

time he was aboard the S<sup>t</sup> George, he told me about three or four daies after Sheppard's arrivall in Wiccocomico river I then demanded why he expected not the penny p pound from him as well as Tarleton and Dennet since Sheppard had as my Collector informed me the like Certificate with the other two, to this he coldly replied that Sheppard ought to pay the duty also but said I M<sup>r</sup> Badcock I observe you have not bin with me about the S<sup>t</sup> George yett tho' that Vessell hath been nere a month in the Province and had not my Collector told you in my hearing now that Sheppard had the same Certificate with Dennet & Tarleton I question much whether ever you would have bin soe carefull to demand His Majestie's duties of that ship as now you are of these smaller Vessels whose masters you are often more buisy with then with the Commanders of the greater ships, these expressions of mine put the Gentleman into some heat and many people then in my yard wonder'd what person it was that discourst so loud with me I then desired to reason the case calmly with the said Badcock and demanded of him whether he thought these Certificates good and the bonds legally taken at London, Poole and Liverpoole, he answered yes, they were he judged I then askt him whether the Act was not expired which had for some yeares left out Ireland he said it was I then desired to know of him whether the Act of Navigation was not in its full force againe to which he answered me it was but said he notwithstanding that the penny p pound must be paid here where Certificates are produced for goeing for England or Ireland and this by the Act of the 25<sup>th</sup> of this King entituled an Act for the better secureing of the Plantation trade I thereupon demanded a sight of that Act but he told me he had it not then with him I askt whether he had any instructions from the Comm<sup>rs</sup> in that matter in regard he was soe positive and high in his carriage to which he made me noe direct answer but told me he knew what he had to doe and he was certaine he was in the right I then desired him to meet me the next day at S<sup>t</sup> Maries that I might have the Chancellor's advice and accordingly we mett where alsoe happened to be the Secretary and afore them I & M<sup>r</sup> Badcock repeated all that I have here related and the Chancellor thought me in the right he not having a sight of that act of the 25<sup>th</sup> of His Majestie's reign which the said Badcock said was at Colonel William Steevens at the easterne shoare where he often resided nor the perusal of any Instructions from the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of the Customs which had the said Badcock or rousby the Collector ever permitted me a sight of I had never refused assisting the the said Badcock in that which he complained to the Comm<sup>rs</sup> against me and whereas the said Badcock informed the Comm<sup>rs</sup> that I

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