

make them serve the next year, I finding him bound for Ireland told him by the Law for the better securing the Plantacon Trade He must notwithstanding his giving such bond in England still pay the Plantacon duty he told me he would go on shore with me and give satisfaction, but goes to my Lord who presently orders him to set sayle for his Lading Port and as I hear hath promised to defend him and save him harmless: I seeing him gonn and then dodge me I went to wayte on my Lord about it and shewed him that the duty was due and prayed his ayde and assistance but he seemed teased and angry with me that I concerned myselfe with them and refused all assistance and told me I should not medle with them I wayte on him three severall times and argued all points of the matter but nothing would induce him to assist me in it. At last he ordered me to appeare before the Councill at Saint Maryes which I accordingly I did where in his Ma^{tie} name I prayed the ayde of the Province that I might levy his Ma^{ties} Duty or make Seizure of the Goodes for that I was Satisfyed that by that law then shewn to them it was due, who absolutely refused it and told me I should not medle with them for that I had nothing to doe there with. these four ships will carry about 1800 or 2000 hheade of Tobacco at the least and at least 2500^{lbs} sterling in the Plantacon duty, And in severall and most of other matters we are hindred the due Execution of our duties in our Office and perticularly in mine in which I find business enough to be done and matter enough to go upon if I had full Authority to act with out Interruption as they do in England although Severall persones have despised and layd down the Employment yet I find that with Authority and well management it may be made a good Employment which main Impediment hath hitherto been the discountenance of the Government so that those things and this great affaire now happening hath greatly daunted me, and the matter w^{ch} Incouraged me to come hither was this that I saw by the dying of that Act which is wholly ruined and cutt off by our Governor so that I have notthing to do but to wayte on your Hon^r for remedy here are soe many things out of order that I cannot express and write them to you I hope your Hon^r will find me out remedy in this great Loss susteyned by our Governor for I had spent even all to be at the charge of Wayting on you and coming over and to be there Overbourne is most grievous P. S. I understand my Lords three sonnes in Law and our secretary are the chief acters and have most of the concernes of these Ships freight and that the Ships stayed so late on purpose to bring such certificates with them and that at first they might have it soe pass by way of Ignoramus