

produce of the Province for Great Britain, by Law are obliged to give a pecuniary Bond within Eighteen months for safe delivery of the Effects; that on Non Compliance of return'd Certificate produced to the Provincial Officer by the Party in the Province, of the Effects being deliver'd into Great Britain, the Bond Party is subject to the pecuniary forfeit, by Virtue of the Bond given. The Compl^t aledges M^r Bordley has in this matter put the Let^t of the Law into execution ag^t the Party in the Province, allowing no time from accident, as may happen by Provincial ships being taken by the Enemy & retaken, w^{ch} in either case may be the Occasion to impede the Intelligence & consequence of such ship's Vouage, sail'd for the British Ports; & aledges, that M^r Bordley has excused Certificates not comply'd by return, upon paym^t of his ffees by the Bond Party, But on non Compliance of the ffees to him, he has put the Let^t of the Law severly into execution & level'd the Penalty of the Bond on the Party in the Province. With relation to this matter, I am inform'd the Custom of ships loaded here with British Effects for the Colonies, the party concern'd Bonds for the delivery of Effects to the Colony within a limit'd time. But on Accident that may happen to the Non return of Certificate transmitted to the Party here from the Colony; the Party here apply for further time for the return of Certificate, making a deposit of the forfeiture by Bond in case no return of certificate is sent. This indulgence I am told is aquiesed, arising on Consideration by Accident the Certificate may be subject & impeded by War, or destruction at Sea; It seems very reasonable as no fraud can happen ag^t a real deposit or Colateral sure surety given either at Home or Broad. The Compl^t sayes, M^r Bordley has dealt hard usage to one M^r Dalham of the Province, whose ship has been taken by the Enemy on her Vouage to England, that prevent'd early intelligence off Accident from hence to the Party in the Province, as the Law prescribes. The Complainat Alligations appear to me ridiculous & malign, regarding M^r Bordley of solid sense & not void of Humanity on no Acco^t Especially where the Law is secure. of the Compl^t I sho^d have write him, but the shortness of time for the New York's Packet, does not allow, therefore pray my excuse to him, desiring y^{or} Pardon for troubling you & desiring his early intelligence ab^t the Contents & clearance to my Lord ag^t unreasonable Aspersion.

The Complainant is M^r Westenholme, he desired no mention of him; But as he has thought fitting to Note the Concern on the Royal Exchange to gain Popular Character, I think him no Secret, for me to you.

Here is want'd much, an Extract of the proceed^{gs} of the Maryland Commiss^{ns} on runing the East & West Line from