

Now Ready to give Security for the due Execution of
 the trust & Charge by their Majestys here reposed in him
 according to the late Order of their said Majestys but first is
 Desirous & willing that his said Office be viewed & inspected
 to see in what Condition the Records therein to belonging do
 at present Lie it was thereupon ordered by Advice in Council
 that Capt John Addison & Thomas Smith Esq^r immediately
 repair to the said Office together along with Mr^r Stenley
 Chiefe Clerk Mr^r Attorney Gen^l Mr^r Keythorne Somers & the
 Clerk of this Board where they are to view & inspect the Re-
 cords thereof as likewise the Chancery & Perrogative proce-
 dings & what imperfections are found therein they are to make
 Return thereof to this Board to Morrow morning the provin-
 cial Office Records to be searcht from the date of the Secretarys
 Commission & the Perrogative Office Records to be searcht
 from the Date of Coll^l Blakistons Commission

In Obedience to their Majestys Commands that during
 the War or eminent danger no ship shall sail but in fleets
 or under Convoys & their Majestys Convoys sent with the
 late Fleet now lying at point Comfort near the Capes being
 Ordered to Return by the 7 of November of which Capt Town-
 send the Commis^r having at his Arrival given Notice
 C^ople^{ts} that no ship be cleared but we sail with the said
 Convoys & none to be otherwise cleared either ^{any} before or after for
 England without further orders & that all ships trading
 up the Bay repair to the mouth of Potomack River & all ships
 trading up Potomack repair to the mouth of Potomack
 River or such other place or places as the Collectors shall di-
 rect & all ships trading ^{on} the Eastern Shore to repair to such
 place as the Collector or Collectors there shall Order & appoint
 for their most convenient clearing & layling as directed & upon
 their clearing that the several Collectors take Security of
 the said Masters for their layling to their Convoys at Point
 Comfort of which the Collectors are to give present Notice