

you will find by the Comission I now send that you all or any three of you (M<sup>r</sup> William Joseph and my kinsman Coll: Henry Darnall always to be two of the three) are to act as you have done by that Comission I left with you:—M<sup>r</sup> Joseph will fully informe and satisfy you why I have thought good to dispence with the penalties mencōned in the Act Entituled an Act for Advancement of Trade and will likewise let you understand what leave and liberty I have given to the Comanders of shippes and vessells belonging to the port of London, the like you must give and graunt there to such as shall come from other ports of England to trade in my Province; For being satisfied that the planters there are not in a condicōn as yet to bring their Tobaccoes to Townes and were they provided with boats convenient for that purpose, Yet the greate want I understand there is of a sufficient number of store houses at the severall places appoynted for Townes to shelter all such goods wares and merchandizes as were intended by that Act to be disposed of there makes me at present thinke it matter of prudence to accept of the offer made me here by the traders and dealers to my Country, what they frankely offered being this that if I would dispence with the said penalties and permit them to employ their own men and boates to bring the Tobaccoes they would be very well satisfied their sloopes and boates should first touch at some one of the places for Townes and there give a just and true accompt of each Sloopes and boates ladeing to the Collector or other Officer that shall be ordered there to take the same before the Tobacco should be carried on board, adding that they were very much for Townes themselves, but the want of those conveniencies above mencōned rendred the way prescribed by the Act as yet utterly unpracticable and indeed being somewhat of their opinions in this matter have therefore dispensed as by the Proclamation M<sup>r</sup> Joseph carryes with him you will find I have done: Besides the like designs not haveing met with any successe in Virginia makes me apprehend that should this Act be pressed too hard upon the Traders it might prove a fit Subject of Complaint for my Enemies to the King against me and my Government there This being all that I have now time to signify I will add more in my next I rest

To my Deputyes of  
Maryland p M<sup>r</sup>  
William Joseph  
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Gentlemen  
Your loving freind  
C: Baltemore

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The hon<sup>ble</sup> Coll: Henry Darnall and Coll: William Digges administered the usuall oathes of one of the Deputy's Leiu<sup>ts</sup> of this Province and of one of his Lord<sup>sps</sup> Council to the hono<sup>ble</sup>