

P. R. O. Colonial Papers. our friends of all persons of that Stamp least you wofully Experience As I have done how void of Conscience or honesty they are I hope you will pardon me if I seeme a little too bitter since it was not my designe to appeare soe I have Spoaken here with Severall masters who Conclude that the paying an Easy penny in Maryland is much more for theire profit then paying of a halfe penny in England with the demurrage of unloading and Loading the shippes Good friend forgive mee 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 whome I hope I shall heare Good News from you which is the Earnest desire of  
 S<sup>r</sup> your most affectionate faithfull  
 Friend and Servant  
 Chr Rousby

The superscription is a followeth  
 These  
 To M<sup>r</sup> Robert Ridgly at his house  
 neere S<sup>t</sup> Maryes In  
 Maryland  
 p Capt Thomas Smith  
 Q D C

An Extract of a letter from Rousby to Rob<sup>t</sup> Ridgly the whole letter being two sheets of paper this Extract is truly copied and examined with the Original which is in the hands of  
 C Baltemore.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1681.

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Two letters dated 26<sup>th</sup> May and 10<sup>th</sup> Iuly from M<sup>r</sup> Badcock Surveyor of the Customs in Maryland to the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of the Customs being transmitted to the Committee by order of the Lords Com<sup>rs</sup> of the Treasury, the same are read and complaint being made therein that my Lord Baltemore had obstructed the due execution of the Acts of Parliament relating to trade and hindred the said Badcock from performing the duty of his office the Lords agree to report that a letter be written by his Maj. to the Lord Baltemore reprehending him for these proceedings and strictly requiring him to cause the several Acts of Trade and Navigation and particularly that of the 25<sup>th</sup> of the King to be duly observed within his Province The Lords intend also to make further enquiry into this matter from the Com<sup>rs</sup> of the Customs at their next meeting.

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Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1681.

Sir George Downing attending & being asked concerning the proceedings of my Lord Baltemore in relation to M<sup>r</sup> Bad-