

Lib. H. D. and assisting to them, about the finding out and discovery of the aforementioned Goods, as they and every of them will answer the contrary at their perill; for which this shall be sufficient warrant. Given from the Council Board the day and year above written.

Signed p Order
Hen^r Denton Cl Concl.

[Board of Trade to Nicholson.]

Cockpitt february the 23^d 1697/8

S^r We have not Received any Letter from you since ours of the 17th November in which we answered those that then lay before us but haveing had M^r Attorney and M^r Sollicitor generalls Answer to your doubt ab^t Trialls for breaches of the Acts of Trade we send you here inclosed a Copy thereof for y^r direction in that point as we received it at the foot of an Extract of your own Letter we sent unto them.

p. 190 The Laws of Maryland lye yett as we last acquainted yo^u But we hope the Suspence will not be much Longer. However upon this occasion it may be Convenient to add now unto what he then writt you about Agents that some pson or psons Authorized from thence with that character w^d be very usefull for promoteing the Expedition of that & any other publick Affair relateing to that Province.

We Send you herewith all his Majestys Proclamacōn of the 28th of the Last month prohibiteing his Subjects to enter into the Service of forreigne Princes or States that you may Cause it to be published in the usual Places within his Majesties Territorys under your Govern^{mt} and as much as in you lies take Care that his Majesties Pleasure therein Express be duly Observed and the Transgressors thereof punished so we bid you heartily Farewell

The aboves^d Letter was directed to his Ex^{ncy} Francis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l & Gov^r &c

Your very Loveing friends
W Bridgewater
Ph: Meadows
Willm Blathwayt
John Pollexfen
Abr. Hill.

ffeb^{ry} the 24th 1697/8.

The Council again sate and were present as yesterday with the Addition of the Hono^{ble} Thomas Tench Esq^r

Produced and read a Letter by his Ex^{ncy} rec^d from David Kennedy Esq^r Collector of his Majestyes Custom's in Pocomoke district, bearing date the 28th of Decem^r last past, as