

P. R. O. Their Lo^{ps} on the 10th of April 1676 sign a Circular Letter
 Colonial wth severall Heads of Inquiry to the Lord Baltimore Lord
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The letter is as followeth.

Circular letter
 to the L^d Baltimore. Lordship. After our very hearty commendacōns to y^r
 His Majesty having in his wisdom
 thought fit to supersede the Commission by which his Council
 of Trade & Forreign Plantations lately acted & thereby re-
 storing all the business of that nature to its accustomed Chanel
 of a Committee of his Privy Council. And his Ma^{tie} having
 more especially committed to a select number of the Board,
 whereof we are, the care and management of things relating
 to his Plantations, we have therefore thought it convenient to
 give yo^r Lord^{sp} advirtism^t thereof. And because we do not as
 yet find ourselves enabled to give his Ma^{tie} such Account of the
 State & Condition of that Colony as his Royall service & the
 dependence thereof upon the Crown does require. We have
 therefore thought fit to send your L^d^p (as we have done to
 others) some Heads of Inquiry here añext, the better to guide
 your Lordship in the method of that State and representation
 of things which we expect from your Lordship, and do desire
 it may be done with all convenient speed.

And soe not doubting of your Lordships care to advise us
 farther in all matters that may from time to time conduce to
 his Ma^{ties} service, & our better discharge of the trust reposed in
 us. We bid your Lordship very heartily farewell.

From the Council Chamber at Whitehall
 This Tenth of April 1676.

The Heads of Inquiry are as foll:

1. What Councils, Assemblies, & Courts of Judica-
 ture are within y^r Province & of what nature and kind.
2. What Courts of Judicature relating to the Ad-
 miralty.
3. Where the Legislative and Executive
 Powers of the Government are seated.
4. What Statutes, Laws & Ordnances are now made
 and in force.
5. What number of horse or foot are within y^r Prov-
 ince, whether they be trained Bands or standing forces.
 How they are armed, divided & exercised.
6. What Castles and Forts are within your Province,
 & how scituated & fortified, as also what stores & Pro-
 visions they are furnished withall.
7. What number of Privateers or Pirates do frequent
 the Coast, what their burthens are the number of their
 Men & Guns, and the names of the Commanders.