

It is Comanded the Sheriff that he search S^r Thomas's Pocketts for what Papers he can find and also a warrant directed to Major Ninion Beal M^r William Bladen & W^m Nutthead requiring & Empowring them to search his own Lodging Room & Closet for what Papers they can find there and the same to seize & seal up in a Bag & bring them forthwith to his Excellency the Gov^r for Perusuall

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The Sheriff having accordingly searched S^r Thomas's Pockets produced several Letters and among the Rest a Letter from M^r Randolph & a paper of memorialls w^{ch} being read were lodged in the Clerks Hands and Ordered to be kept by him M^r Randolphs Letter is as followeth (viz^t)

From a Board the Ship Barbadoes Merch^t
April the 7th 1693

S^r

It was the 4th Instant before yours of the 14th of Ianuary Came to my hands were you were pleased to direct your Letter to be left for me for which I am very much obliged to you the Governours treating S^r Thomas Lawrence & curtailing him in his rights makes me no ways question what you write in reference to my self but I value nothing knowing well the Bottom of the design but I expect Letters from England which will end all disputes having fully represented the State of the whole proceedings of the Government with every thing relating to the Practises of the Collectors I will not undertake to do my Duty in your Province further then I can be supported as to Clarks saying I wrote or drolled upon the Gov^{rs} speech, I think I sent no such thing to my friends at home they better know the Governours Circumstances then I can pretend to I never failed upon all occasions to write to our Friend M^r Glanvile and gave him a particular acco^t of your ill treatm^t I am now upon an Information from the Commissioners of the Customs crossing the Bay to Delaware & expect upon my return my Letters from England then shall have little more to do than to wait upon the Gov^r and his Idol Blakiston send me a Letter under your Cover to M^r Layfields how affairs go at Present in your parts it is probable Burnets Case may admit of a new hearing in England if not I intend to charge them their Maj^{stys} third Part not according to the most Partial Appraisment but to the full of what the Goods upon an honest rate might be reasonably worth, S^r I wish you all happiness with a Succesful Answer to all your Iust Complaints but what can be expected of Iustice to a Subject from those who have no regard to their Majestys Interest I expect your Letters at my Return to M^r Layfields and am

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S^r Your humble Serv^t
E Randolph