

Gent<sup>m</sup> It would do very well in these dangerous times to take care that no false news be divulged to alarm neither the people nor the Indians but that the Inhabitants of the Frontiers be dilligent and watchfull to defend themselves and give notice if any real occasion should be since that news wee have here declared that wee will reward any that bring true news and punish those Divulgers of false news And the least Tampering with the Indians in these times the better only to lett care be taken that they be not wronged nor abused by Traders or any others.

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I lately saw a Letter dated in December last wrote by M<sup>r</sup> Blakiston to Captain Simon Rowe Commander of their Majestie's Shipp Donbarton wherein he takes on him to order Cap<sup>t</sup> Rowe to seize any Vessells that should be cleared by M<sup>r</sup> George Layfield I wonder he should take upon him to write any such thing when it is apparent M<sup>r</sup> Layfield is appointed by Patrick Myne Esq<sup>re</sup> who was sent from England to settle his Majestie's affaires as to the American parts Collect<sup>r</sup> of Potomacke &c: And by the Comission from the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Commissioners of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Customes in England he is appointed Survey<sup>r</sup> and Comptrouler of all their Maj<sup>ties</sup> duties in their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Province of Maryland and that one Abbington who they say is an ordinary keeper takes upon him to be Collect<sup>r</sup> of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Duties in Potuxent River which I am informed is the greatest Districht in that Province I hope Gentl<sup>m</sup> you will take care the Acts of Parliament are duely performed and that their Maj<sup>ties</sup> duties be justly and duely collected and accounted for and care taken that their Maj<sup>ties</sup> be not defrauded of their customes and that good security be taken from all shippes and vessells that doe not bring Certificates from England I desire if you send any Letters to me to direct them to be delivered to Coll: Lee or Coll: Allerton I expected an answer to all the matters of my Letters according to M<sup>r</sup> Coode and M<sup>r</sup> Blakiston's promises but have received none neither doe I hear of any shippes come down to goe with the Fleet. I am

your loveing Friend

Fr: Nicholson.

To those that take upon  
them to preserve the Peace  
and administer the Laws  
in their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Province  
of Maryland.

(Endorsed)  
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