

Monday October the 24 1698

The Council late

Present

His Exc<sup>ty</sup> the Lord Gen<sup>l</sup> &c

Col<sup>l</sup>. George Locke Chamberlain  
 The Lord High Secy  
 Col<sup>l</sup>. John Alderson  
 Col<sup>l</sup>. John Coust  
 Thomas Broucker  
 Thomas Frisby Esq

It being several Bills of Exc<sup>ty</sup> found in the possession of Mr John Key late deceased were produced at the Board

The Gentleman Thomas Leach Esq<sup>r</sup> takes the Oath for increase of trade as he is the Judge of the Admiralty according to the directions of the Act of Parliament made in the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> years of his present Majesty's reign intituled an act for preventing frauds & regulating abuses in the Mananition trade

George Plater Esq<sup>r</sup> being called before the Board is Commissionat Master Officer of the Port takes the Oath appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the oaths of allegiance & supremacy the above mentioned oath for increase of trade

Ordered that Samuel Watkins late naval Officer of the Port be delivered to the said George Plater Esq<sup>r</sup> all his papers Instructions &c specimens belonging to the said Officer of the Port

Maj<sup>r</sup> William Dent takes the oath of his Majesty Alderman in the Court of Admiralty & the oath for increase of trade