

To W<sup>m</sup> Robertson for sundry Expresses and other  
Contingent Charges..... £99:12<sup>s</sup>:9<sup>d</sup>

And out of the Quitt Rents

To M<sup>r</sup> Commissary Blair  $\frac{1}{2}$  a Years Sallary.....£ 50  
To Coll<sup>o</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Blakiston  $\frac{1}{2}$  a Years additional Sallary.£ 100  
To the Att<sup>y</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  a years addl Sallary.....£ 30

On reading at this Board the Petition [of] Tho<sup>a</sup> Spight of the Province of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina Merchant Setting forth that in June last he imported into this Colony in a Vessel belonging to M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith of Elizabeth River divers Casks of Rum which he afterwards carried over Land into the said Province of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina as by the Certificate of the Customhouse Officers there may appear but forasmuch as the Pet<sup>r</sup> was obliged to pay down the Duty of the said Rum before he could permit to Land the same in this Colony he therefore pray'd that y<sup>o</sup> Rec<sup>r</sup> of the said Dutys in the Lower Districkt of James River may be directed to return the said Dutys seing the Liquors for which the same were paid were not intended for Sail here, but was directly exported, The Gov<sup>r</sup> with the Advice of the Council is pleased to order as it is hereby ordered that the Rec<sup>r</sup> of the Virginia Dutys on Liquors in the Lower District of James River return to the Pet<sup>r</sup> Money paid by him for the Dutys of the aforesaid Rum it appearing to this Board that y<sup>o</sup> same was duly exported without being exposed to Sail in this Colony & so not liable to the payment of the aforesaid Duty.

January the 9<sup>th</sup> 1717

*Present*

The Governor  
Edm<sup>d</sup> Jenings  
James Blair &  
John Lewis Esq<sup>r</sup>

His Majesty having been pleased to send in a New Seal for this Colony together with a Warrant for the Governors using the same, the said Warrant is ordered to be entered in the Council Office, And pursuant to his Majesties Commands the Old Seal was this day broke in Council

The Governor laid before the Council his Majesties Additional Instruction bearing date at Hampton Court the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1717 in the fourth Year of his Majesties Reign whereby his Majesty is pleased to Signify his Royal Will and Pleasure that the Governor do not for the future pass any Act which may any ways affect the Trade or Shipping of Great Brittain without a Clause expressly declaring that the said Act shall not be in force until it be approved and confirmed by his Majesty his heirs or Successors. And the said Instruction is ordered to be entered in the Council Office.

His Majestys Warrant countersigned by the Right Hon<sup>bl</sup> the Lords Comm<sup>r</sup> of the Treasury for paying to Francis Kennedy Esq<sup>r</sup> the sum of £250 out of the Quitt Rents in consideration of his trouble

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in going to South Carolina on the Publick Service of this Government was read and ordered to be entered in the Council Office.

Ordered that Jn<sup>o</sup> Clayton Esq<sup>r</sup> be appointed first Commissioner of the Peace for the County of James City and that a new Commission issue accordingly for the said County.

Ordered that Jn<sup>o</sup> Holloway Esq<sup>r</sup> be appointed first Comm<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>o</sup> Peace for the County of York and that a New Commission of the Peace issue accordingly for the said County with y<sup>o</sup> Addition of the Several Persons recommended to the Governor for the Court of that County.

The Governor taking Notice of divers inconveniencys occasioned by the delay of filling up the places of Surveyors when the same become Vacant by death or otherwise and particularly in the County of New Kent where there has been no Surveyor for a considerable time, And thereupon M<sup>r</sup> Commissary Blair in behalf of the Trustees of the Colledge of William and Mary acquainting this Board that one John Syme of the same County had made application for that Office and was particularly recommended by the Justices y<sup>r</sup> [thereof] of The Governor and Council declared their Satisfaction with the said Syme, but the final approbation of him is referred till a fuller Council.

The Consideration of removing the Arms and Stores of War dispersed through the several Countys to the publick Magazine is referred till a fuller Council

The consideration of delaying the meeting of the Assembly is referred till a fuller Council

January the 16<sup>th</sup> 1717

*Present*

The Governor

Edmund Jenings  
James Blair

Phil Ludwell

Nathaniel Harrison &

Man Page Esq<sup>r</sup>

A Copy of Letten Patents granted by his Majesty bearing date the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1717 in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of his Majesties Reign to Henry Rainsford Esq<sup>r</sup> for an Annuity of £500 per Annum for 31 Years payable out of his Majesties Revenue of Q<sup>t</sup> Rents being attested under the Great Seal of the Mayoralty of the City of London was read and ordered to be entered in the Council Office and delivered to y<sup>o</sup> Rec<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> for his Warrant for paying the said Annuity.

Ordered That the Arms and Stores of War belonging to his Majesty which were dispersed through y<sup>o</sup> several Countys in the time of Coll<sup>o</sup> Notts Government be called in and lodged in his Majesties Magazine at W<sup>m</sup>burgh the same being in danger of becoming unservicable for want of due care taken thereof

For preventing the Inconveniencys which may be occasioned to his Majesties Service as well to the prejudice of his Subjects by the Vacancy of the Officers of Surveyors of the Several Countys until the meetings of the Visitors and Governors of the Colledge, who have had the Nomination of those Officers, It is the Opinion of this Board that so soon as possible after any of the said Officers [Offices] become Vacant