

In Testimony whereof the said Lionell Copley Esq hath hereunto sett his hand and affixed his seal the day & year above written

L Copley (Seal)

Sealed and Delivered  
in the presence of  
Henry Smith  
John Hewellin

Com<sup>d</sup> Letter to S<sup>r</sup> Tho: Lawrence

After our hearty commendations, His Majesty having graciously pleased by His Letters Patents under the great Seal of England to grant unto you the Office and place of Secretary of His Majesty's Province of Maryland in America His Majesty's name and by His Express Command to direct and require you and the Secretary of His Majesty's said Province for the time being to send unto us a particular account of all things that shall pass or be transacted within your said Office or Secretary and Copy of such laws, Acts of Government, and public Orders as shall be made from time to time together with Copy of the Journals of the Council and all such papers as are or shall be brought to be entered and registered within your said Office to the end whereupon His Majesty hath appointed a Committee of His Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations may be better enabled to perform the duty incumbent on us, which accounts and Copies are to be transmitted by you unto us quarterly or at such times in the year as any opportunity offer and also Duplicates thereof by the next succeeding Postyeare and that you and others whom it may concern may at all times give due obedience therunto, you are to make Entry of this our Letter in the Books belonging to your said Office of Secretary which of you are not to fault: And so we bid you farewell, from the Council Chamber at Whitehall this Eleventh day of December 1691.

To Our Loving friend S<sup>r</sup> Tho: Lawrence Barr  
Secretary of His Majesty's Province of Maryland  
In America.  
23<sup>d</sup> December 1692.

Your Loving friend  
Carmellin  
John South  
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H Goodrich

To all People to whom these presents shall come Wee the Commissioners for managing and causing to be levied and collected their Majesties Customes Subsidies and other Duties in this his Kingdom of England Greeting Know yee that Wee the said Comiss<sup>rs</sup> have by Vertue of an Act of Parliament made the 25<sup>th</sup> yeare of the Reign of King Charles the second Entituled an Act for the Encouragement of the Eastland and Greenland Trades and for better securing the Plantation Trade And in pursuance of the Authority and Directions to us given by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords Commissioners of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Treasury Deputed and Impowred and doo here by Depute and Impower George Plater to be Collector of all the Rates Duties & Impositions arising and growing due to their Maj<sup>ties</sup> at whatever River in their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Province of ~~Virginia~~ Maryland by Vertue of the said Act whereby he hath power to enter into any Shipps Bottom Boate or other Vessel as also into any Shopps house & Warehouse

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