

obtained from their exporting directly to foreign ports the produce of this Country Enumerated Commodities only excepted Liberty will be given them to import directly from such Ports whatever is to be there purchased & that for the more certain Collection of such Duties a few Troops will be posted along this Continent in every Port of Trade & some Frigates stationed at the Mouths of the several Bays & Navigable Rivers in order to search all Vessels that may pass & repass so as that none may sail hence or come hither without making due Entry of their respective Vessels & entire Cargoes at the proper Offices or without paying all Duties to which by the Act of Parliament they may be made liable. If such a Plan should be carried into Execution the Inhabitants of this Province will at least have this Benefit that they will be on a footing with their Neighbours which they are not while such a Contraband Trade is carried on from Rhode Island & several other Ports in North America, & I am apt to think very considerable Sums may be raised by such a measure without the Inhabitants being sensible of any Burthen. With respect to what you write concerning Col^o Lloyd I scarcely know what to say having already at different times exhausted myself on that Subject, but as I presume you have in the Letter you have now addressed to him & recommended to my Care & which I shall forward to him by the first Opportunity given him an answer to his Proposition & signified to him what he may expect or depend on I shall when I see him next week take the Liberty to speak to him once more on the Subject after which I shall be able to write to you more certainly & more probably to Your Satisfaction than I could do at present. I am glad to learn that you have foiled M^r Brerewood in all his Attempts against His Ldp, I sent you all the Information I could get relative to the Circumstances of the Mannour in Baltimore & shall be pleased if it answered the End for which you wanted it. You tell me in that part of Your Letter where you acknowledge the Receipt of mine dated the 12th of Sept^r that "with regard to method of Running Boundary Lines inclosed is Doctor Bevis's Judgment & Prescriptions" but was sorry to find by your last Postscript that they were not sent, as our Commissioners would have been very glad to see what he has farther to say or propose with respect to this Business: It is very strange methinks if D^r Bevis could evince the Utility & Accuracy of the Transit Instrument that M^r Penn was not as ready as His Ldp to procure it for us especially when repeated Tryals have shewn the great Difficulty if not Impossibility of running the Lines by the Instruments & methods which have been hitherto used & which are as good as any we can think of unless it be the Transit Instrument you