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County. Who tooke the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup> instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy & Subscribed the Test & Association.

Read a Petitionary Bill for Confirming One hund<sup>d</sup> Acres of Land given by Cap<sup>t</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Ladd of Calvert County deceased to the ministry of Christ Church in Calvert County afs<sup>d</sup> Which Bill was sent to the House of Delegates by Col Hamond and Colonel Jenkins.

The Petition of Joseph & Mary Vansweringen Exec<sup>ts</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Garret V'sweringen of S<sup>t</sup> Marys County deceased praying a Bill might be pas<sup>t</sup> for selling Lands late of M<sup>r</sup> John Llewelin & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Withers for paym<sup>t</sup> of their just Clayms from those Estates was read well approved of & recomended to the house.

Came the hon<sup>ble</sup> Robert Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> & was added to the Boarde.

p. 25 His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> acquaints the Board that he had, to prevent the Charge of calling the Comitte appointed to concert Methods for the defence and security of this Province, lent the Country two hund<sup>d</sup> pounds Sterl by Bills of Exch. which he sent to Colonel Addison to pay off the Rangers.

Ordered by the Board that the honb<sup>le</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> go and acquaint the house therew<sup>th</sup>

Also sent by the honb<sup>le</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> Petition last Menconed.

Then read the Petition of several Merch<sup>ts</sup> trading in Potomack River representing to his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> and the Council what great Inconveniencies they are put to by means of the great Distance between the aboade of the p<sup>sent</sup> Coll<sup>r</sup> & Navall Officer assigned for that District. Which being Considered was ordered to be thus endorsed

By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council in Assembly  
May the 4<sup>th</sup> 1700.

Upon Consideration of this Petition as well for securing his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Dues and p<sup>venting</sup> Frauds and for dispatch of Trade it is ordered that the Collector be and is hereby obliged to appoint & keepe a Deputy in the Upper part near the Nav<sup>l</sup> Officer, and the Said Naval Officer in the like manner to keep a Deputy neere the Collector, who are hereby charged & required dilligently to attend their Duty so that no fraude or false Trade be Suffered in any part of the s<sup>d</sup> River.

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Concl

Sent to the House by M<sup>r</sup> Tench  
The Board adjourned untill 8 of the Clock to mor morning