

Jan^{ry} the 30th 1696.

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P^rsent

His Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r & S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^t Secry

A Consultacōn
abt the Ship
Charles of
Topsham

M^r Attorney & Sollicito^r Gen^{ll} being sent for
came accordingly to whom his Ex^{ncy} was pleased
to propose whether the Ship Charles of Topsham
Rich^d Bass Master (being Accused for breach of the Acts of
the 12th 14th & 15th of King Charles the Second for bcng an
Unfree bottom & unqualified to Trade in this Province and
a Tryall thereon having been had by a Speciall Court and
Jury & being Returned upon the p^rmises not guilty by the
Jury and Judgm^t by the Court given for her discharge) may
legally Load with Tob^o & Export the same; who (after Some
Consultacōn thereon had) do say that his Ex^{ncy} taking a Copy
of the Proceedings of the s^d Court together with a Copy
of the Certificates from the Commission^{rs} of his Ma^{ty}s Customs
here produc^d by the s^d Master and Remitting the same to
the R^t hon^{ble} the Lords of the Treasury for their Lordships
Judgm^{ts} therein, and upon the s^d Bass^{es} giving Bond with
Sufficient Security to Stand and abide their Lord Ships
determination in the p^rmises, That then his Ex^{ncy} may without
any detrim^t or damage permit the s^d Ship to Load with Tob^o
and Export the same pursuant to the Ten^r of his Bond passed
in England.

By his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r &^{ca} & Jan^{ry} 18th 1696.

Ord^r abt an
Idle Report
sent to be
published in
each County
of the Province
abt the fleets
Sayling

Whereas an Idle Report hath been lately spread
abroad in this County of Ann Arrundell how that
the ffeet is not to Sayle untill May, and that as
if a Sort of Declaracōn had been publickly Read
last County Court to the s^d Effect, which is a most
apparant and Notorious falsity; the Comōdore
having not yet prefixt the time, but will be shortly sent to
upon that Acco^t Ordered therefore that the Sherff. of the
s^d County do imēdiately publish this throughout the Severall
parts & p^rinct. of his Bayliwick to the End the people may
be undeceived and not give Credit to such foolish and
palpable lyes & stories.

Signed p Ord^r

Hen: Denton Cl Concil.