

Lib. C. B. of the Officers at Patuxent, that they imagined the first Entry with the Officers at Patowmeck to be void and consequently any pquisites from such Entry or the payment thereof the Duties on the Negroes not to belong properly to him as Naval Officer, but he humbly hopes that the Naval Officer & Collector of Patux^t will appear to be mistaken for the following Reasons.

1st Your Remonstrant conceives and is advised that the Authority of the Governors of Every Plantation by the Statute 15th Car 2^d Cap 7-8 extends in what is there mentioned over Every Part of the Plantation Colony or Province, and therefore that he cannot by appointing a Naval Officer who is only his Deputy abridge the Power of such Officer in such manner as that a Captain shall not be said to have complied with that Statute by Delivery of a true Inventory &c to any pson authorized to receive it which is a Naval Officer, altho' the Ship should even lye in another District or Port, for that the Statute does not confine the Exercise of the Authority to any Places less than the Land Island Plantation a^d &c And that the Words thereunto authorized only mean the Power of receiving such Inventory and not the particular District in the Plantation where the Vessel is to lye, for if such a Construction were to be put on those Words every Vessel notwithstanding her going into One Port breaking Bulk and Entry would be obliged by the Words of the Statute to make another Entry if she afterwards went into another District

2^{dly} As this Entry with the Officers of Patowmeck was strictly legal This Remonstrant conceives it is highly reasonable for him to insist on it since it is in the Case of a Ship consigned to him, since every Merchant may enter his Ship and Cargo where he pleases

3^{dly} That Lovey about 4 years ago entered in Patowmeck
p. 129 without carrying his Ship in the River, and this Entry was not disputed in Patuxent. Campbell made the like Entry twice and One of them was allowed, the other contested under the Pretext that he was within Patuxent River, and that the Remonstrants Deputy was not present (the latter of these Objections is now removed), notwithstanding which the Naval Officer of Patuxent conscious to himself that I was injured, allowed me half the Advantage of the Entry

Now as your Excellency is the pson appointed by the Laws of Great Britain to see the Acts of Trade duely executed where they extend to the Plantations, so this Remonstrant humbly hopes and is assured, that that great Trust will now as heretofore be exerted in order to the doing Justice to his Majestys Subjects and Traders here, who I humbly conceive should have all the Indulgence that can be allowed them without a