

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty  
The humble Petition of Charles Lord Baltimore.

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Sheweth

That your Petitioner having received your sacred Majesty's letter bearing date the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February last and finding therein (to your Petitioners unspeakable griefe and affliction) your Majestie's high displeasure as well upon a complaint made by M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Badcock your Majesty's late Comptroler & Surveyor of your Customes in this Province as likewise upon a letter of your Petitioners of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June last to the Commissioners of your Majesty's Customes. Your Petitioner doth most humbly pray and beseech your most sacred Majesty to permit him to offer to your princely consideration something by way of extenuation of the transgression which your Petitioner doth acknowledge himselfe guilty of. When the said Badcock came to your Petitioner for assistance against rich<sup>d</sup> Sheppard commander of the S<sup>t</sup> George of London, Edward Tarleton master of the Freeman of Liverpool and Alexander Dennet master of the Dolphin of Poole, your Petitioner not having seen your Majesty's Order in Council of the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 1680. nor ever permitted by your Majesty's Collector or Comptroler here the perusal of any of their Instructions from the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of your Majesty's Customes, and the said Badcock having suffered a month almost to passe afore he came for assistance against the said Sheppard who arrived in this Province, and was entred the 23<sup>d</sup> of April 1681.: when as Dennet arrived and was entred the 14<sup>th</sup> and Tarleton the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 1681. This & your Petitioner not having by him the Act of Parliament made in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of your Maj<sup>ty's</sup> reign, entituled an Act for the better secureing the Plantation trade, was the only reason your Petitioner made that difficulty, and did deny the said Badcock assistance, which your Petitioner ought not to have don. And upon your Petitioner's receipt of a letter in December last from the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of your Majesty's Customes, bearing date the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1681. (in which was sent to your Petitioner your Majesty's order in Council of the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 1680. the which your Petitioner had never received afore. Your Petitioner was extremely sensible of his error, and transgression which was not wittingly nor knowingly committed by your Petitioner. And whereas the said Badcock did further inform your Majesty's Commissioners that he had bin ordered to appeare before the Council here, 'tis most certainly false as your Petitioner has already presumed to signify at large to Sir Lionel Jenkins your Majesty's principall Secretary of state, as also what the said Sheppard, Dennet, and Tarleton exported out of this Province that summer.