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the Duke of York; and that the cutters of Tobacco have destroyed all in Middlesex, Gloucester and new Kent County's, and that by a computation made by some chiefe men on the south side of Potomack river, there has bin as much cut up by this rabble as would have amounted to six or seven thousand hogsheads: some will have it tenn thousand. This is generally what is given out by the Virginians on Potomack river. I presume, Sir, herewith to send you a relation of that dispute & difference I had with M^r Nicholas Badcock, as also from under the Chancellors and the Clerke here of the Councill their hands, that the said Badcock was never called afore my Councill about that difference with me which he affirmed he was (as it appears by His Sacred Majesty's letter of the 8th day of February 1681/2.) I also send a true Copy of a letter from M^r Christopher rousby to one of my Councill Colonel William Steevens dated the 14th of December. Likewise an extract of another from rousby to M^r robert ridgley of the 6th of December, the whole letter being two sheetes of paper close writt, soe that I would not trouble you with a Copy of the whole; by the latter part of which he seems to resolve to follow his old practise, of taking an easy penny, as he tearmes it, by which means his Majesty must be damnified in his Customes, for if rousby did not compound with Masters, all the Tobacco exported hence would certainly be carried directly for England, and this I am certaine of—I humbly beg that when His Majesty's Collector shall come, he may be commanded to give me Cobby of his Instructions, and of all orders from time to time which may any wayes relate to His Majesty's interest and service, and then I shall not doubt but to approve myselfe a faithfull observer of all comānds as well as a dutifull subject to my king, and now I will crave leave to assure you that I am

Sir,
Your most faithfull obedient
& most humble servant
C. Baltemore

I beg you will please
to present my humble Petition
to His most sacred Majesty.

(Endorsed)
Maryland. May. 82.
Lord Baltemore

For the right hon^{ble} Sir Lionel Jenkins; one of His Majesty's principal Secretary's of State
humbly present
att
White Hall.