

(some of them at least) as also the forementioned suggestion of obstructing the exportation of Goods from hence, appear to have weight in them; and that however, the partiality therein complained of in the execution of that Law, if there have been any ought more especially to have been avoided. We are obliged also particularly to take notice of one Article entered the 28th of May 1697. In your Journal of Council in Assembly, wherein it is said that a Letter of M^r Poveys to you dated the 20th of Octob^r 1696 was read, in w^{ch} he writes that he has not been wanting to Solicit us about the Maryland Coynes: Whereupon we must inform you that no such application was ever made to us about th^t matter. And tho two or three loose papers were delivered to us upon that Subject amongst others when we first entered upon this Comission as things depending before the Lords of the late Committee, we did not think fitt for us to move any thing in that matter till the Laws themselves of that Province came Regularly under our consideration. There are several things in your letter of the 13th of Iuly & papers accompanying it, Relating to the Acts for Trade, and methods for the more effectual observation thereof, all w^{ch} are very usefull for our Information; and we desire you upon any New occasion to continue your advices to us upon the same Subject; But as those matters lye more particularly, under the Conduct of the Comiss^{rs} of his Majestys Customes here, we desire that for the future whatever you write us upon that Subject be in a distinct paper seperate from your Letters about other business; and that at the same time you give us notice whether you send the same things (or how much of them) to the Comissioners of the Customes themselves; That so we may avoid the needless trouble of sending them the Copys of your papers.

Lib. H. D.

Your Diligence in issuing Proclamations & giving directions through your Government for the apprehending of Every and other Pirates, and the Zeale w^{ch} you express upon all occasions for the extirpation of that pernicious Race of Vermin, is very commendable. But we must observe to you upon that Subject that the information of Thomas Robinson & Francis Iones which you have sent us relating to Pirates in Pensilvania, and to the conduct of that Governm^t towards them, is the less weight because not upon Oath: And that we suspend our Iudgment upon that matter till we have more throughly Examined their defences than we have yet had leizure to do. It has happened now upon occasion of the Peace th^t we have been obliged to inquire into encouragements that can be proposed in any of his Maj^{ties} Plantacōns for such of the Soldiers now to be disbanded may as be willing to transplant themselves thither: upon w^{ch} occasion we have had recourse to the per-