

within potomock River, and in Ord^r therevnto made an Entry Lib. H. D.
with the Officer at Williamstadt, who gave your pet^r a permit
for Potomock River. That since your pet^{rs} Return, his Sloops
in which the Goods were transported have been Seized, And
your pet^r therevpon Applied himself to yo^r Ex^{ncy} And although
your Pet^r was informed as well by the Officer as others that
pretended to know the Laws of this province, that it was law-
full to transport any Goods or Comodities to Virginia in po-
tomock River without paying the Duty of Ten p Cent impos-
ed by Act &c^a Yet your Pet^r was rather willing to pay the
same then any ways in the least displease your Excell by con-
tending the matter &c^a That since that your Pet^r is informed
that your Ex^{ncy} has been pleased to condescend so farr as to
Assent to an explanatory Law by the Burgesses & Delegates
of this province prayed for, that the former Act should not be
construed to Extend to Virginia, but that it should be lawfull
to transport Goods from this place to Virginia without any
such Imposition. That your pet^r is only a servant to S^r John,
and what he did was in discharge of his trust without the least
thought or intention of Evading any Act or Law of this pro-
vince, and your pet^r knowing that many had transported Goods
out of Maryland to Virginia in Potomock River without paym^t
of the Duty was the easier perswaded therein, neither has any
other paid it as your Pet^r can vnderstand, by means whereof p. 319
your Pet^r if compelled to pay it must needs come vnder his
Imployers Reflections, being the only person paying the same
for transporting to Virginia in potomock River although
many others have done the like as well as your pet^r And
whereas this present Gen^l Assembly have declared that it was
never intended such Goods Exported to Virginia should pay
the s^d Impost your Pet^r humbly prays your Excells favour there-
in and th^t your pet^r by your Excell & Councils goodness be
remitted of the s^d Imposition of Ten p Cent, and his s^d Sloops
seized as afores^d discharged.

And as in Duty he shall &c^a

The which being Read, the following Remarkes were made
thereon, Viz^t

1st That he make Appear that the Officer at Williamstadt
informed him it was lawfull to transport any Goods to Virginia
in Potomock River, without paying the Duty of Ten p Cent.

2^d How he was willing to pay the same, seeing he trans-
ported the Goods without paying the s^d Duty.

3^d That he make it appear what persons have transported
Goods out of Maryland to Virginia without paying the s^d
Duty.