

to the Condemnation of your Prize we know no other Law Lib. X.
in Force than that of the 4th & 5th of King William & Queen
Mary by which that affair if transacted in this province must
be directed unless you can produce any Later Statute of her
present Majesty or otherwise providing therein which if you
have any such the President avouches he requested you so
to do yet if there be as some have offered any Royal Proclam-
ation or Declaration whereby her Majesty has Directed any
further Allowance or reward to your self & Ships Company
you may be assured the same will be honourably complied
with by this her Majestys Governm^t where you will find all
the fair Treatment you can desire but as to your Demand
that the President should give you very good Security for
yours & the Ships Company's parts it is in all Respects
extravagant & Derogatory to the honour of this her Majestys
Government & very unreasonable in regard the Law Directs
two persons appointed by you & the Ships Company shall be
equally intrusted with the Commsrs of the Prizes or as the
natural Equity of the Statute will Extend to such as shall be
appointed by the Governor of the West Indies Island or plan-
tations who are here in Lieu of the Commsrs of the prizes
therefore Sir if you think fit to conform your self to that Law
in delivering your Prize as directed the Condemnation may
be very speedily Effected Either at the Town and Port of
Annapolis if you can Conveniently come there or otherwise P. 343
in regard to your Indisposition of health and the Shortness
of your stay here Considered the judge of the Court of
Admiralty who is always ready in his duty will meet you and
all concerned at the Court House in Battle Town in Calvert
County upon your intimation & a reasonable time prefixed

We are apt to Believe you have been misadvised in this
Affair which has been the occasion of this delay of time in
which your Business might have been dispatcht

Sir

Your Character from all the Trade here stands so fair with
us that none can have any Grounds to suspect any embezzle-
ments by you particularly or any honest Gentleman in so
honble a post & assure you we never heard of any such Sur-
mise therefore you may well expect all the just and Honble
Treatment this Government can express to so worthy a per-
son as we are obliged to believe you are

Sir

Your humble Servants
Tho Tench President
John Hammond
W^m Holland
James Sanders