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see the Acts  
of Trade  
Vigorously  
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S<sup>r</sup> We herewith send you a Copy of a Letter which we have written to the Govern<sup>rs</sup> of the Severall Plantations for your Information & Guidance in the Severall points therein Contained, being Occasioned cheifely by an Act lately passed in Scotland for Erecting a Company to Trade from thence to India Affrica and America; whereof we likewise Send you a Copy with a Copy of the Address from the Lords Spirituall and Temporall and Commons in Parliam<sup>t</sup> Assembled, to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> and his Majesties gracious answer thereto; By all which you will Observe the Danger threatning his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Plantations, and the Loss likely to Attend our Trade from this Act, if the Scotch should under Colour thereof, Settle themselves in Plantations in America, which yet we dont see how they Can, So as to Obtain any advantge thereby, but by the Contrivance and Corruption of our Officers, And therefore to prevent them in their Designs, as we have Excited the s<sup>d</sup> Governo<sup>rs</sup> to a Vigorous Execution of the Severall Laws made in England for the Security of our plantation trade, So we would Stirr you up thereunto; & doe Require from you a dilligent Observance of the s<sup>d</sup> Laws & the Ord<sup>rs</sup> and Instructions which you have Received in pursuance thereof, within your Station, having a more Especiall Eye and Reguard to such Ships and Vessells as may be any wayes suspected to Come from Scotl. or be bound thither, It being our Resolution to proceed ag<sup>t</sup> Such of our Officers who Shall be Guilty in this Kind, with the Utmost Rigour and Severity.

We rest,

Your Loving ffrriends  
Ja: Chadwick } Robert Southwell  
Sam: Clarke } P: Ward.

Custom House Lond<sup>o</sup>  
Jan<sup>ry</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1695.

Maryland.

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There having been an Act lately pass'd in Scotland for Erecting a Company to Trade from thence to India Affrica and America, wherein many Persons have Interested themselves by large Subscriptions, in Ord<sup>r</sup> to a Vigorous Carrying on the Trade to and from those parts w<sup>ch</sup> in time may tend to Destroy the Trade and Navigation of England and Carry it to Scotland We did lately in Obedience to an Ord<sup>r</sup> of the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>rb</sup>le the Lords Spirituall and Temporall in Parliam<sup>t</sup> Assembled, Lay before their Lord<sup>ps</sup> in Writing what we Conceived the proper means to Remedy the inconveniences Arising by