

cock Surveyor of the Customs in Maryland, he explains to the Committee the mistakes my Lord Baltimore seems to be in concerning the Acts of Trade as confessing by his own letters his having hindered the said Badcock from receiving the penny per pound upon Tobaccos which were intended to be brought for Ireland, Whereupon the Committee will according to their former Minutes report that my Lord Baltimore be severely reprehended for his erroneous opinion in this matter, And that since it appears by M<sup>r</sup> Badcock's letters that the King has been endamaged in the sum of Two thousand five hundred pounds his Lordship do take care to make good the same to the Receiver General of the Customs in England and his Lord<sup>p</sup> be given to understand that unless he do readily comply with the Acts of Trade and Navigation, His Maj. will call him to a further account and to direct a Quo Warranto to bee issued upon his Patent.

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Several papers being transmitted by the Lords of the Treasury to the Committee concerning Christopher Rousby, Collector of the Customs in Maryland a report of the Com<sup>rs</sup> of the Customs upon that whole matter is read together with a letter from my Lord Baltimore to my Lord Privy Seal complaining of M<sup>r</sup> Rousby as also the answer of M<sup>r</sup> Rousby to that complaint, Whereupon M<sup>r</sup> Rousby is called in and declares upon oath that he came out of Maryland the 11<sup>th</sup> June and had been with my Lord Baltimore several days before his departure and that his Lordship had not charged him with any accusation altho' he had published his coming away four months before And that about fourteen days before his departure my Lord Baltimore had proposed to him a match with one M<sup>ris</sup> Babington soe far was his Lord<sup>p</sup> from expressing any mark of his displeasure for any thing he had done Whereupon their Lordships think fit to report that they have examined the whole matter relating to M<sup>r</sup> Rousby and had heard him upon oath as well as the depositions of other persons concerning him And are of opinion that my Lord Baltimore has proceeded in a very unusual manner by charging the said Rousby with so great enormities in his absence without giving him any notice of his accusations before his departure from Maryland And that his Lordship has not transmitted sufficient proofs upon the matters complained of so as that credit may be given thereunto All which his Ma<sup>ty</sup> may please to signify by the letter which is preparing to his Lordship whereby he may also be required to permit the said Rousby peaceably to execute his office and to afford him all the encouragement therein which the Law requires. And that if his Lordship hereafter shall have any