

accounting of and for our s^d Revenues. Provided the same Lib. H. D.
be not contrary to the Orders and Directions given unto you
or to be given by Us or the Comm^{rs} of our Treasury or high
Treasurer for the time being and provided also that you do
not in any wise or any other by yo^r Ord^r intermedle with the
Moyety of the Two shilling p^hhd the duty of 14^d p^o Ton or
the Quitt Rents belonging to the Lord Baltemore as Propriet^r
of our s^d Province but that you leave the Same to be Collected
and Received, by the s^d Lord Baltemore or his Agents without
any let or hindrance from you or your under Officers; Given
at our Court at Whitehall the Eighth day of Jan^{ry} 1691: in the
Third Year of our Reign.

By his Ma^{ty} Command
John Lowther
R. Hamsden
Ste. ffox
T. Pelham

Coppy Extract of a Letter from Coll Nicholson Gov^r of
Maryland to the Councill of Trade & Plantations Dated the
13th Iuly 1697.

I had from the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Admiralty a
Comission for Vice Admirall of this his Matys Province &
theire L^dshps were pleased to Impower me to apoint a Judge
Register and Marshall of the Vice Admiralty here w^{ch} bears
date the 2^d of October 1695 And which I Received by our last
Fleet from the Hon^{ble} William Bridgeman Esq^r Their Lord-
shps Secretary And with humble Submission to your Lord-
shps I do not find th^t any Ship or Vessell can be tryed by the
Court of Admiralty for breach of any of the Acts of Trade
and Navigation except a Ship or vessell that shall cary any of
the enumerated Comodityes to any place but as directed by
Acts of Parliam^t particularly by one of the 22^d & 23^d of King
Charles the Second Entituled an Act to p^rvent the planting of
Tobb: in England & for Regulateing the Plantation Trade by
Virture of w^{ch} Act the Ship or Vessell So offending is to be
Tryed for the same in any of the Plantations in the Court of
high Admirall &c. of England or any of his Vice Admiralls as
in page 237 of the Book of Rates &c. Comonly so called. p. 191
And by the late Act of the 7th & 8th of his most Sacred
Majestys Reigne for p^rventing frauds &c. I don't see th^t any
power is given to try Ships or Vessells in the Court of
Admiralty for the breach of That or other Acts of Trade &
Navigation Except they are Impowered to do by a Clause in
the s^d Act page 497 Viz^t In any of his Matys Courts of
Records at Westminister or in any Court in his Matys Planta-