and absence of their Clerke the County Levy and other the Counties buisines had bin retarded and delayed for want of Courts being of late held.

Ordered that an Instrument be drawne for the settling all matters in the said County which follows vizt

To the Comissioners for the peace and tryall of causes of Sumerset County Court and to all others to whome those presents shall come Greeting Whereas it is complained to his Lordsp^s Council that there has bin noe tryalls either for Criminalls or betweene any other person or persons in the County Court of Sumerset County since the last november Court then and there held by reason in some part of the absence of the Clerk of the same County Court and some disputes have happened whether the former comissions by which the Iustices of the said court did formerly sit were fallen or not Wee doe therefore for quieting and settling of all matters and for the Laying of the County Levy for the last year which is not yet layd and the bringing to tryall of all matters and causes Declare publish and order That the County Levy be layd the last Tuesday of this present month of Aprill and that all causes whatsoever come to tryall in Iune Court doe as if the said had bin Legally adjourned both in January and March Courts last past and to sit by and according to their last Comissions to which the Comissioners have beene legally sworne without takeing any notice of a later Comission to which they have not bin sworne and which is hereby superseded And the former ordered to be in full force and vertue And it is hereby ordered that the sheriffe of the said County of sumerset forthwith make publick proclamacon hereof in the most publick places of the said County That all persons may take notice of the same Given dated the 9th April 1689 p. 230

The said M^r Francis Ienkins also made complaint against M^r William Aylward the said Clerke of Sumerset County aforesaid he haveing power to Grant Warrants in that County for the laying out of lands That he had taken of severall persons Extraordinary fees for such warrants