

country and applied to the Use of the College And if there can be good assurance had that the Tobacco which is taken in lieu of this Duty for want of Money to Answer and pay the same shall be really shipped for England by the persons to whom it shall be sold, we shall incline to the said proposals for settling thereof in the Country to the best advantage rather than run the hazard of the Sea in the importation of it hither for the Colleges Account and sending back the produce thereof We are,

Yours affectionate Friends & Servants

Wm. Warden
Robert Southwell
Godolphin
Robert Clayton
J. Ward

Custom House Lond.
24th April 1694 -
Directed thus -

For the Rector & Govern: of
the College of William & Mary
in
Virginia.

Read two other Letters from the said Commission: both directed to his Ex: Govern: Nicholson, the one of the 23th of Feb: 1692 and the other of the 16th of March 1693, both Ordered to be Entered and are as follows. Viz:

Commission: of the
Custom House's Letter
to his Ex: touching
Capt. Meech

We have before Us the Case of Thomas Meech touching his late transgression by trading between Virginia & Scotland with forged and counterfeited Certificates which by your great care & Zeal for the publick Service were timely discovered and transmitted to us, But because the said Meech has not only made a free and open confession of his fault but given you some Information of frauds Acted & done by others in Virginia, which at your safe Arrival there (wherein our good Wishes attend you) We are assured will by your prudent Management be improved for their M^{ts} advantage, and is now personally Engaged in discovering and bringing to punishment here in England some notorious Offenders as well Ships & Vessels as their Employers which is partly known to you; We have thought fit to make a Tryall of him in this Affair for some time and do desire you to suspend the prosecution of the Bonds against him & his Sureties in Virginia until you shall hear farther from us concerning him. And as for any other Bonds taken in pursuance of the Act of Navigation We desire you to have a particular regard thereunto causing a vigorous prosecution of them which are