

At a Council Held at the Capitol 6 May 1721

Present

The Governor

Edmond Jenings	Will ^m Byrd
Rob ^t Carter	Will ^m Bassett
James Blair	Nath ^l Harrison
Philip Ludwell	Mann Page
John Lewis	Peter Beverley &
	Jn ^o Robinson Esq ^r *

The Governor & Council was pleased to nominate & appoint the following Persons to be Sherifs of the sev^l Countys for the ensuing year viz^t

Henrico.....	John Soans
Pr: George.....	Jn ^o Scott
Surry.....	Tho: Collier
Isle W ^t	Tho: Walton
Nansemd.....	Cha: Drury
Norfolk.....	Sam ^l Boush Jun ^r
Princess Ann.....	Hilary Mosely
Eliz: City.....	Jn ^o King
Warwick.....	Will ^m Harwood
York.....	Joseph Walker
James City.....	John Netherland
New Kent.....	Nich ^l Aldersey
Cha: City.....	Lewellin Epes
Hannover.....	John Perkins
King W ^m	W ^m Smith
King & Queen.....	W ^m Sutherland
Glocester.....	Jn ^o Washington
Midd ^a	Edwin Thacker
Essex.....	Law ^r Talliaferro
King George.....	Jn ^o Dinwiddie
Richmond.....	John Tarpley
Lancaster.....	Tho: Carter
Northumberl ^d	Rich ^d Span
Westermorland.....	Geo: Turberville
Stafford.....	Geo: Fitzhugh
Accomack.....	Edm ^d Scarburgh
Northampton.....	Ralph Piggol

For the better defence of Rapp^a River and protection of the Trade there agst the attempts of Pyrates; It is ordered that ten Peices of Cannon be transported from James Town and mounted on one or more Batterys, to be erected at such Places in that River, as the Governor shall judge convenient.

Order^d

That such Cannon as are now at York, Tindalls Point & Point Comfort be mounted, and that Batterys be erected for that Purpose at each of the said Places, and that a Supply of Powder and ball be sent thither, out of his Majestys Magazine.

Whereas at a tryal before the hon^{bl} the Gen^l Court upon an Indictment found agst James Robertson Clerk, for uttering scandalous words of his Maj^{ty} King George, It hath appeared that the said words were spoken in the Presence of John Hardyman, then, and now, one of his Maj^{ty}s Justices for the County of Prince George; who contrary to the duty of his office, did for the space of seven months conceal the said Scandalous words: It is therefore ordered, That the said Jn^o Hardyman, be for the said offence, removed from the Office of Sherif of the aforesaid County; And that a Copy of this Order be transmitted to the Court of the said County

On Petition of Tho^s Collier Sherif of Surry County; setting forth the great charge and trouble he hath been at in Collecting and making convenient the Q^u Rents Tobacco of the said County for w^{ch} the 14 per c^t formerly allowed to the Sherifs of that County is not a sufficient recompence and praying a farther allowance for that Service: It appearing to this Board that the Publick Tobacco of that County is so inconvenient by the great number of new Plantations, remote from Water Carriage that 20 per c^t has been and is now allowed even for the Collectors of the Parish Le[v]ys It is therefore ordered, that the like allowance of 20 per cent be given the said Sherif for collecting his Maj^{ty}s Q^u Rents the last year, and that the same be continued 'till further order.

For the better Regulating of Justice in the new created County of Hanover, the Governor wth the advice of the Council, this day nominated and appointed the following Persons to be Justices of the Peace for the said County Viz^t Nich^o Merriwether, Nath^l West, Roger Thompson, Jn^o Perkins, John Syme and David Merriwether

Ordered that the Court for the said County of Hanover be held at the Plantation of Rob^t Jenings; That the Court House be erected there, and that the Sherif of the said County be directed to attend the Justices at that Place.

The following Persons were this day nominated Justices of the Peace for the new erected County of King George Viz: Will^m Robinson, Nich^o Smith, W^m Thornton, Janath^a Gibson, Joseph Strother, Jn^o Spencer, & Jn^o Dinwiddy the first four to be of the Quoram.

Ord^d That the Court for the said County of King George be held at the Place called Millers Plantation on Rapp^a Riv^r, and that the Sherif be directed to attend the Justices accordingly

New Commissions of the Peace were this day ord^d to Issue for the Countys of Charles City, James City, Gloscester, Richmond and Warwick with the addition of sundry new Justices

The Governor having laid before the Council a Letter from his Excell^{ty} W^m Burnet Esq^r Governor of the Province of New York, representing the urgent occasions of that Government to erect Forts for y^e security of its Frontiers, and demanding for that purpose y^e sum of £900 being the Quota appointed to be furnished by this Colony, and w^{ch} he by his Majesties Instructions is directed to demand in case of Necessity: And the Governor desiring the advice of the Board therein the Council do thereupon declare their opinion that as such a Supply has been twice recommended to the Gen^l Assembly,

and refused by the House of Burgesses and the reasons for their refusal humbly represented both to his Maj^{ty} King William & her late Majesty Queen Anne it is not to be expected that the Gen^l Assembly will be induced to consent to any such Contribution now while the same reasons that swayed them then do still subsist and that without the concurrence of the Gen^l Assembly, this Government has no Fund to answer the said Demend—

Will^m Cole Gent producing a Deputation from James Roscow Esq^r Rec^r Gen^l of his Maj^{ty}'s Revenues to Act for him in that Office during his absence in England whither he is now bound for the recovery of his health; the said W^m Cole accordingly took the Oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Abjuration Oath, Subscribed the Test and took the Oath for the due Execution of that Office—

Whereas it has been represented to this Board that divers unskillful Persons take upon them to Pilote Ships in the several Rivers of this Colony to the great danger of the Trade and y^e Prejudice of those who having taken pains to qualify themselves forth at Employment have obtain'd Commissions from the Government. For preventing the like inconveniencys for the future: It is ordered that no Person do presume to take Charge of any Ship or Vessell as Pilote untill he has produced to the Governor a Testimonial of his Qualifications from two Comm^{rs} of his Maj^{ty}'s Ships of War or four Masters of Merchant Ships at least, and shal thereupon obtain the Governors Commiss^o for a Branch in which he is to serve as Pilote, and shal enter his name in the List of Pylotes which the Naval Officers are hereby directed to keep constantly fixed up in their respective Offices. And if any Person not being so Qualifyed and authorized shal presume to act as a Pilote the said Naval Officers are hereby required to return y^e name of such Person to his Maj^{ty} Attorney Gen^l to the end he may be prosecuted for the same; And it is ordered that these Presents be publickly notified by the several Naval Officers in their respective Districts.

The following Warrants on the Rec^r Gen^l to be paid out of his Maj^{ty}'s Revenue of 2^s per hh^d Port dutys and head money were this day Signed by the Gov^r in Council Viz^t

To the Governor half a years Sallary ending y ^e 25 th	
April last.....	£1000
To the Gent ⁿ of his Maj ^{ty} 's Council for the same time.....	175
To the Auditor Gen ^l of the Plantations for the same time.....	50
To the Solicitor of the Virginia affairs for the same time.....	50
To the Attorney Gen ^l for the same time.....	20
To the Clerk of the Council for the same time.....	50
To the Gunner of James City for the same time.....	5
To the Armourer for the same time.....	6
To the sundry Ministers attending last Gen ^l Court and Assembly.....	10

To the Clerk of the Council for sundry Expresses &
 other Conting^t Chag^a.....83£5^s3½^d
 To Cap^t John Martin for his Sloop Ranger, lost in his
 Voyage to S^t Augustine & for sundry Charges of
 Provisions and Stores lost & expended in that
 Service.....499£6^s7^d
 And out of the Q^{ty} R^{ts}
 To Nath^l Blackiston Esq^r a years additional Sallary as
 Agent for Virginia..... £ 200
 To M^r Commiss^{ry} Blair one years Salary..... £ 100
 To M^r Attorney Gen^l one years Additional Sallary.... £ 60

The Acco^{ts} of his Maj^{ty}'s Revenues of 2^s per hh^d Port dutys
 and head money and of the Revenue of Quitt R^{ts} being examined
 by the Auditor were sworne to by the Rec^r Gen^l and Certified by
 the Governour as usual

A Petit^o of the Inhabitants of the Town of Hampton, praying
 a Patent for one hundred & twenty foot in length, and eighteen foot
 in width of the ground lying within the high water mark at the said
 Town, whereon to build a Wharf and Key for the conveniency of
 that Town was presented to the Board and read, and ordered that
 M^r George Walker have notice of y^e said Petition, and that the Partys
 be heard on the 3^d day of the next Gen^l Court.

Tho^s Ravenscroft, W^m Hamlin and W^m Epes Gent^a by their
 Petition complaining of diverse irregular practices of Rob^t Bolling Gent^a
 Surveyor of the County of Prince George tending to defeat the Peti-
 tioners right of Entry in a Tract of Land in the said County. It is
 ordered that the several Parties be heard before this Board on the
 3^d day of next Gen^l Court and that they come prepared with proper
 Evidences to make out their several Pretensions

On the hum^{bl}e Petition of John Tyler, it is order'd that the sum
 of sixteen Pounds Sterl out of his Maj^{ty}'s Revenue of 2^s per hh^d be
 paid him in consideration of his loss by y^e maiming of his Negro man
 Priamus in fixing the great Guns on the Annaversary of his Majestys
 accession to the Throne, over and above the gratuity given him by
 the late Gen^l Assembly.

The Petition of Dan^l Pugh against Lewis Connor is ordered to
 be heard in Council on the 3^d day of next Gen^l Court of w^{ch} the said
 Pugh is hereby directed to give notice to the said Connor.

On reading at this Board the Petition of Cyril Wych eldest Son
 and heir of W^m Wych late of the County of Surry dec^d setting forth
 that his said Father did some Years ago enter for 620 Acres of Land
 on Roanoak River which was then supposed to be within the Province
 of N^o Carolina and did obtain a Patent for the same from that
 Government; but the Pet^r being informed since his father's death
 that the said Land is within the Controverted Bounds, and in proba-
 bility like to fall within the limitts of Virginia upon a fair determina-
 tion of the Controversy; he therefore prays that a Patent may be
 granted him here for the same land, And it is thereupon order'd that
 the said Petition be lodged in the Council office untill the Boundarys
 be adjusted, and that if the land therein mentioned fall within the

limitts of this Govern^t he have leave to make application for a Patent upon such terms as shall be allow'd for other Lands under the like Circumstances.

On the Petition of Rob^t Beverley, setting forth that he having formerly obtained leave to take up and Patent 1200 acres of Land in a place called the little Fork of Rapp^a Riv^r and now finding that he can conveniently make up y^e quantity of 2500 acres, therefore praying liberty to enlarge the said Tract, accordingly it is ordered that leave be granted the Petitioner to enlarge his said Tract of 1200 acres to 2500. This Board being satisfied of his ability to Cultivate the same according to Law

On the Petition of Jn^o Latham of King and Queen County, setting forth that on the 5th of May last, he obtained leave of this Board to take up and Patent 1200 acres of land in one tract in the Fork of Rapp^a River, upon the upper end of M^r Rob^t Beverlys Tract of 4000 acres, and now finding that he can conveniently make the same up 2000 acres at y^e same Place, therefore praying leave to enlarge the said Tract to 2000. It is order'd that leave be granted the Pet^r to enlarge the said Tract according to the Prayer of his Petition.

Several Petitions for taking up lands being presented and read in Council, and this Board being satisfied of the ability of the Pet^{rs} to cultivate the said land according to law,

It is ordered that there be Granted to the respective Pet^{rs} as follows

To Ambrose Maddison—One thousand acres of land in the little Fork of Rapp^a River, adjoining to the Entrys of M^r Rob^t Beverley

To Lawrence Taliaferro & Jn^o Taliaferro—Five thousand acres in Spotsylvania County beginning in a line of the land formerly granted to Petitioners.

To Geo: Allen—Twelve hundred acres on the branches of the Po & Tay Rivers in the County of Spotsylvania.

To W^m Todd, Jn^o Battaile and Jn^o Taliaferro—Twenty thousand acres in Spotsylvania County above Mountain Run, beginning upon the South West Line of M^r Jn^o Baylor and Col^o James Taylor's Land

To Eliz^a Roots—Two thousand acres adjoining to the Entry of Col^o W^m Bassett in Spotsylvania County.

To Jn^o Thornton—One thousand acres on the head of the River Po in Spotsylvania County.

To John Boush—One thousand Acres on the branches of Pomonkey River in Spotsylvania County.

To Thomas Carr jun^r—Six thousand acres upon the head branches of Mattapony River in the County of Spotsylvania.

To W^m Robertson and Larkin Chew—Seven thousand acres in Spotsylvania County on the upper side of Russell Run and including the Mine Run to make y^e s^d Quantity

To Larkin Chew—Six thousand acres in King William County on Pamunkey River, adjoining to the Entrys of Tho: Crook

To Jn^o Robinson and Christopher Robinson—Three thousand acres of Land each, near the Mountains, on the Frontiers of Spotsylvania County.