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Exp.ting the Govern.r & Councell according to ord.r - - -

A meeting held by the vestry of St. James p.rsh att Esq.r Lench his house this 19th day off April 1698 - - -

p.rsent
- the Hon.ble Tho: Lench Esq.r
- Capt. William Holland
- Capt. Robert Lockwood
- Mr. Anthony Smith

The vestry hath thought fitt to Collect & appoynt Mr. Rich.d Purnell Church Warden for this Ensueing year - - -

It is ordered th.t the produce of the three Woemen Servants Sold by the vestry being adjudged for theire haveing Mallatoe Children amounteing in all to the Sume off thirty & two pounds Sterl.g be layd out In Iron Work, Glass & other necessarys for the use of the Church: And th.t Capt. William Holland take the Sayd money or bills Into his hands & Dispose of the shall be here after directed.

It is Thought fitt by the vestry That What timber shall be move off, or Sawed Into plank for the use of the Church upon the Land adjacent belonging to Esq.r Lench, that there be notice thereoff him before anny use be made thereof, And the vallue of left to the vestrys Esteemation -

Ordered th.t the Sherriff of this County pay onto The Hon.ble Thomas Lench Esq.r the Sume of three thousand pounds of Tobco for the use and acc.to of Mathew Hawkins, Augustine Hawkins & Fran: Ruggs Carpenter Imployed about the Church, being the full ballance due to them -

Adjurned till the 12th of April 1698

By his Exc.y the Cap.t Gen.ll &c A Proclamation

Whereas his Majesty hath been Gratiously pleased, by one his Royall Instructions, bearing date att White Hall the 8th day of march 169¾ ond.r his Royall hand & Signett to Impower Francis Nicholson Esq.r

Cap.t Gen.ll & Govern.r in Cheiff in over this his Majesties province of Maryland in America. To grant Licences for Marriages in this his Sayd Province. I Doe hereby In his Majesties name Impower the Cheiff vestry, In each P.rsh Within this p.rvince till further order to grant the Sayd Lycences for Marriages, Takeing Security and fees of all p.rsons to whome such licences shall be granted (viz) Twenty Shillings sterl.g or four hundred pounds tobco according to former useage, as heretofore hath been usually done & taken by former p.sons, Impower'd to get the same, And th.t noe other person Whatsoever p.resume to grant any Marriage Licence, or Many p.sons Contrary upon payne of being p.rsecuted ag.t according to the Intmost severitty of the law, Requireing the p.sons hereby authorized to bring or Send, an acc.t to me of the Sayd Licences & thereoff Annually, and for the Trouble of Sending & granting the same a suiteable Reward shall be allowed them, And hereby ord.r th.t the vestrys of the Severall p.rshes doe Annually transmitt onto me att the port of Annapolis a Transcript of theire proceedings pursuant to the Directions of a Certaine Act of Assembly of this province, in th.t Case made & provided, Commanding the Sheriffs to make proclam.n hereoff in all Churches Chapells & other places of publick meetings Within theire Respective Counties, Wherevnto all p.sons Concerned are to yeald Obedience, and Conforme themselves accordingly:

Given the Port of Annapolis ond.r the Broad Seale of the province day of June In the 9th yeare of his Majesties Reigne Annoq 169-

April the 19th 1698 -

Whereas an agreement Was made (by this vestry With William Sturmey the 5th day of november 1697) for