

quently the publick Arms are destroyed & Embezelled as also the Ammunition Sold or otherwise decayed so that it often happens not to be fit for Service and that thro the mismanagement in the keeping & preserving the same and especially both the Arms & Ammunition are lyable to many unforeseen Casualtys upon the Death of the Commander in chief of any County where the same are Lodged as may appear by the Petition & Deposition herewith sent you we cannot but think it highly worthy the consideration of this General Assembly to appoint convenient twelve foot Houses near the County Court Houses in each respective County wherein to lodge the said Arms & Ammunition belonging to each County so that they may be the more easily viewed (as well by the Justices of the County Courts if they see fit as also the Commander in chief of each respective County) which will be the best means we can propose not only for the security and Preservation of the said Arms and Ammunition but will also be a means to keep them well fixed & fit for the Countrys Service

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Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Coun.

Carryed down to the House by Col Whittington & Cap^t Dorsey with the Petition against Ordinary Keepers Entertaining Sailors

The Petition of Col Thomas Hammond M^r Richard Colegate M^r Edward Stephenson & M^r W^m Talbot of Baltimore County against Settling their Court House at Joppa read and referred to the Consideration of the House of Delegates

Carryed down by Cap^t Dorsey

It being represented by the Officers of her Majesty's Customs in the District of Potowmack that several Vessels from Great Brittain & else where anchor & ride and sometimes lye on Ground on the Maryland Side of Potowmack but refuse to enter or clear in this Province

The said Representation being considered & debated resolved by this Board that all Ships & Vessels which lye at Anchor on the Maryland side of Potowmack river above Forty Eight Hours be obliged to Enter & Clear with the Officers of her Majesty's Customs in this Province and pay the Duty of Tonnage &c

The Council adjourned till nine of the Clock to morrow morning

Fryday Novem^r 7th 1712

The Honble her Majesty's Council Sate Present as yesterday

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