

any privateer or Pyrate arrive there. If objection be made to this practice it is desired that the masters and merchants which use this Country may be called and examined upon oath about it. That by Proclamation and orders of Council entred in the Journalls it will appear his Ex^{cy} hath taken all possible care to prevent that mischief but the Country being all open it is impossible wholly to prevent it.

Maryland lyes under great inconveniencys by the Remissness of Government in Pensylvania, by their illegal Trade and by the Manufactures there set up with which in time they will supply the wants of that Province. M^r Edward Randolph hath been lately there and discovered some late illegall practices in point of Trade and hath sent home an account to the Comm^{rs} of the Custome house. As to their Civill Government all men know the partial and foul judgment of the quaker justices. The only way to be satisfy'd is to send over or to appoint Commissioners to examine into their frauds and abuses of all sorts.

All which will further appear by M^r Pens letter to his Excellency by seeing how industrious he is to suppress any informations given against his illegal practices. His Excellency thought it not expedient to answer M^r Pens letter or to hold any correspondence with him without your Lordships commands or direction which if he receive he doubts not but to give your Lordships full satisfaction. The threatenng expressions in M^r Pens letter against M^r Randolph are remarkable And what he sais about procuring for Coll. Fletcher the Government of Maryland as in Coll. Bayard's letter. By all which it appears the design he has to advance the reputation of his interest in England by pretending to remove Governors and frighten inferiors into obedience unto himself by deterring them to give any accounts of his proceedings. And his Ex^{cy} doubts not but that he will use all his interest to remove him for his endeavors to promote the churches and schools, and to oppose the illegality of his Trade, his harboring Pyrates and entertaining runaway servants and managing the Trade of Maryland both lawfull and unlawfull, which that he might hinder his Ex^{cy} hath put them under restrictions by obliging their Traders to come to Annapolis and Williamstadt. These Traders from Pensylvania pay nothing to the support of the Government nor are of any use or defence unto it being of the nature of Scotch Pedlars. In fine his Ex^{cy} takes his Ma^{ty's} and M^r Pens interest to be as opposite as the French Trade hath been formerly to that of England. If M^r Pen should object that there is or can be no inland Trade from Pensylvania to Maryland, it is observed that there are two or