

He is Asked if he Ever took the Oaths Appointed by the Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup> to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy—who says he has not. Whereupon the s<sup>d</sup> Oaths were Administred to him, as also the Oath of Trade and Navigacōn by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> in Councill and afterwards he Subscribed to the Test. Lib. H. D.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleas'd to ask him if he can think of any thing whereby his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Service may be promoted in the way of his Office, and he will give all Necessary Ord<sup>rs</sup> for his Assistance therein; directing him to make what Dispatch he Can to the Execution of his Office, Saying that there are Some Ships in those parts now and more dayly Expected and does acquaint him that th<sup>t</sup> District is a place where illegall Trade is (or at least hath been) most Vsed, and therefore will Require his more particular Reguard and that there is a place Called the Inlet, in that District, where Tob<sup>o</sup> has been some time privately Exported, which place ought to be well watch't intimating that he has placed an Officer there, whom he would doe well to hold Correspondence with, as also with the Nav<sup>l</sup> Officer there appointed for that District. And for his better Guidance in his Office, his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleas'd to tell him that he shall Receive an Ord<sup>r</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Layfield the former Coff<sup>r</sup> to Surrender up to him the Book of Rates Several Copyes of L<sup>res</sup> from the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Customs about Illegall Traders, together with Severall Instructions and Orders of Councill &<sup>ca</sup> in relation to his Office and printed Certificates &<sup>ca</sup> directing him to apply himself to the Clerk of the County Court for what Laws of this Province may any ways concern Trade, whereby he may every way rightly qualifye himself for his Office. P. 520

Ordered that George Layfield Esq Coff<sup>r</sup> of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Customs in Pocomoke District within this Province do upon Sight hereof Surrender up unto David Kennedy Esq the Bearer hereof, the Book of Rates together with all Instructions or Letters by him at any time Rec<sup>d</sup> from the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Customs or from his Ex<sup>ncy</sup>; as also Ord<sup>rs</sup> of Councill, Proclamations, Bonds, Certificates, Cocquets, printed Certificates, and other Papers any ways respecting his s<sup>d</sup> Office, the s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy having this day been admitted and sworn his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Coff<sup>r</sup> of that District, hereby directing a list to be made of what things are deliver'd; whose Receipt thereon will be sufficient discharge to the s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Layfield for all the foregoing matters, which s<sup>d</sup> list or an Authentick Copy thereof is to be transmitted unto his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> at the Port of Annapolis with all Convenient Speed.

Produced a Letter by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> recd: from his Ex<sup>nc</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Edmund Andros his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of Virg<sup>a</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> of June Instant which was Read as followes Viz<sup>t</sup>