

P. R. O. there, tho the Plantacōns were named in it (and may be they are of opinion, that because they have pretended to add new Penalties to the Acts for Trade &c. made in Engl. their so doing may be as the Grass to hide their Snake: but I think it is one with Rattles, by which he is easily discovered, and then as easily destroyed) unless they gave a sanction to it by way of Friendly Caution to their spirituallized Brethren.

And I have observed that a great many People in all these Provinces and Colonies, especially in those under proprietors; and the two others of Connecticut, and Rhode-Island, think that no Law of Engl. ought to be in force, and binding to them; without their own consent. For they foolishly say, they have no Representatives sent from them selves to the Parliaments in Engl. And they look upon all laws made in Engl. that put any Restraint upon them, to be great hardships. I will endeavor to get all the Laws, Ordinances, and Proclamacōns of Pensylvania, and West-Jersey, in order to send them to yo^r Lord^{ps} but I fear it will be a difficult thing to obtain them if they know they are for strangers: especially for me: for M^r Pen writes that M^r Moor's and Cap^m Snead's corresponding with me, is villanous in them and not well in me. All the publick Correspondence that I have had with them concerning illegal trade, Pyrats, Privateers &c. I have sent accounts of, and cōpys of their letters to yo^r Lord^{ps} and I think it my duty so to doe, till I have yo^r Lord^{ps} Commands to the Contrary. And I intend to keep Cōpys of them: because I think I ought to have them by reason that his Majesty hath impowered me, upon Vacancys, to appoint a Judge &c. allso to see whether any of these things concern his Majestys Interest in general, and this his Province in particular.

With Submission to yo^r Lord^{ps} if this Pensylvanian Law should be in force there, it would be an example for the other Proprietor's Governments to make such an one: And upon the like Occasions, they may enact others as repugnant to the Laws of Engl.

And I humbly beg leave of yo^r Lord^{ps} to make this proposal, vizt. that all Governours in these parts of the World; whether they have his Majestys Royal Commission, or Proprietors; or be elected by the People, as in Connecticut, & Rhode-Island, be obliged to give good security for the due performance of the Trust reposed in them especially for the due observance of the Oaths which they are obliged to take, made in the 7th & 8th years of his Matys Reign for p^rventing Frauds &c. and that they take no Rewards directly, or indirectly, from any Pyrats, or Privateers: and that they neither encourage, harbour, or protect them, but will, to the utmost of their powers, use all lawfull means to have them apprehended Secured; in order to