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Received inclosed from Lord Baltimore Ap 24 1682.

Copy of a letter from M^r Pen to Frisby Jones and others

- p. 29 The Case of Christopher Rousby Collector of his Maj^{ty}s
Customes in Maryland.

The Lord Baltemore intending noe person should be employed in his Ma^{ty}s Customes in Maryland but his owne Creatures or Relacōns that have their sole dependance upon him, and designing to procure the offices of Collector and Comptroller there for 2 of his Sonnes in Law, hee formed severall Letters of Complaint against Christopher Rousby Collector and Mich^o Badcock comptroller (since deceased) to gett them turned out of Commission and his said sonnes in Law putt in their places. Viz^t

Vide the Letters
from his Lōpp
to the Com^{rs} of
the Customes
Dat 29 Aprill
1681. 7. June
1681.

First against the s^d Christopher Rousby to the Com^{rs} of the Customes in most bitter Termes alleading Miscarryages in his office and not being sufficiently submissive to his Lordship and his officers, but because his Lords^{ps} could not imagin but that the said Rousby being designed to come for England would cleare himself. as to the managem^t of his Office, hee therefore adds a clause in these words viz^t that when the said Rousby was on board London Shippes, Treason was his common discourse, this he concluded would effect his designe and therefore prays that Rousby may be turned out, and one Captaine Diggs (who marryed one of his Ladys companyes Daughters employed in his stead) yet afterwards in another Letter waves Diggs and sollicite for another of his Ladys sonnes in Law one M^r Phillipp Calvert.

Vide Affidts of
Capt Gov^r Sly
Mr Will: Johnson } Mercht
Capt Lymes Commandr
of the Friends
Mr Robt Jose Planter.
Mrs Jane Sly

To every clause of which Letter the said Rousby upon his arrival in England in July last putt in his Answer in writing for his defence hee being not a little surprized for that his Lōpp had never spoke to him in Maryland before his comeing away touching any such matter whereof he now accuses him, though the said Rousbyes design of comeing for England was publicquely knowne as well to his Lōpp as others, above three months before his leaving of Maryland, as appears by severall Deposicōns taken before one of the Judges of the Kings Bench.

Vide the Letter
& Answer, the
Petⁿ to his Maty
and order of

Upon reading of which said answer the Com^{rs} told the said Rousby that in regard his Lordshipp seemed to charge him with speaking