

At a Council held at City of St. Marie the 24th day of February anno Domini 1685.

Col^l Thomas Faillor
Col^l Vincent Lowe
Col^l Henry Tarnall

Col^l W^m Diggert
Col^l W^m Burgert
Maj^r Nicholas Bevall
W^m Flint Hill

Present.

Col^l Faillor
Col^l Lowe
Col^l Burgert
Councill & D^y present

The oathes of privy Councill and Deputy Lieutenant administered by the hon^{ble} Col^l Henry Tarnall and Col^l W^m Diggert unto the hon^{ble} Col^l Thomas Faillor Col^l Vincent Lowe and Col^l William Burgert

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conc: the
of A^{rr}: Coumty

Cam^r W^m George Carhron of the Attorneys of Am^r -
Thomas Coumty Court and informed his board that
W^m Francis Downes having profited himself with the
Commission for the said Coumty to the Commission^r of the
said Coumty at their Coumty Court had committed to him the
Records of the said Coumty but the Records thereof not being
issued were ordered to remain in the hands of W^m Henry
Downes the profiting the while such time as he could
afford them; the said Downes having custody of the said
aforesaid, and by virtue of his said Com^r did issue forth
severall writts and process betwixt Court and Court all
which were by the Commission^r of the said Coumty at the
last Coumty Court admitted vacant and void for ought
alleging that such writts and process were not legally
issued by the said Downes as being no: sworn to;
that Col^l Burgert hearing the opinion of the said Commission^r
in manner aforesaid did then declare to them and advise
that the said Francis Downes was really & bona fide
constituted Clerk of that Court by Commission from the
hon^{ble} the S^{er}vy, and that said Downes was no: long
Clerk there, and therefore recommended to them the
Delivery of the Records to the said Downes to avoid further
trouble, but contrarily they still remained in the custody
of the said Downes by great hindrance & delay of proceedings
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