

ever vouchsafed to have shewne me which he never did nor have I seen it I can safely swear this five yeares and better possibly my capacity might not have reacht to have seen it soe cleare as M^r Badcock did by the help of that Order of Council which I beleve he had by him or by some instructions from the Comm^{rs} neither of which I had seen, and I presume that could every ordinary capacity have reacht to M^r Badcocks knowledge in this matter without the help of that order of the 16th of February 1680. that order would not I presume with all due submission to thinke have been past. Not but that if I seen the act of the 25th of His Majestie's reign when I had that dispute with Badcock. I should probably have found my error but with much more ease should I have seene it upon the sight of the said Order. Captain Sheppard cleered the 26th of July and had noe more than one hundred and ninety five hogsheads of the Growth of Maryland I say he cleered upon oath for noe more with Captain Diggs my Collector and to make up his loading he carried out forty five thousand Pipe staves all which with the Shipp belonged to M^r John Bawdon Merchant in London of whome the truth may be knowne as to that shipp and I hope it will be found that His Majestie's dutycs of those one hundred and ninety five hogsheads were paid at some of the Custome Houses in England of this Captain Diggs cannot certainly informe me as yet. As for Dennet & Tarleton the first cleered the 5th of July and was bound for Menis with lumber (viz) Pipe staves squar'd timber, Planks &c. of this Province he carried noe Tobacoe out of the Province to which he made oath afore he cleered & at Anguilla he lost his shipp in a hurricane at which and the other Islands were cast away about twenty saile more. The said Dennet after the loss of his Vessel came a Passenger from Monnserrat in a Plymouth Vessel and is at this time in the Province and is ready to make the same oath he did afore Tarleton cleer'd the 22^d July and made oath to fifty nine hogsheads of Tobacco of this Province and noe more as will appeare by the Booke of Entries and for noe more did he pay any imposition money to me soe that it will easily be made appeare that rousby & Badcock were mistaken when they presumed to informe and complaine against me that His Majestie had been damnified in his customes two thousand five hundred pounds by the three Vessells above mentioned, this being the true state of that business betwixt Badcock and me and to which I will make oath when thereunto commanded by His Majestie I hope I shall not be thought to be soe much wanting in my loyalty and duty to my gracious King nor soe void of sense nor soe careless in my owne preservation as to doe act or soe much as to thinke that might offend in any kind or nature my dread soveraigne for whose

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