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John Blomfield Clerk

At the Committee of Trade and Plantations  
Munday the 10<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1676.  
At the Robes Chamber in White Hall

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Present

Lord Privy Seale  
Duke of Ormond  
Earle of Carlisle

Earle of Craven  
M<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup> Williamson

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There was also prepared the draft of a letter to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, the Lord Baltimore Proprietor of Maryland, Sir Georg Carteret Proprietor of New Jersey, and to the Bermudos Company, setting forth, how that the plantation busines (managed lately by a particular Councill) was now referred by his Majesty to a Committee of his Privy Council, and that their Lordships might be enabled to inform his Majesty touching the condition of those Colonies, Their Lordships do send them some heads of Enquiry, upon which they are to return an accompt.

The Generall Heads of Enquiry were as follow

A Draft of Generall Enquirys to be sent to the  
Governors of his Ma<sup>ty</sup>'s Plantations.

1. What Councils, Assemblies and Courts of Judicature are within your Government, and of what nature and kind.
2. What Courts of Judicature relating to the Admiralty.
3. Where the legislative and executive powers of your Government are seated.
4. What statutes, laws and ordonances are now made and in force.
5. What number of horse or foot are within your Government, whether they be trained Bands, or standing forces, how they are armed, divided, and exercised.
6. What Castles and Forts are within your Government, and how situated, as also what stores and Provisions they are furnished with all.
7. What number of Privateers or Pyrats do frequent your Coast, what their burthens are, the number of their men and Guns, and the names of the Comanders.
8. What is the strength of your bordring neighbours, whether Indians or of any other Nation by sea, and land, and what is the state and condition of their trade and commerce.