

Wee doe desire of you to consider of what advantage his said Ex^{cy}s good application may be to us and accept of the sd offer. Original Journal.

Signed p Order
W. Bladen Clk. Concil:

And likewise was read the foll. Lre: from his Ex^{cy}

Gent :

I being with Gods assistance bound for England I will with the uttmost of my power serve you as effectually as I cann in your business of New Yorke but I would not have you to be mistaken to thinke that I am that considerable person as to have the hono^r of his Mat^{ys} Eare, But I will make my application to that Honble Board the Lords Comm^{rs} of Trade who under his Mat^{ty}: are the patrons of the plantacōns and if their Lordsp^s shall Iudge it necessary I shall represent your case to his Ma^{ty} by way of Memoriall or by what other way or methods their Lo^{ps} shall Judge most propper.

Gent: I am to returne you my uttmost acknowledgements for yo^r generous donation beyond my hopes much more my good Intentions of Serving you, are encouraged and the favour is doubled by doeing it at a time when I am going to leave you and believe me I am not linked to your Service by interest but by a sincerity and a traine of obligacōns.

What the Gent: of his Mat^{ys} Councill have offered to your consideracōn about an agent I am ready to give you my Service for the first yeare Gratis and if you thinke what they have proposed to Exceed yo^r Inclinacon you shall make yo^r owne termes for I am very ambitious to approve myselfe

Gent: yo^r most obliged faithfull Serv^t

N. Blakiston.

March the 24th 1701/2.

Which being read in the house it is

Resolved that his Ex^{cy} be desired to except the same upon such termes. To which this house concurs, and,

Ordered, that a Message be prepared and sent for that purpose, which follows.

By the House of Delegates March the 25th 1702.

The message sent yesterday touching an Agent for this province and the opinion of his Mat^{ys} most hon^{ble} Councill and their proposall with his Ex^{cy}s kind and generous offer to assist us therein has been read and Considered on and its