

Sheriffs in every County by the twentieth of July: that in the List the name and surname of every taxable person, and the house of his abode be distinctly set downe, and one copy of the List faire written be immediately set downe to the Governour and Councell, and an other Copy faire written set up in the Court house at the next County Court in every County respectively, to stand there the whole year. that if the List be false it may be amended, and certified to the Governour and Councell before the first day of september.

Then was taken into consideration an ordinance to encourage Farmers. ordered in his verbis

An ordinance of the Governour and Councell
for the encouragement of Farmers of Leather

For as much as the scarcity of shoes and excessive rate of them hath bene chiefly caused by the supine negligene of the people of this Province skilfull in the mystery of tanning leather whoe have hitherto chosen rather to plant tobacco then follow their art and calling, which would have furnished the Province in some measure with shoes of his owne manufacture, and have bene an example, and have bene an example to other tradesmen to follow their callings likewise, by which means the number of Planters would be much lessned, and by consequence the price of Tobacco much raysed to the apparent advantage of the tradesman whoe is to be payd with Tobacco, as well as of the planter who plants it and for as much as some persons have signified their willingnes to sett on foot that necessary work of tanning since the last Assembly, provided they may be secured of a quantity of hides sufficient to keepe them at work, and at reasonable rates, of which they make some difficulty by reason of the quantity of hides exported to new England