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May it please y<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup>

July 3. 1698

Wee having this Act read before us w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup> Comands to us Carefully to Inspect & Examine and make Report  
whether some Clauses therein w<sup>er</sup>d not likely to be prejudiciall to his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Interest, in his Revenue, Wee humbly say  
and Report, that in our Judgments one Clause that Enacts that upon any Information or Complaint, whatsoever for  
breach of any Act of Trade or Customs whatsoever, Tryall shall be by Twelve men of a Jury, Wee say that Clause to  
be to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Maggall & Consary, by Law of England, for there is some Breaches and Offences in Trade that are  
Cognizable in y<sup>e</sup> Court of Admiralty (as all things done on y<sup>e</sup> Sea and) regularly and properly cognizable there, but this  
Clause by those General Terms seems to Restraine that Jurisdiction and to tye all these matters tryable there in y<sup>e</sup> Courts of  
Common Law by Twelve men of Jury, Therefore wee conceive that Clause to be Unnecessary, and Illegall and that y<sup>e</sup>  
several Offences against Trade shall be tryed according to y<sup>e</sup> Statute Laws and Customs of England and y<sup>e</sup> Directions of  
them Laws either by y<sup>e</sup> Common Law or Court of Admiralty, according to y<sup>e</sup> Nature of y<sup>e</sup> Offence and so we take y<sup>e</sup>  
Clause to be that says w<sup>ch</sup> is any one Juror or Judge in y<sup>e</sup> Tryall Scruples to Take on oath their Oath or Affidavit  
shall be sufficient, it is contrary to y<sup>e</sup> Common and Statute Laws of England and therefore Illegall and void which Wee  
Humbly offer to y<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup> Consideration and are y<sup>r</sup> most Obedient Servants  
George Blater  
Wm Dent

Maryland Court of Annapolis  
By his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Justices of y<sup>e</sup> Provinciall Court  
Septemb<sup>r</sup> 10 1698

Having perused a certain Act of Assembly made in y<sup>e</sup> Province of Pennsylvania Entituled An Act for preventing  
Frauds and Regulating abuses in Trade within that Province of Pennsylvania and County annexed  
Wee are of opinion that y<sup>e</sup> said Law is altogether Repugnant to y<sup>e</sup> several Acts of Trade and Navigation and  
Especially y<sup>e</sup> late Act of Parliament in y<sup>e</sup> Tenth and Eighth years of his present Maj<sup>ty</sup> King William  
Third &c. And that if that practice should be continued and allowed of there it will much prejudice his Maj<sup>ty</sup>  
Service in giving too much Liberty there, and will give occasion to all false and Illegall Trades to report, threaten and  
the Trades in that Province will have that Liberty given them which wee have and other his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Colonies and  
precluded off, and occasion Decay of Trade there

Robert Smith  
John Ballard  
Tho: Tasker  
John Kaskins  
Tho: Staley  
John Hampton  
John Hammond

Know all men by these Presents that wee John Bozman of Somerset County gent<sup>l</sup> Wm Round and Peter Dent, gent<sup>l</sup>  
are holden and firmly bound unto his Ex<sup>ty</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Capt. Gen<sup>l</sup> and Chiefe Govern<sup>r</sup> of this  
Province in y<sup>e</sup> full sum of one thousand pounds of good and lawfull money of England to be paid to y<sup>e</sup> said Francis  
Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> his Ex<sup>ty</sup> Adm<sup>r</sup> or Assignes to y<sup>e</sup> which payment well and truly to be made wee bind our selves and  
Eithers of us our and Eithers of our heirs Ex<sup>ty</sup> and Adm<sup>r</sup> jointly and severally for y<sup>e</sup> whole and in y<sup>e</sup> whole finally by these  
presents Witness our hands and Seales y<sup>e</sup> second day of September 1698

The Condition of y<sup>e</sup> above written obligation is such that whereas his Ex<sup>ty</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> hath Comissioned  
and appointed y<sup>e</sup> said John Bozman to be Harbour Officer of y<sup>e</sup> District of Accomack in Somerset County in y<sup>e</sup> said  
Province by his Comission bearing Equall Date w<sup>th</sup> these presents now in y<sup>e</sup> said John Bozman shall well and truly  
perform y<sup>e</sup> said Office according to y<sup>e</sup> several Acts of Parliament in that behalf made and provided and shall observe  
y<sup>e</sup> Directions contained in y<sup>e</sup> Acts of Assembly of this Province relating to y<sup>e</sup> Duty of Harbour Officers and from  
time to time Lawe defend and keep harmless y<sup>e</sup> said Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> from all Damages Cost and Charges that y<sup>e</sup>  
said Francis Nicholson shall sustain at any kind of reason of y<sup>e</sup> said Bozman non performance of his said Office  
(Soe long as he shall enjoy y<sup>e</sup> same) as in y<sup>e</sup> said several Laws Enacted and Ordained therein Obligeon to be borne  
and of none Effect, or else y<sup>e</sup> same to be and remaine in full force and virtue

John Bozman  
Wm Round  
Peter Dent

Sealed and Delivered  
in y<sup>e</sup> presence of  
John Maynor  
Evan Thomas