

that he was but newly arrived he did not know what construction the people might put upon such adjournment & that for those reasons he had wrote to the Governor of Virginia that Major Dent could not then wait upon his Excell^y being so Concerned for his Majesty & others as afores^d Lib. X. p. 216

His Excellency acquaints the Board that he had Ordered Major Smallwood to acquaint those Indians that if they would come in here & quietly set down they should be kindly dealt with but has not as yet heard from the said Major Smallwood

His Excellency says he is informed that there are three Ships now trading in this Province wholly owned by Scotchmen & that one of the Masters viz^t Captain Lathrop being questioned had produced Edw^d Randolph Esq^r his Majestys Surveyor Gen^l on the Continent of America his Letter in his Favour signifying that Liberty of trading into these Provinces is now allow'd to Such Scotchmen & laid a copy of the said Letter before the Board which was read as also his Excellencys Instructions dated the 4th of October 1698 relating to that affair which this Board having considered likewise the several Acts of Trade & Navigation are of Opinion that in regard neither his Excellency nor any of the Officers of his Majestys Customs here have received any such Notice or Advice of such Toleration from the honble the Commsrs of his Majestys Customs or the Right honble the Lords of the Council of Trade no regard ought to be had to the said Letter but that the acts of trade & Navigation should be put in force

His Excellency acquaints the Board that he has lately rec'd two Letters from the right Honble James Vernon Esq^r his Majestys Secy of State the one directing him to use his utmost Care & Diligence to apprehend Captain Kidd the Pirate & his crew in case any of them should come into this Province upon Which Occasion he had issued particular Warrants to every County in the Province p. 217

The other Letter directing his Excellency to prohibit any Supply of Arms or Provisions from this Prov^s to the Scotch Settlement at Darien whereupon he had issued his Proclamation to prohibit any such supply from this Province

Produced & read a Letter from M^r Walter Lane & M^r Rowland Bevine complaining of one Iohn Parker who had intruded upon & built an house within the Bounds of the Land laid out for the Indians in Somerset County of which the said Indians complain & the said Gentlemen further acquaint his Excellency that they fear some disturbance may be occasioned thereby

His Excellency with the advice of the Board does thereupon order that M^r Iohn Rounds one of his Maj^{stys} Iustices of the