

tells me that he had demanded the same of Capt: Sheppard Commander of the S<sup>t</sup> George, which he ought to have done, and to have demanded my assistance for the compelling Sheppard, as well as Dennet and Tarleton, for which two I owne he prest me to assist him. Upon this I askt him whether he really thought the Certificates of Dennet and Tarleton good, and according to law; to which he answered, he thought they were; I then askt him whether he thought His Majestie's Customs were not thereby secured, and he answered yes, but with all told me that by an Act of the 25<sup>th</sup> of His Majestie's reign entituled an Act for the better securing the Plantation Trade such masters, as had certificates for Ireland, ought still to pay the penny p pound duty, unless such masters would give bond here anew with good security for the carrying their respective ladeings of Tobacco for England, Wales or town of Berwick: I then askt him whether the Act made the 22. and 23. yeare of His Majestie's reigne, entituled an Act for regulating the Plantation trade whereby the word Ireland was left out, was not expired, to which he replied, it was: I then further askt him, whether since that Act was expired; he did not take the act of Navigation made in the twelfth yeare of His Majestie's reigne, to be againe in its full force and vertue: to which, he positively made answer, that, yes, he thought it was: I then told him, that if he granted that, I could not see any reason for his requireing the penny p pound of the above-said two masters, since the Act of Navigation was by him own'd, to be in all its parts in full force; he then said, that, notwithstanding, by the Act for the better secureing the Plantation trade such masters must pay the penny p pound: this seeming, of a sudden, to me to be a kind of contradiction, I desired to know of him what instructions he had from the Comissioners of His Majestie's Customes in such cases; to which he made me noe answer, but, in a scornfull and rude manner, told me he knew his business, and was certaine he was in the right: finding him soe possitive and very haughty in his carriage all the time of this discourse with him, I desired him to meet me the next day at S<sup>t</sup> Marys, that I might have the Chancellor's opinion in the business; and Badcock accordingly met me at my uncle's, where, by accident, there was the Secretary alsoe, and afore them Badcock and I discourst the thing over againe, but not afore them as a Councill, for there was neither clerk nor enough to make a Councill; soe that in saying he was ordered by me to appeare at S<sup>t</sup> Maryes afore my Councill is utterly false; for I never had such thoughts, only requested the said Badcock to meet me there for my uncle's advice in that business and it was (I must owne) his opinion that since the Act of Parliament made in the 22. and 23. yeare of His Majestie's reigne was ex-