

Seizure & prosecution to be made thereof and lett us hear Lib. H. D.
of your proceedings We are

S^r Yo^r very humble Serva^{nts}

Custom house London
30th Decem^r 1697

H Hobart
Sam^l Clarke
Ben: Overton
Jo: Austen
Rob^t Henly

Govern^r of Maryland.

The above Letter was directed

For his Excellency
Collon^{ll} ffrancis Nicholson

Gov^r of Maryland
For his Ma^{ty} Service

A Letter of
Caution from
the Com^{rs} of
the Customs
to Esq^r Ran-
dolph Con-
cerning Regis-
tering of
Shipp^s &c

M^r Randolph

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Having rec^d Information that there
are severall Shipp^s now built & building In New
England Virginia & Maryland intended really for
the Natives of Scotland though Colourably to be
Registered in the Respective Plantations and that
these Ships are to Load wthout Giving Bond at
all, Or that Insolvent persons are to be imposed upon the
Officers for securities We direct you to have a perticular eye
& regard to any practices of this kind and take care that all
Ships be duly Registered according to the Provision in the
late Act of Parliament. And that the Officers be cautioned
to take none for Security for Masters but p^{rs}ons of Sufficiency
& Value and Inhabitants on the place We rest

Custom house London
9th Dec^r 1697

Yo^r Loving ffrriends
Walter Younge
C Godolphin
Sam Clarke
Ben: Overton
Jo: Austen
Rob^t Henley

Virgin^a

The above Letter was directed.

For Edw^d Randolph, Esq. Surv^r Gen^{ll} of his Maj^{ties} Customs
In Englan^d For his Ma^{ty} Service