

I am in hopes the Encouragem^t proposed may Answer Lib. II. D.
Expectacōn for this Province (God be thanked) is indiffer-
ently well stored with Wheat now and there is great likely-
hood of a good Crop this Year, both of Wheat and Corn, as
also Store of mast for Pork, and I hope this proves likewise
a Seasonable year with you.

Vessells are Scarce here, therefore if any from your Gov-
ernm^t (upon the Encouragem^t propos'd) will be induced to
Come hither to Buye it will be of great Service to his Ma^{ty}
and furtherance of the s^d Expedition by sending them a
Seasonable Supply, which is all the Encouragem^t that Can be
thought off to be Given in this his Ma^{ts} Governm^t by

Your Hon^{rs}

Directed Affectionate friend & Serv^t
ffor his Ma^{ts} Speciall Service. ffr: Nicholson

To the R^t hon^{ble} W^m Stoughton Esq

Lieuten^t Govern^r and Comānd^r in Chief of his Ma^{ts} Prov-
ince of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

Ordered that what Ships cannot get ready to goe with his
ma^{ts} friggott the Harwick under the Comand of Cap^t Andrew
Douglas now Riding in Virginia be notwithstanding clear'd
(if they can get ready to goe) betwixt and the 28th of Sep-
tember next, but not afterwards untill further Ord^r whereof
the Severall Collecto^{rs} and Navall Officers are to take due
Notice and Conform themselv's accordingly.

His Ex^{ncy} is pleas'd to Signifye that he lately rēcd: Advice
of one of his Ma^{ts} men of Warr being Arrived in Virg^a from
Leverpoole called the Dover Prize, who has Orders to Stay
90: days (but had no particular letter from the Commander
thereof) in Ord^r to Convoy the Ships that shall be left behind,
bound ffor those parts, whereof the Collecto^{rs} and Navall p. 529
Officers are to give Notice to all masters of ships so left
behind, that they may fit themselves to have the Benefit of
such Convoy.

Came George Plater Esq Coll^r and Receiver of his Ma^{ts}
Customs within the District of Petuxant and George
Muschamp Esq Coll^r and Receiver of his Ma^{ts} Customs in
Potomock District and made Oath to severall lists (Dupli-
cates) of Shiping and Acco^{ts} &^{ca}

His Ex^{ncy} produces to the Board a Letter by him rēcd. from
the R^t hon^{ble} the Comm^{rs} of his Ma^{ts} Customs, Dated the 3^d
of febr^{ry} 1696: intimating that pursuant to the Directions of
the R^t hon^{ble} the Lords Comm^{rs} of his Ma^{ts} Treasury they
had issued forth a Deputacōn to M^r Peter Jenings to be Coll^r
of his Ma^{ts} Duties at Potuxen River in Maryland instead of
George Plater &^{ca} And the s^d M^r Jenings be called in was