

P. R. O. be very much to the Prejudice of his Ma^{ties} concernes and the
 Colonial Discouragement of the Collectors and other officers of his
 Papers. Ma^{tyes} Customes in those parts if they should upon such
 B. B. Tearmes be removed or dismissed, and therefore doe pray
 that the said Rousby may be restored to his Charge &c:

Now as the aforesaid affidavit of the s^d Vincent Low, the said Rousby doth protest that the same is false, and he himself hath made affid^t before one of the Judges of the Kings bench ready to be produced that he never spoke the words charged by the s^d Low and he does verily beleive that if ever the said Lowes affid^t was sworne to before his Lōpp as is pretended, it was when the s^d Low was drunck, which was a thing very frequent with him, as can be proved. And it is remarkable that this affid^t is said to be sworne the 6th of June last and yett alleages the words to be spoake some time in Aprill before, but why the said Low did not sweare sooner, and before the s^d Rousby came out of the Country which was the 11th of May last, or why his Lōp the Lord Baltmore would not vouchsafe to lett the s^d Rousby know any thing before his coming away of the intended accusation against him, or ever questioned him for any thing therein, or why his Lōpp having in his said Letters of Complaint charged the said Rousby with speaking treasonable words on board the Lond^o ships, yet doth not in any one of them set downe either shippes name, Ma^{rs} name or the words spoken, nor offers any manner of Prooffe, may require some consideration.

And as to the matter concerning M^r Badcock late Comp^{trol}l^r in Maryland, his Lōpp (after the said Rousby came away) did obstruct and oppose him in the due Execution of his place to the damage of his Ma^{ties} Interest at least 2000^l which is not only fully evident, by Badcock's Letters to the Com^{rs} of the Customes written immediately before his death, but the opposi^{cō}n is sufficiently acknowledged by his Lōpp own Letters to the Com^{rs} of the Customes of the 7th & 27th of June aforesaid, wherein hee desires the said Badcock may be turned out, and one M^r Nicholas Sewell (his Ladyes son) put in his place, which said Letters of M^r Badcocks and my Lords have since viz^t the 13th of December instant been taken into consideracōn by the Right hon^{ble} the Committee for Forreign Plantations, who have ordered a Letter to be writt to my Lord Baltmore fully to admonich his Lordshipp in the Case &c:

p. 30 To the Right Hono^{ble} the Commission^{rs} of his
 Majesties Customes.

May it please yo^r Honours,

In obedience to your Commaunde of the 25th Instant requiring my answeare to a Letter from my Lord Baltmore of the