

tions, betwixt the Lord Baltimore and the Inhabitants of Virginia, concerning the bounds by them respectively claymed, And hath also declared his Intention, with the most convenient speed to settle the government, and other concernments of that plantation, in such a way as may be for the benefit and security of the Inhabitants, and render it most serviceable to the Common Interest, and honour of the Commonwealth, wherein you may receive his Highnes particular determination in due tyme. In the Interim his Highnes hath thought fitt to signifie to you by his Councell (as he hereby doth) That the safety, protection and welfare, of that plantation, (as well as the rest) is under his serious thoughts, and care And to the Intent it may not suffer any Inconvenience by the unfixednes of the government His Highnes hath thought fitt to continue Colonell Bennet (of whom his Highnes hath received a good Character) in execution of the place of Governor, till his Highnes shall further signifie his pleasure in that behalfe, which you may in probability expect by the next Ships, and till such his further pleasure be declared, his Highnes and the Councell recomend it to you, that the publique peace of the plantation be diligently attended. That Love be cherished, and the great Interest of Religion be owned and countenanced whereby you will ingage God's care over you, who alone can make your affaires prosperous, and more oblige this State tenderly to improve their oportunities for your protection, and encouragement.

Signed in the name and by order  
of his Highnes and the Councell.

He: Lawrence. Pr<sup>t</sup>

Whitehall 4<sup>th</sup>  
January 1653.

[Privateering in St. George's River.]

By the Lieu<sup>t</sup> & Governour &c of Maryland

Whereas Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Webber master of the Good Ship Called the Mayflower of London and Merchants & others aboard the Said Ship have lately taken as prize a Ship riding in S<sup>t</sup> Georg's River within this Province. Wherein I doe not think fitt at all to Intermeddle by any authority conferred upon me here, but Leave the Tryall of the busieness to the Court of Admiralty in England, where the Matter touching the Legality of the prize (as I am now given to understand and for ought I know to the Contrary) ought properly to be determined Now These are for the Said Cap<sup>t</sup> Webbers and the Said Merchants better Incouragem<sup>t</sup> (and to remove any Jealousy or distrust which may perhaps be conceived by them upon the Occasion of taking the Said Ship) faithfully to promise and ingage my Selfe (Soe far as in me lies) that they Shall not be any wayes

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