Came the Marshall & upon Oath acquainted the Board Lib. X.
that upon his going to the Eagle Advice Boat when he was within a small distance of the Ship Cap[t] Bostock asked their Business

Whereupon he told him his Business was with the Commander in chief of that Vessel Captain Bostock answered I am he & then sent the Cockswain on the Ship Side to take what papers he had who took them & in his sight gave them to Captain Bostock & thereupon he requiring An Answer one of the men whom said Marshall sent to him to ask for an answer said he should have one by & By whereupon he tarried in his Boat about half an Hour by the Ship side not being suffered to come on Board & then Cap[t] Bostock sent his Boy to tell him the Orders required no Answer

The further Debate of this matter referred to a full Council

It being Offered that several Merch[t] Ships to the Number of Five were near ready to Sail for England Ordered that p. 325
the Naval Officers clear all such Ships as Can be got ready by the tenth of May next & take their Bond in £1000 Sterl that they will call at Kiquotan in Virginia & joyn themselves with a Convoy if any there or otherwise with any Fleet of Merchant Ships ready to Sail from that Colony to England

The President asks if any of the Board have any thing further at present to offer for her Majestys Service who say not

At a Council held at the Town & Port of Annapolis May the 4[th] 1703

Present

The honble Tho Tench Esq[r] President

the honble { Robert Smith Esq[r] / Col[o] Jn[o] Hammond / Col[o] Edward Lloyd } { Lieu[t] Col[o] W[m] Holland & James Sanders Esq[r] }

The whole Proceedings of the President & Council in Relation to her Majestys Advice Boat Eagle & Captain Nathaniel Bostock the Commander were read & well Approved of and the said Captain Bostock being Sayled with the Vessel out of this Province without any Orders from the Gov[t] Ordered that the State of this matter & the whole proceedings had thereon be laid before the right Honble the Lords Comsrs of Trade & Foreign Plantations the right Honble the Secry of State & the honble the Commsrs of the Admiralty & that Maj[r] William Dent Attorney Gen[l] prepare a Letter for the members of this Board to sign