

the said Blakiston neglected to assist him in it, and soe the said Sewall was forced to proceed without him, And after that those vessells were seized, the s<sup>d</sup> Blakiston pswaded Cap<sup>t</sup> Allen to send boates and men to secure them, who finding his L<sup>sp</sup>s Officers on board were disappointed, which gave greate trouble to them both, and is the cause of his writeing that he was prevented in the discharge of his Office. Some of the said Vessells were condemned at a Spiäll Court, and the rest were likely to receive the same condemnation as his L<sup>sp</sup> has been informed, and a faithfull acc<sup>t</sup> will be suddenly given by his L<sup>sp</sup>s Officers to the Com<sup>rs</sup> of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Customs, and his L<sup>sp</sup> is assured they will be also ready and able to cleare themselves in all pticulars, when they shall know and und<sup>r</sup>stand what M<sup>r</sup> Blakiston has charged them with, ffor his L<sup>sp</sup> does not doubt but it will in the end appeare some p<sup>r</sup>judice and ill will the s<sup>d</sup> Blakiston beares towards his officers, for their haveing detected some late abuses w<sup>ch</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> Blakiston has been guilty off in his Office. And of which his L<sup>sp</sup>: has given notice to the Com<sup>rs</sup> of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> customs. Lib. R. R. R. p. 308

Therefore his L<sup>sp</sup> humbly beggs that the s<sup>d</sup> Blakiston may be Required to prosecute his greate charge contained in the said Lett<sup>r</sup> that in case Coll Digges and the rest of the Officers in Maryland be found guilty they may suffer, but if Innocent (as his L<sup>sp</sup> hopes & beleives they are) that then they may be cleared:  
C: Baltmore

King & Councils ord<sup>r</sup> conc: L<sup>d</sup> Balt. answer.

At the Court at Whitehall this 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
July 1685:

By the Kings most Excellent Maj<sup>tie</sup> and the Lords of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> most hon<sup>ble</sup> privy Councill

Upon reading this day at the board the answer of the Lord Baltmore Prop<sup>ty</sup> of Maryland to the complaints against his Officers there, his Majestie was pleased to direct that a copy of the said answer be forthwith sent to the Commiss<sup>rs</sup> of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> customs, and that they together with the said L<sup>d</sup> Baltmore attend his Maj<sup>tie</sup> in Councill upon that matter on this day Seaven night being the 24<sup>th</sup> instant

W<sup>m</sup> Bridgeman.

Assembly ordered to be proroged.

Ordered that the Assembly be prorogued till the last Tuesday in October next, and that Proclamation issue to that purpose.