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The Council again sate and were p^rsent.

His Ex^{ncy} ffran^s Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^{rl} &^{ca}
Coll Henry Jowles
Colonel George Robotham
Thomas Tench Esq^r
Colonel Charls Hutchins &
James ffrisby Esq^r

The heads of the Militia law lately drawne up by his Ma^{tys} hon^{ble} Councill being fairly writt out together with three Sev^rall Answers of this Board last Saturday drawne up being perused were sent to the house by the hon^{ble} Colonel Robotham & Esq^r Frisby.

Who returne and Say they have delivered the Message. The Report of the Com^{itee} about the Church & ffree School with the Resolves of the House thereon being read the following Remarques by this Board are made thereon.

Viz^t As to the Houses Opinion to Cap^t Hollands paym^t of the tob: as they were last Sessions 1697.

This Boarde are of the Same Opinion as the Gentⁿ of his of his Ma^{tys} hon^{ble} Councill were of the last Assembly do agree with the Reporte of the Com^{itee} as to the rest of it according to the Sev^rall Resolves and Concurrences of the House of Delegates.

This Board having taken into their serious Consid^racōn One Clause of the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lords Com^{rs} Letter in relation to the Duty of ten p Cent upon European Goods carryed from hence to pensilvania. It is demanded by his Ex^{ncy} that the Gentlemen of the Councill would give their Opinion whether the said Imposition was an Obstruction ag^t Exportation of European goods from England to that place, Who p. 61 having well weighed the said Matter do unanimously agree that the Same is no manner of Obstruction at all.

As to that parte which mencōns some partiality used in the Execution of that Law, this Board do referr to the Sev^rall proceedings in Assembly any ways tending that way.

It is proposed that for the Encouragem^t of the people of this province a law be made that all psons actually inhabiting and residing within this province may have liberty to importe Rumē and other liquors from pensilvania paying only 9^d p Gall: therefore.

Produced and read a letter by his Ex^{ncy} recd from the R^t hon^{ble} the Com^{rs} of his Ma^{tys} Customes dated the 26th of March 1697 Concerning a Certain Ship called the Sam^l and Mary of Biddiford Dan^l Hayns Ma^r having given a Naviga-