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The Rt Honrble the Lords of the Council Letter to his Exncy concerning the late Act of Parliamt relating to Frauds &c.

After our very hearty Commendations; Whereas an Act has been past in this p^rsent Session of Parliam^t for the preventing ffrauds and Regulating abuses in the Plantation Trade, We have therefore thought fit to Notifye unto You the s^d Act, A copy whereof is here inclosed for your better Information, to which We Refer You, Requiring and Commanding you in his Ma^{ty}s Name to take Care that the s^d Act, and all other Laws made, for the Encouragem^t of Navigation, and the Securing the Plantation Trade to this Kingdom be duly Published within his Ma^{ty}s Province of Maryland under your Governm^t and Strictly put in Execution by all persons whom it may Concern, according to the purport thereof; And Soe we bid you very heartily ffarewell ffrom the Council Chamber at Whitehall this 15th day of Aprill 1696 In the Eighth year of his Ma^{ty}s Reign.

Your Very Loving ffreinds
J. Bridgewater
Stanford.

Govern^r of Maryland.

Bathe
Montagu Bradford
H. Goodricke

The Lords of the Councils Lre to his Exncy giving an Accot of the ffranches preparations Agt some part of America

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After our Very hearty Commendations; Whereas Information has been given that the ffrrench are making preparations by Shiping and otherwise for an Attempt ag^t Some parts of America and have put on board a Considerable Quantity of Arms for that Purpose; We have thought fit by this Express to Notifye the Same to you to the End you may give the Necessary Ord^{rs} for putting all things in the best Posture of Defence that may be within yo^r Governm^t and that you assure the inhabitants thereof that Such Speedy Assistance will be sent from hence as the State of Affairs at home Shall permit, with particular Reguard to the Exigency's they Shall lye under and so not doubting your Utmost Care and Vigilance herein We bid you very heartily ffarewell; ffrom the Council Chamber at Whitehall this 20th day of April 1696: In the Eighth Year of his Ma^{ty}s Reign.

Yo^r very Loving ffreinds

Govern^r of Maryland.

{	H Goodricke	}	J Bridgewater
	J Smith		Stamford
	J Boscawen		Montagu

May the 11th 1696.

Jos Broadbent brought in Custody of Mr Collyer

Mr Thomas Collyer Navall Officer of the port of Williamstadt came & brought in his custody the body of Joshua Broadbent; who being acquainted by his Excell that he had sent for him for breach of an