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name, and the two shillings p hogshd is his Lo^{ps} nor hath his Ma^{tie} any offices in Maryland, but those concerning the Duty of a penny p pound &c: viz^t the Collector & Surveyor or Comptroller: And to ridd himself of both these, his Lo^{pp} have not only complained against mee but alsoe by his Lo^{ps} letters of the 7th and 27th of June last to your Hon^{rs} hath exhibited greivous complaints against the before mencōned M^r Nicholas Badcock deceased then survey^r & comptroller there; wherein his Lo^p vehemently sollicites to have Badcock turned out, and another of his Ladys sonnes put in his place. And yet it is most manifest aswell by his Lo^{ps} said letters as by M^r Badcocks owne letter to yo^r Hono^{rs} writt imēdiately before his death dated 10th of July 1681 (to which I humbly referre, that his Lo^{ps} said complaint against M^r Badcock was most unjust and that hee had done nothing but what was his duty in his place and that his Lo^{pp} did oppose him therein to the damage of his Ma^{ties} Interest at least 2000^{lb} sterling. By which transaccōns it is clearly evident what most excellent service would be done for his Ma^{tie} in that province, without any noyse, if his Lo^{ps} could compasse his ende in procureing thoses places for his Ladys Sonnes, which is his principall Drift & Designe.

All which I humbly submitt to your Hono^{rs} grace Judgem^t Being

Yo^r Hono^{rs}
most faithfull and most
humble servant
Chris: Rousby.

(Endorsed)

M^r Rousby's Answer to Lord Baltimore's Letter of Comp^t to Lord Privy Seale.

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To the Right Hono^{ble} the Comm^{rs} of his
Ma^{ties} Customes.

Having by your Hono^{rs} comānd received a Copy of my Lord Baltmores Letter of the 29th of Aprill last conteyneying a complaint against me, and pused the same I cannot but observe to your Hono^{rs} that the whole charge is in generall without any particular circumstance, and therefore I can return thereunto but a generall answer. Though had his Lord^{sp} made me acquainted with the substance of his letter before I came out of Maryland (which had been but reason) I should have been better able to vindicate my innocence from those Refleccōns cast upon mee. However for the present I have this to offer in my owne defence. First his Lord^{sp} tells your Hono^{rs} that he has by two shippings, writt letters to you, but feares that by some ill fortune or other they are miscarried,