

His Excellency's pleasure towards the Gentlemen present
if they have any further to Offer for his Majesty's Service
whom they will

A Council held at the Port
of Annapolis the 21 day of July
in the tenth year of the reign of our
Sovereign Lord King William the third
County Down 1698

Present

His Excellency the Governor

The honorable } Coll^o Henry Towler Chancellor
} Thomas Serck Esq^r

Capt^r Richard Hill & Thomas Tucker Esq^r being cal-
led came

Major William Burton & M^r John Wright of
Purcell's Appearing his Excellency acquaints them that
he has been informed that they had lately been at the
house of Major Walter Smith of Calvert County when the
late King James health was there drunk

The said Gentlemen do say they were there at that
time when the said health was drunk by several there but
that themselves refused to drink it

It was also further Offered that his Excellency had
been made acquainted of such their refusal & how they
had expressed their dislike of drinking that health by tel-
ling those persons that did so that they were a parcel of
Rogues & deserting their Company

Read a Letter to his Excellency from the right honorable
the Lords of the Council of trade & Foreign Plantations