

least doubting your Lordships Concurrence in anything that Lib. C. B.
may contribute to the happiness of Your Tenants

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His Excellency is pleased to lay before the Board the following Instruction from his Majesty

Trusty and welbeloved We greet you well

George R.

Whereas the Sieur Hop Envoy Extraordinary from Our good Friends and Allies the States General of the United Provinces, has made strong and repeated Complaints to Us, that since the Commencement of the present War with Spain, the Captains and Officers of Our Ships of War, and Others acting under Our Commission have without any Regard to the Terms of the Treaty Marine between Our Royal Predecessor King Charles the second, and their high Mightinesses the States General of the United Netherlands concluded at London the first Day of December 1674 S: V: confirmed by subsequent Treaties, frequently made Prize of Dutch Ships and their Cargoes, as well in Europe, as America, upon Pretence of their having on board Spanish Effects, tho' not contraband; And It being Our Royal Intention that all Engagements which subsist between Us, and Our said good Friends and Allies the States General should be most carefully and religiously observed; It is therefore Our Will and Pleasure & We do hereby authorize and impower you to enjoyn all Captains of Ships to whom you shall grant Letters of Marque or Commissions for private Men of War against the King of Spain and his Subjects, to observe carefully and religiously the said Treaty Marine, and give Security pursuant to the tenth Article for their due performance thereof And so We bid you heartily farewell Given at Our Court at S^t James's the 13th day of April 1743 in the 16th Year of Our Reign

By His Majestys Command

To Our trusty & welbeloved Holles Newcastle
Thomas Bladen Esq^r Dep^{ty} Gover^r
of Our Province of Maryland in America & in
his Absence to the Com^r in Chief of Our said Province
for the time being.