

B. M. Reception, and th<sup>t</sup> I am not misunderstood, thou wilt allways  
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Thy kind neighbour  
and real friend  
W<sup>m</sup> Penn.

True Copy

[signed:] Fr. Nicholson.

[Postscript on a separate sheet]

I thank God I abhor all indirect methods, as at conniving at forbidden Trade, or the abuse of the Crown in a lawful one. And if any are faulty in my Propriety, as I am innocent, so I am sure I would not indure but punish it to extremity, if among them. Tho, here itself so full of officers and checks it happens too often.

When Ed. Randolph arrives there, he will be able to say more upon th<sup>t</sup> head, and the Regulacions th<sup>t</sup> are fixed for prevention. In which I also had my share in proposing some of th<sup>m</sup> and agreeing to others, as the lords well know, which I heartily wish may be observed.

W. P.

For Col. Nicholson

Governour of Maryland

True Copy,

[signed:] Fr. Nicholson.

[Endorsed:] Copy of M<sup>r</sup> Pens letter to his Excellency  
Gen. Nicholson.

[N. Bayard to Gov. Nicholson.]

N. York. 30 X<sup>ber</sup> 97.

M<sup>r</sup> Brook (amongst other things) acquainted our Govern<sup>r</sup> Col. Fletcher th<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Pen was in great esteem at Court, and by what I have seen & heard he has been very instrumental to displant Col. Fletcher from the Governm<sup>t</sup> Yet some short time before M<sup>r</sup> Brooks his departure, s<sup>d</sup> Pen took an appportunity to tell s<sup>d</sup> Brook, th<sup>t</sup> yourself was to be removed from your Governm<sup>t</sup> and th<sup>t</sup> he had enough ag<sup>ts</sup> you to effect it, th<sup>t</sup> he might acquaint Col. Fletcher, if he had a mind to th<sup>t</sup> Governm<sup>t</sup> of Maryl<sup>d</sup>; he adviced him only to make some stay in these parts, and doubted not but would procure th<sup>t</sup> Governm<sup>t</sup> for Col. Fletcher, who I know utterly abhors such intreagues, is fully resolved to depart hence in his Mat<sup>ys</sup> ship the Richmond.

The above is part of a letter from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Col. Nicholas Bayard one of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Council of N. York & sent to

[Signed:] Fr. Nicholson.