

Breach of the Laws, & as Captain Lovey labours under a Lib. C. B.  
manifest Hardship by the Detainer of his Register and Certifi-  
NB. the Reg<sup>r</sup> since delivered } cate and may be stopt here for  
by Rousby the Certif } Want thereof so I humbly hope  
stopt by M<sup>r</sup> Plater } Your Excellency will interpose  
your Authority & order the Delivery of the Certificate which  
this Remonstrant takes to be his indubitable Right by all the  
Laws of England and that he is accountable for this Entry and  
obliged to render a true Account thereof to your Excellency,  
his Lordships Agent and the Country for all Fees and Duties  
arising on the Ship George; This being the Case would it not  
be the height of Injustice for Capt<sup>n</sup> Lovey to be obliged to  
pay double fees &c which must be the Consequence if the  
Officers of Patuxent claims should be deemed legal, such  
treatment as this as it will be a great Discouragement to  
Trade, so it will not fail of being complained of by the Owners  
which may greatly injure the Interest of Your Remonstrant  
and Partners, who humbly hope your Excellency in your great  
Wisdom will seriously deliberate on this Affair, and do therein  
as to your great Judgment shall seem meet and for which  
Your Remonstrant will ever pray

Philip Lee

Please NB that the Owners have positively ordered the  
Masters to enter in my District as by Letter to me will appear  
in favour to

Philip Lee.

To his Excellency the Governor of Maryland

The humble Answer of George Plater Esq<sup>r</sup> Naval Officer p. 130  
of the Port of Patuxent to the Remonstrance of  
Philip Lee Esq<sup>r</sup> Naval Officer of Patowmeck

This Respondent acknowledges that on the Arrival of  
Edward Lovey Master of the George Galley, with a Cargo of  
Negroes in Patuxent River, which was the very first Port into  
which the said Ship came, after its Arrival in Chesapeak Bay  
(as the said Lovey acknowledged to this Respond<sup>t</sup>), this Re-  
spondent required the said Lovey to enter his Ship, notwith-  
ing the said Lovey shewed this Respond<sup>t</sup> a Certificate of an  
Entry made at Patowmeck: which this Respondent humbly  
conceives was what he was by the Oath and Duty of his Office  
obliged to do, and humbly submits to your Excys Considera-  
tion, whether the coming to an Anchor off Cedar Point in the  
Ships Way into the Port of Patuxent (if the fact had been  
really so) could have justified the Remonstrant in Encroaching