

Mr Badcock had by him, and might have shewne me, but was resolved to keep me from the knowledge of them, that soe I might fall under His Majestie's displeasure, which through Badcock's and rousby's means and malice, I now most unhappily lye under. This, Sir, is the naked truth of that business, which I will owne to my last breath, and I doe yet hope to make it appeare, that I have a greater sense of my duty and loyalty to my most gracious & dread Sovereigne, than willingly, knowingly or wittingly to offend him in thought, word or action. Begging your pardon, Sir, for detaining you thus long; and that you'll please to owne me as, in truth I am by great obligations

P. R. O.  
Colonial  
Papers.

Most honoured Sir  
Your most faithfull, humble  
and obedient servant.

His Majesty's letter had been kept two or three days by the commander after his arrivall and came to my hands broke open, I know not whether it came soe from White hall, which I presume to acquaint you with.

(Endorsed)  
Maryland. 18<sup>th</sup> May. 82.  
Lord Baltemore

Justifies himself as to the complaint of Badcock having had no notice of the Order of Council till after his dispute with that Officer.

For the right hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir Lionel Jenkins one of His Majesties principall Secretarys of State

These humbly  
Present.  
Att White Hall.

Letter from Lord Baltemore to Sir Lionel Jenkins. dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 1682.

Maryland 31<sup>st</sup> of May 1682.

Most honored Sir,

Since my last of the 18<sup>th</sup> instant of which the enclosed is a duplicate I sent over to Virginia but Colonel Spencer was not then returned from James City: but doe understand that several of those cutters up of Tobacco have been apprehended, and are in prison; and that the Boddy of them were dispers't by the great care of the Governor and Councill: but not all of them come in. 'Tis confidently affirmed that one Major Beverley is taken, and made prisoner on board the shipp, called