

sons I doubt not but your Lordships may perceive, being P. R. O.
they are wholly bowyed up by a gainsaying & restless party.

And now, my Lords, Colonel Iohn Addison M^r Robert Smith & M^r James Sanders, three of her Ma^{ty}s Council here being dead Since the last appointment, and Colonel Robert Quarry lives in Pensylvania a good distance hence, & has so much publique Business on his hands; 'tis allmost impossible to have his Advice or Assistance when wanted, & that M^r Thomas Brooke one of the Boarde never comes to Council there is a necessity to have the Vacancys of that Boarde Supply'd. And Since there are but four left on this side the Bay to meete on any Emergency whatever, and those on the other side many tymes in bad Weather not able to come, I humbly propose Colonel Iohn Contee to be One, who lives in the midst of the most considerable Papists in Charles County, and presume Your Lordships will judge it reasonable to have a person of Spiritt & Authority where there is So absolute an Occasion altho he was not named in the List of the twelve, and Samuel Young Esq^r Colonel Thomas Greenfield, & Seth Biggs Esq^r if her Ma^{ty}e and your hon^{ble} Boarde thinke fitt to remove M^r Thomas Brooke who has two owne Brothers Iesuites in the Province, & himselfe but a late Convert, & Still a favourer of that party. My Lords, One of the twelve formerly named is dead, to witt, M^r Henry Coursey, others refuse to act having streight lac'd Consciences, Colonel Bigger unable to ride on horsback hither, & others I designe within the number of the four Itinerant Iudges as Colonel Thomas Smith &c. And humbly lay the four before-mentioned before your Lordps Consideration as persons of good fortune and probity. And presume for the foregoing reasons to present a fresh List of twelve, having now a better knowledge of persons and things in this province then could be well imagined I should have So Suddainly after my arrivall here.

The Law for Ordinary Lycences will expire the next Session of Assembly, So that I wayte Your Lordps farther directions in that matter; for I am confident the Assembly will be very unwilling to anex that perquisite to S^r Thomas Laurences her Ma^{ty}s Secrys Office without Some Order to oblige them So to do.

Richard Clarke and his prodigall Companions lately sett an Expedient on foote to retrieve Some of their Shatter'd fortunes, and carry on their base designes which was forgeing and counterfeiting a considerable Quantity of false money like unto the peices of the Eight of Spaine and the Dollars of the Low Countrys which they made of pewter glass and other mixt Mettall; but the Cheate being presently detected,