

Lib. H. D. sons most here concerned in any of them: And thereupon they think fit to let you know th' it has been some inconvenience to us not to find any Agents here for Maryland, as there are
p. 182 for Barbados, Iamaica & other places, appointed by Acts of their General Assemblies; And th' we are apprehensive lest the want thereof may happen in some occasions to prove prejudicial to that Province, by delays in their Publick affairs and loss of opportunities for their advantage.

What you mention occasionly in the 9th page of your Letter about the want of Negroes and Servants in that Province, and the decay of trade as occasioned in part by that want makes us wish to be a litle particularly informed what ordinarily becomes of white Servants sent thither when the time of their service is expired: Unto which we therefore desire your answer.

Your Doubt and difficulty about Tryalls for Breaches of the Acts for Trade being matter of Law, we have sent to his Majesties Attorney and Solliciter Genneral for their Opinion thereupon, And shall not faile to advise you thereof in our next. In the mean while we bid you heartily farewell.

White hall
November the 17th 1697.

Your very Loving Friends
Ph. Meadows
John Pollexfen
John Locke
Abr Hill
George Stepney

A Reply to Coff Nicholson's answer to the Pensilvania Merchants Petition.

The first branch of the answer denyes the premises for if we have free passage of allowed Comodities paying only such dues or Custom's as were or shall be imposed by the Laws of England to the Province of Pensilvania; then no Laws of any Province under the Crown of England ought to obstruct the free passage of such goods as have already paid in England, in their passage to the Province they are consigned to, and already have paid to goe to; nor is it the practice of any Nation to require but there where the goods are consigned and sold. So th' the Law of Maryland do's not make it the more Lawfull, because that it is not the Law of England, but injurious to its Trade as well as to the people of Pensilvania.

His Second and third Branches need no other answer than that we claime freedom by a use that is all over America and that Maryland cannot of right break; for 'tis expressly ag' a clause of Priviledge in the Lord Baltimores Pattennt to all the Kings Subjects that shall make that Province their way to others where they inhabit; And if the Pensilvianians carry away