

Lib. R. R. R. and should have had a more speedy answer, had not the greater distance we are at, otherwise impeded it, which we hope will obtain our excuse with you.

Our Letter by accident arriv^{ing} your Exncys hands (as is Intimated) affords us not onely occasion of trouble, but of wonder also, since the most effectuall care for its speedy and safe conveyance (in our opinions) was taken, in delivering the same to Cap^t Thomas Smith at S^t Maries, who engaged with all diligent care and speed to deliver it with his owne hands to Coll Spencer for a sure and quick passage to your Exncy.

The summe of your Exncys last Letter, being a continuance of your demands of Coll Talbott, we have already answered, and therein given our full result, which wee desire you will please accordingly to accept of, as such from whence we cannot at p^resent receede, out of a due sense of our allegiance to his Maj^{tie} our Duty to his L^{sp}, and as we are

S^r
Y^r Exncys most humble Serv^{ts}

Calvert
Papers.

James the Second's
Instructions

James R

Our Will and Pleasure is, that Our Right Trusty and Wel-beloved Charles Lord Baltimore give Order, and take particular care, that the following Instructions be strictly observed and followed by all Officers and other persons, whom it may concerne, in Our Province of Maryland.

1. You are well and truly to informe yourselfe of the Principall Laws relating to the Plantation Trade, viz. The Act of Navigation made in the 12th year of the Reigne of the late King Our most dear Brother deceased. The Act of Trade made in the 15th year of the said King's Reigne. The Act for regulating the Plantation Trade made in the 22 and 23 years of the said King's Reigne; and The Act for better securing the Plantation Trade made in the 25th year of the said King's Reign, being contained in a Book of Rates herewith delivered to you for your further information.

2. You are to take notice That by the Act of Navigation no Goods or Comodities whatsoever are to bee Imported into or Exported out of Our Province of Maryland, or any other of Our Colonies or Plantations in any other Ships or Vessells whatsoever, but in such as do truly and without fraud belong only to our Subjects of this Our Kingdom of England, or Ireland, Wales, or Town of Berwick