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Weather will permit a full Council be called to meet hereon the 23^d instant or Otherwise that the Gov^r will be pleas'd to send Copies of the Scheme afs^d to the several absent Members & receive their Sentiments thereon & accordingly transmit his answer to the person from whom he rec^d the said project

At a Council held at the Capitol the 6th
day of March 1731

Present

The Gov^r

James Blair Cole Digges &
John Custis Esq^r

Whereas the Counties of Stafford & King George were by an Act made last Session of Assembly divided & a new County erected called by the Name of Prince William County which S^d County is now entitul'd to the priviledge of chusing two Burgesses to represent them in the Gen^l Assembly

Ordered That a Writ issue for electing two Burgesses for the said County to serve in the next Session of Assembly w^{ch} is to meet the 18th of May & a Writ was prepared & Sign'd by the Gov^r accordingly

At a Council held at the Capitol the 17th
day of March 1731

Present

The Governour

M' Com^r Blair John Carter
W^m Byrd John Custis &
Cole Digges Will. Randolph Esq^r

The Governour Communicated to the Board the advices he lately receiv'd that the Publick Warehouses at Deep Creek in the County of Lancaster were last Week in the night Time set on fire & burnt down by Some malicious & evil dispos'd persons as yet unknown & desiring the Opinion of the Board in what manner the Authors of so great a Villany may be detected & brought to punishment & the like Attempts prevented for the Future It is the opinion of this Board & accordingly Ordered that a Proclamation issue offering a Reward of one hundred pounds Curr^t money to any one that shall discover the person or persons concern'd in burning the S^d Warehouses & that if any of the Actors in that Felony shall make such Discovery of their Accomplices Such Discover[er] shall have his Majesty's most gracious pardon and be also entitl'd to the said Reward of one hundred pounds so as the persons

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accused be thereof Convicted And to the end the Ignorant may be inform'd of the Penalties inflicted by Law for such Offences It is ordered that Notice be given in the s^d Proclamation that by an Act made last Session of Assembly, the malicious burning of Tob^o Houses or other Houses is deced [decreed] to be Felony & the Offenders ousted of all benefit of Clergy & that the Justices of the Peace in the sevl. Counties do Cause to be Secur'd & bound to the good behavior all such as they shall Find going about to stir up the People to any Acts of Violence in Opposition to the Establish'd Laws, And it is further Ordered that the Inspectors do appoint some trusty person to keep watch at the respective Warehouses at Such times as they do not attend themselves.

Ordered that a new Writ Issue for electing a Burgess for the County of Surry in the Room of Henry Harrison Esq' now appointed by his Majesty to be one of his Council of this Colony

The Governour was pleas'd to acquaint the Board that Since their last meeting he had been obliged to appoint two new Inspectors in the Room of two lately dead (viz.) John Snead in the Room of R^d Drumond one of the Inspectors in Accomk County & Pelham Moore in the room of John Baily one of the Inspectors in New Kent & King William Which Appointment^t was approv'd

On reading a Representation from the Sheriff of the County of King William setting forth that by reason of the Severity of the Winter & other Accidents the Inhabitants of the s^d County had not obtain'd their Tob^o to be inspected nor procur'd Inspectors Notes for the paym^t of his Maj^{ty} quit rents & other dues arising in the s^d County whereby he is disabl'd to make up his Acco^{ts} & praying that further time may be given him for collecting the publick dues of his County before he be discharged of his office. It appearing to the Board that divers other Sheriffs labour under the same Inconvenience It is therefore resolv'd that none of the s^d Sheriffs unless they desire it be discharg'd from their offices till the Courts held for the respective Counties in the month of July to the end they may be the better enabl'd to perfect their collection of the publick Dues.

Whereas there was this day laid before the Board the Opinion of his Majesty's Atty Gen^l upon a case stated touching the payment of six pence per M^o to Greenwich Hospital by persons employ'd in Sloops & other Vessells transporting Tob^o cross the Bay or into the province of Maryland to be there laden for Great Britain & it appearing in the State of the s^d Case there are divers Misrepresentations of Matters of Fact the Governour is therefore requested to cause a true State of the Case to be drawn up & transmitted to the Com^{rs} for Greenwich Hospital, for satisfying them that divers of the persons mentioned in the s^d Opinion of his Majestys Atty Gen^l cannot be chargeable with the payment of the s^d six pence per M^o within the intent of the Act of Parliam^t for the more effectual collecting in Great Britain & Ireland & other parts of his

Dominions the Duty granted for the Support of the Royal Hospital at Greenwich & particularly to represent the Case of the People upon the Eastern Shore who are Oblig'd to transport their Tob^o over the Bay in order to it's being shipt for great Britain & many of them to cross the Bay twice a year to attend their necessary Affairs at the Gen^l Courts & have no other means to defray their necessary Expences on these Occasions than by the Sale of their grain & provisions which they frequently bring with them for that purpose & that therefore it would be a hard Construction of the s^d Act of Parliam^t to oblige them or such as they may have Occasion to hire to assist them in their Shallops or other Vessells to pay the like duty as Sailors employ'd in Voyages of a different Nature.

Whereas Capt Joseph Younger of the Ship Nelson in his Voyage hither from London met with a dutch Ship called the Frow Anna of Amsterdam at sea about 70 Leagues Westward of the Western Islands and the s^d Ship being then in great distress & ready to sink the s^d Cap^t Younger took on board his Ship the Master & 21 Men being the whole Crew of the s^d Dutch Ship & hath brought them in hither together with Some European & West India Goods saved out of the s^d Wreck And whereas Application hath been made by Capt Peter Statama M^r of the s^d Wreck'd Ship for leave to land & dispose of the s^d Goods for the Subsistance of himself & his Crew until they can meet with a passage to Great Britain It is the Opinion of this Board & accordingly Ordered that Leave be given to the s^d Joseph Younger to unlade & put on shore the s^d Wreck'd Goods & that Capt. Statama have Liberty to sell the Same for the necessary Subsistance of himself & his Crew.

Sundry Petitions for Leave to take up Lands under his Majesty's Grant were read & allowed (viz:)

To John Woodson & Joseph Dabbs three thousand Acres of Land in Gochland County lying on the back of Rock Castle & Flemings park Creek between Licking Hole & the Byrd & joyning on the Lands of Carleton Fleming Bowler Cocke Stephen Hughs Tho^s Massie Leonard & Tho^s Betlow W^m Cabbell John Woodson Isham Randolph John Bolling Henry Webb & Tho^s Carter Jun^r.

To Tho^s Williams 1500 Acres of Land lying on Arthurs Swamp. in Prince George County adjoining to the lands of Perkins Thomson & Sam^l Chamberlayne.

To John Fitzgerald 5000 Acres of Land in Prince George County beginning on his Land already Surveyed on the S^o side of Namasun Creek & including the Surveys made by W^m Rice & John Hamlin assigned to the pet^r & so extending to Rob^t Bollings upper line on the s^d Creek & to sue out an inclusive Patent for the Same & his other Lands on both sides the afs^d Creek.

To John Fitzgerald 3,000 Acres of Land beginning at a blaz'd white Oak on the N^o side of the middle Creek near a Pond of Water running towards the main deep Creek thence to Hoods line & so to the beginning for the Complement in Prince George County.

To Francis Bolling 2,000 Acres of Land including two hundred Acres survey'd in the Year 1728 for James Cole & by him deserted adjoining to the Pet^r Land already patented with an inclusive Patent for the whole

To John Syme & William Robertson for 6,000 Acres of Land lying on round about Creek in Hanover County including four thousand Acres formerly granted the pet^r by order of Council & four hundred Acres survey'd for Mary English Widow & assign'd to them

To Adam Rutherford for 2,000 Acres of Land on falling Creek including his former patented land in Hanover County.

To George Robertson Clk for 6,000 Acres of Land lying on Flatt Creek in Prince George County & including several Surveys already made for the pet^r in that place

To Will^m Crawly for 1500 Acres of Land including an Entry made by one Tobins & assign'd to the Pet^r in P George County

To Joseph Pritchett for 1000 Acres of Land including the pet^r old Land on Butterwood Swamp in Prince George County

To Will^m Westbrook for 500 Acres of land lying up on the Seller Fork of Deep Creek in Prince George County

To Tho^s Jones for 4000 Acres of Land lying on the west Creek of Deep Creek & the forks thereof & to include his old land thereto adjoining in Prince George County.

To John Michie leave to joyn in one Patent two Surveys containing 400 Acres each lying on Harris's Creek in Hanover County.

On the petition of Geo Woodrooff setting forth that 400 Acres of Land in Caroline County were about three years ago granted by an Order of the Gen^l Court as lapsed to Jn^o Martin who hath not sued out a Patent for the same & praying for a grant thereof It is ordered that the s^d Martin do attend this Board the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to Shew Cause why the s^d Land may not be granted to the Petitioner.

On the petition of Matthew Jouett for a grant of 300 Acres of Land adjoining to Jeremiah Glen Thomas Rice & John Blalock in the Fork of Cubb Creek in Hanover County long Since Survey'd for Benj Henson who hath neglected to sue out a patent for the Same It is ordered that the s^d Henson have notice to attend this Board at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to answer the said petition.

On the petition of Matthew Jouett for a grant of 1000 Acres of Land joining on the Lands of Marmaduke Kimbrow John Horn Tho^s Rice John White & William Harrison both sides the upper