

P. R. O. pleased to referr the matters alleadged against the within  
Colonial named Christopher Rousby to the Commissioners of the Cus-  
Entry Book, tomes, who are to examine the same and make report thereof,  
No. 52. together with their opinion thereupon to their Lords<sup>ps</sup>

Hen: Guy.

P. R. O. An Extract of a Letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 1681 from  
Colonial Mr Christopher Rousby To Robt Ridgley.  
Papers.

Wee have letters from Virginia that signifie some kind of Disturbance in Maryland as if his Lord<sup>p</sup> and Assembly Could not agree, and that there are more persons Imprisoned besides Cood and Fendall and they still in durance, and that his Lospp Keeps forces in Armes and the Common people in great dread and fear, these letters are dated about the 12<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> of September and came by a Liverpoole man out of Potomack. I wish I had had one of that date from you which would have been my great satisfaction, (there is great News lately A Grand Iury of great Eminency for Estates and Judgment was sworne to goe Upon the Indictment of my Lord Shaftesbury who was then in the tower The witnesses were Turberuile Smith Booth Haines Baines and a Crew of Irish Blades they all swore like Stout Sinners But the Quality of the Persons Improbability of the Testimony of some Condradiction of others and the certaine knowledge of some of the Iurors that a paper found amongst Shaftesbury writings touching an Association (upon which great Stresse was putt) was a thing don in Parliament tyme, and Concerning which, Some motions had been made in the house of Commons (which if it had been a Contrivance don out of Parliament time might have amounted to Treason) I say upon the whole matter the Iury Brought in the Bill Ignoramus The last day of the Tearme which was this Day Seavennight. The Earle of Shaftesbury My Lord Howard of Escrick one Mr Wilmore Mr Wilson and another all Comitted for Treason were Upon their habeas corpus Admitted to Bayle and Suffered to goe at Large.

I have spoken here with Severall Masters who conclude that the paying an Easy penny in Maryland is much more for their profit then paying of a halfe penny in England with the Demeurage of unloading and loading the ship. Good friend forgive me the trouble of this teadious scribbled Letter I know not whether I may have opportunity to write to you againe before the Arrivall of the first Shippes from Maryland by whom I hope I shall heare Good News from you which is the Earnest desire of

Chr Rousby

An Extract of a Letter from Rousby to Ridgley  
Maryland 6 December 81.