

Lib. H. D.

February the 19<sup>th</sup> 1696.

Ordr abt Mr  
Platers Search  
& inquiry for  
Bonds & Certif.  
at Mr Josephs  
&ca

Came Coll: Henry Darnall and delivered up  
vpon Oath Severall Navigation Bonds and Cer-  
tificates, Certifying that they were all which he  
could find or knows off unless by Chance some  
might be left in the mean time of the Revolution  
at Mattapany now in M<sup>r</sup> Josephs Charge, Ordered that M<sup>r</sup>  
Plater make inquiry and Search for all such papers there.

February the 18<sup>th</sup> 1696.

Ordr for Mr  
Plater to send  
to the  
respective  
Governm<sup>ts</sup>  
abt Lists of  
Ships &  
Vessells  
trading there.

Ordered that George Plater Esq Coll<sup>r</sup> and  
Receiver of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Customs within Petuxant  
District doe by the ffirst oportunity of Conveyance  
sent to the Severall Governm<sup>ts</sup> belonging to his  
Ma<sup>ty</sup> in these American parts to which Tobacco is  
or hath been usually Shiped desiring that the  
respective Govern<sup>ts</sup> of the s<sup>d</sup> Plantacōns would  
please to Couse an Authentic List to be made and attested  
under the Seal of each respective Governm<sup>t</sup> of what Ships or  
Vessells have Come to any of those parts from this Governm<sup>t</sup>  
(having respect to the Dates of the Sever all Navigacōn Bonds  
now in his Custody) together with an Acco<sup>t</sup> of the quantities of  
Tob<sup>o</sup> there imported and put on Shore and that the s<sup>d</sup> Lists so  
taken and attested may be sent in with all possible Speed it  
being Adjudged by this Board a matter much importing his  
Ma<sup>ty</sup> Service in distinguishing what Ships have transgressed his  
Ma<sup>ty</sup> Laws and who have not, without which the people of  
this Province concern'd in the Navigacōn Bonds are likely to  
be great Sufferers.

Ordr to the  
Severall  
Collrs &  
Navall Officers  
to make ffour  
particular  
Lists of all  
Ships &  
Vessells &ca

Ordered that the Severall Collectors and Navall  
Officers within the Province and their Deputies  
do make out ffour particular Lists of all Ships by  
them Enter'd & Cleard from the time of the ffirst  
Arrivall of the late Govern<sup>r</sup> Copley by them to be  
brought up to the Assembly in March, if they  
then Sit, otherwise to bring them up to the Port  
of Annapolis on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill next in Order to make  
Oath to the Same hereby Ordering that all fformer Officers  
that are now out of place be acquainted by the p<sup>r</sup>esent Officers  
for them to make Like Lists and bring what Bonds, Certifi-  
cates and other papers (belonging to their respective Offices)  
remains now in their Custody in Order to be Surrendered up  
upon Oath.

On the back of the s<sup>d</sup> Ord<sup>r</sup> was thus written by Ord<sup>r</sup> Viz<sup>t</sup>