

P. R. O. with great Address gott them speedily Reenacted all his  
 Maryland, 3. Generous Dessigns for the Good of this Country, were in  
 danger of miscarrying; they are now sent back to be pre-  
 sented again to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> and to your Lo<sup>ps</sup> in Council with an  
 humble Address; tho if not penn'd as they ought, his Ma<sup>ty</sup>  
 would be pleased to give Directions in what sort, they shall  
 pass his Royal Assent; but it is a wonder here that M<sup>r</sup> Popple  
 has not given us timely notice how to make our Addresses  
 and Applications; Many matters was left unfinish'd at my  
 Coming away from England there was a memorial concerning  
 severall advices notices & proposals, Relating to the Advan-  
 tage of the Kings Service in this and the adjacent Collonyes,  
 presented to yo<sup>r</sup> Lo<sup>ps</sup> by his Excellencys Order, and Referr'd  
 by yo<sup>r</sup> Lo<sup>ps</sup> to the Com<sup>rs</sup> of the Customes, and by them to the  
 Merchants in which advice was given that the Planting of  
 Cotton and the Encourageing of the Manufacturing of it in  
 Virginia by S<sup>r</sup> Edmund Andros, and others seem'd prejudicial  
 to the Planting of Tobacco and to his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Interest, both in  
 England and there and this Collony, This gave great distast  
 to some in London, who were friends to S<sup>r</sup> Edmund Andrews  
 and had land here, they have sent Copys of the Memorial  
 into Virginia Endeavouring to cast an odium upon his Excel-  
 lency as an Informer, and an Enemy to the benefit and Interest  
 of the Country, The presenting of which has been also so far  
 improved by some Hott and factious Spirits in our late  
 Assembly, that tho I was of their opinion before and had now  
 Recovered for them 300<sup>li</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Edmund Andros had taken from  
 our Collony, 200<sup>li</sup> of which is applyed to the building our free  
 School, and given a fair Acco<sup>t</sup> of all my negotiation. Give me  
 leave to remark one thing, I doubt yo<sup>r</sup> Lo<sup>ps</sup> were surprized by  
 sending the Memorial, Entire to the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of the Customes,  
 or they were so by sending it to the Merch<sup>ts</sup> since there are  
 some things in it not so fitt for the Merch<sup>ts</sup> or Common  
 persons to know but the end of this is to lett me know what  
 Iudgment is past upon it, because there has been so much  
 noise about it.

P. R. O. Gov. Nicholson of the Board of Trade  
 Maryland, 9. May it please your Lordships  
 Answered fol. 97 I have the honour to receive your Lordships Letter of Sept<sup>r</sup>  
 Fol. 20 25<sup>th</sup> 1696, and shall endeavour according to my duty to  
 returne your Lordships an Answer to all your Lord<sup>ps</sup> Com-  
 mands therein so far as at present tis possible. His Most  
 Sacred Majesty having authoriz'd and constituted your Lord-  
 ships Commissioners for promoting the Trade of England, and