

Captain W^m Claiborne requested the opinion of the Board, how he should demean himself in respect of the Lord Baltimore's Patent and his deputies now seated in the Bay for that they had signified unto Captain Claiborne that he was now a member of their plantation and therefore should relinquish all relation and dependance on this Colony. It was answered by the Board that they wondered why there should be any such question made, that they knew no reason why they should render up the Right of that Place of the Isle of Kent more than any other formerly given to this Colony by his Maj^{ties} Patent, and that the right of my Lords Grant being yet undetermined in England, we are bound in duty and by our Oaths to maintaine the Rights and Priviledges of this Colony. Nevertheless in all humble Submission to his Majestie's Pleasure we resolve to keep and observe all good Correspondency with them, no way doubting that they on their parts will intrench upon his the Interests of this his Majesty's Plantation.

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Captain Mathews to Sir John Wolstenholme.

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Honored Sir,

I have made bold to present you with divers passages concerning our late Governor by the hands of my worthy friend Sir John Zouch. But such was the miserable condition we lived in that it dayly gives just occasion of new complaints which I doe hereby presume to acquaint you withall which I beseech you to credit as they are true in every particular. Sir you may please to take notice that since Sir John Harvie his deteyning of the Letters to his Majestie, the Lords and others concerning a Contract of which Sir John Zouch had onely bare Copies such as the Secretary would give without either his or the Clarkes hand Nothwithstanding he promised me to certefie them under his hand where upon Sir John Zouch declared before his departure that it was not safe for him to deale as Agent in the Cuntreyes affaires as they had desired him to doe having no warrant for his proceedings. And therefore desired that if the Colony would have him deale therein for them They should give him further authority under their hands. To that purpose when a Letter was drawn and carried to the Burgesses to subscribe. The Consideration of the wrong done by the Governor to the whole Colony in detayning the foresaid Letters to his Majestie did exceedingly perplex them, whereby they were made sensible of the miserable condition of the present Governor wherein the Governor usurped the whole power in all causes without any respect to the Votes of the Councell whereby justice was now done but so farr as suited