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borrow one, which was not yet come, nor had it, had not I gone myself & engaged for its security, On the 26th of May, seeing a necessity for my going to New York, as aforesaid, sent an Express to my L^d Baltimore supposing it might be with him before his setting out, with orders at home, that if they heard of my Lord's coming, to send an express to me at New York. My Lord here takes notice of the receipt of mine of the 26th of May, and that in it I mention the 10th June, but not the occasion which was to desire it might be put off till I came from New York but t'is his Lordshipp's way of showing his polliticks. and now S^r I beg leave that I might not follow his Lordshipp's immethodical method, to leave his letter of the 11th of July a while, and come to some others of his, & agents, that I might the more easily Keep the path I began in, here ought to be read his letter of the 1st June 82, by which he excuses his not coming himself as he had promised, but that he had sent his Commiss^{rs} and hoped they would meet with persons the like qualified, this very letter was brought by the Commiss^{rs} themselves, and the first time I ever heard he had an intent to send Commis^r and therefore no wonder they were disappointed of meeting any the like qualified, with this letter I received one from his Commiss^{rs} dat. from Augustine Harmany, the 10th June 82, they were both brought into New York by George Goforth, in this letter they desired I would dispatch persons with Instruments to joyne with them, in order to this I shipp off an Instrument at New York on board of Cregory Sloop, and took my journey by land to meet them. When the Sloop arrived at New Castle, my Lord Baltimore's Comm^{rs} were there, and understanding the Instrument I had borrowed was on board, did by the means of the Dutch Inhabitants of that Towne, procure the Master (he being a Dutch man) to bring it on shore, and there they used it as you may see by my Lord's letter of 11th July (a Confidence I never met the like to dare to touch an Instrument that was to be used by the contrary partie and so privately that no friend of ours was by) now how honest this will appear before all sober men. as his Lordshipp is pleased to say of my actions, I know not, but in my opinion they that don't take it for Knavery will be mistaken. I beg pardon for this digression. The day after they had used the Instrument I came down to New Castle, believing the Commissioners had been there, but they were gone the night before. The next morning I sent M^r Haig to Augustine Harmans in hopes to have found them there, but they were gone before he came there, but on the same day what reason these Gentlemen had to go back when they saw the Instrument, and was told I was near homē, I can't imagine. July 7th 82 I sent to my Lord to give him an account, that I made all possible speed to meet