

Lib. C. B. His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter

Whitehall May the 29<sup>th</sup> 1750

Sir

Three Acts having been Passed in the last Session of Parliament wherein the British Plantations are concerned Viz.

An Act for extending & improving the Trade to Africa.

An Act for encouraging the Growth and Culture of Raw Silk in his Majestys Colonies or Plantations in America.

An Act to encourage the Importation of Pig & Bar Iron from his Majestys Colonies in America; and to prevent the Erection of any Mill or other Engine for Slitting or Rolling of Iron; or any Plateing Forge to work with a Tilt Hammer, or any Furnace for making Steel in any of the said Colonies.

I am directed by My Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations to Send you the inclosed Printed Copies of them for your Information & Government in the Several Matters therein Contained I am Sir

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

Tho<sup>r</sup> Hill

P. S. As to the last mentioned Act, to Incurage the Impor-  
 tation of Pig and Bar Iron, I am further directed to recom-  
 mend to you a Punctual Compliance therewith, and in Par-  
 ticular that you do immediately transmit to their Lordships  
 p. 412 Certificates under your hand and Seal of Office, Containing  
 an Account of every Mill or Engine for Sliting and Rolling of  
 Iron, and every Plateing forge to work with a Tilt Hammer and  
 every furnace for making Steel at the Time of the Commence-  
 ment of this Act erected in Your Government Expressing also  
 in the said Certificate such of them as are used, And the Name  
 or Names of the Proprietor or Proprietors of each such Mill  
 Engine Forge and Furnace And the Place where each such  
 Mill Engine Forge & Furnace is erected And the Number of  
 Engines Forges and Furnaces in Your Government; And you  
 are to take Especial Care that if after the time Limited by the  
 said Act any Mill or other Engine for Sliting or Rolling of Iron  
 or any Plating Forge to work with a Tilt Hammer or any Fur-  
 nace for making Steel, shall be erected or Continued within  
 your Government you do Cause the same to be Abated with-  
 in the time and in the manner Prescribed by the said Act

Samuel Ogle Esq<sup>r</sup> Lieutenant

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Governor of Maryland

The said Letter being read and considered and His Excel-  
 lency having procured from M<sup>r</sup> Rock the Proprietor of the only