

Original
Journal.By the President & Council in Assembly
Octob^r 27th 1703.

Gentlemen.

M^r Rich^d Beard the Person employed & Entrusted to look after the publick Magazine at Annapolis being lately dead The same is now in the Custody of Matthew Beard his son upon which occasion you are desired to appoint some of your Members to join with some of this Board to view the said Magazine and appoint either the said Matthew Beard or some other fitting Person to look after it

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Counl

Sent by Col Lloyd & L^t Col Holland

Came M^r Lynes & M^r Parker from the House with M^r Vanderheyden who in their Presence made Oath to his Naval Officers Accounts as likewise did W^m Bladen to those of his Collection in the Naval Office at Annapolis

Resolved that this Board will write to his Excellency Col Blakiston. Whereupon having given Instructions to the Clerk to prepare the said Letter

They adjourned for half an hour and being again met Present as before the following Letter was read and presented to them which they approved of & severally Signed. Viz.

Maryland Octob^r the 27th 1703S^r

We have the favour of your Excellency's most kind Letter of the Tenth of February last wherein you are pleased to continue to us the assurance of your Friendship and particular Regard for this Province for which we give you our most humble and hearty Thanks assuring you that We shall be always ready to demonstrate our hearty Good Wills & Regards for your Excellency wherein we may be able

As to what your Excell^{ty} intimates in yours concerning M^r Joseph Holt late Rector of William and Mary Parish in S^t Marys County, Due regard was immediately upon receipt of your Letter had thereto and the said Holt suspended as he now stands until application by him be made as by your Letter directed

S^r We are not a little happy even in the expectation of so worthy a Gentleman (to help to make up our Loss in your Excellency) as you are pleased to denote his Excellency Col John Seymour your successour of whom we are very ready to believe your Excellency's Character very just and hope he will meet such treatm^t in this Province as may befit her Majesty's