

topher Rousby his Brother nor myself this nor last Year which I now mention, that in Case your Honors have sent or writt anything to either of us your Honors may know the occasion of such miscarriage. I do most humbly request and implore the favour of a few Lines by the first Opportunity that I may know His Majesties Royal Pleasure for reducing the disorders and remedy of the smarting grievances of His Loyall Subjects trading to and living in this Province, the Redress whereof will be welcome Tydings and will particularly rejoice

P. R. O.
Colonial
Papers.

Your most humble
faithfull obedient Serv^t

Nich: Blackiston.

Maryland, 20th Aprill 1685.

M^r Blackiston's Letter of Complaint
against L^d Baltemore's Officers.

Presented by the Com^{rs}
of the Customes.

Read in Councill 10th July 1685.

The Lord Baltemore's Answer to the Complaints of
M^r Nehemiah Blakiston mencōned in His Letter to the
Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs dated the
20th of April 1685.

It plainly appeareth by a Letter from the Gover^r of Virginia to the Deputies of Mary Land, that the Escape made by George Talbott out of Prison, was occasioned by the corruption of the Guard, and not procured by any Persons of Maryland as is falsely suggested in the Letter of the said Blackiston, and that as soon as the Governor of Virginia had given notice to the Deputies of Mary Land of the said Talbott's escape, special care was taken immediately by them for his Apprehension as appears by the hue and cry sent out into all parts of the Province besides what other ways and means could be used for the speedy beginning of the said Talbott, who never was publickly seen at his own plantacōn (though the contrary is affirmed by the said Blackiston, but always kept himself out in the Mountains to the Norward, until at last he resolved to surrender himself to the Deputies of Maryland where now he is under a strong Guard to be disposed of as His Majesty shall think fitt.

His Lordshipp is very confident M^r Blackiston has no just cause to complain of his being discountenanced in the Execution of his Place for that he very well knows his Officers dare not presume to offer any contempt nor show the least disrespect either to his Person or Commission nor would they presume to dissuade Masters of Vessels from presenting themselves and their Certificates to His Majesty's Officers, his Lord-