

P. R. O. Colonial Papers. doubt they having not (as we understand) received any late Comānds from His Majesty and until I am certain they have power from the king I shall not offer at any such thing with them, 'Tis thought generally by the inhabitants of both Colonys that if some expedient be not speedily found for the bettering our only Comōdity Tobacco the inhabitants will be reduced to great straights; they being at this time very bare in yeare both in Virginia and Maryland.

A Cessation from planting one yeare might do good, if His Majesty's revenue were not thereby diminisht, and that we could be certaine that whilst we cease in these two Colonies there should not be great quantitys of that Commodity made in other parts, as formerly, there has been, when Tobacco bore a good price. For my part tho a cessation would be prejudicial to me, yet for a general good I shall willingly yield to it in this Province, when I understand His Majestie has left it to the Governor and Council in Virginia to act as they shall think fitt, in order to it there Wee are in dayly expectation of some shippes from London, haveing had none come in for these two months & better, By the next from these parts I will give you further trouble and now will conclude with this assurance that

I am, Sir,
Your affec^{ate} friend & servant
C. Baltemore.

My most humble service
to my noble L^d Anglesey & to
Sir Lionel Jenkins.

(Endorsed)

Maryland. 26th March 1682.
From my Lord Baltemore
rec^d the 30th May.

For my ever honoured friend
M^r William Blathwait.
present
att
White Hall.

[Privy Council.]

Saturday 8th April 1682

P. R. O. Colonial Entry Book, p. 14. A list of the Council and other Officers in Maryland transmitted by my Lord Baltemore together with a printed letter from the Chancellor of Maryland to Col. Meese concerning the late troubles there read and their Lord^{ps} order that Col. Meese be summoned to give an account why he presumed to print that letter as relating to matters of state without first acquainting the Council with it.