

become forfeited; and that no Bond be delivered up to be cancelled, but by very good Certificates from England under our hands that the condition thereof has been really fulfilled.

Whereas Mr Helemiah Delafiston one of the Collectors in Maryland is indebted to their Ma^{ties} upon his account in a very considerable sume and is otherwise suspected to be guilty of indirect practices in his Office We are obliged for their Ma^{ties} Service to give you a further trouble by fixing you at your first going to Maryland to call the said Delafiston to Account, And if upon Examination of his Books or otherwise there appears to be cause, that you suspend him and employ some able trusty person in his stead, his further Orderd from us and as any thing may occur to you concerning the behaviour of the other Officers in Maryland necessary for our information We shall desire to heare from you

Custom house 23th of Feb: 1692

We are

Your humble Servants

J. Werden
Robert Southwell
Pat: Ward
Robert Clayton

Directed

For the Hono:
Francis Nicholson Esq Governour
of their Ma^{ties} Colony of Maryland.

Accepted

Commissioners of the Custom house
Letter to his Ex^{ty} concerning Tobacco Exported from the plantations

Being informed from the Commission^{ers} of their Ma^{ties} Duties of four and half p^{er} cent in the Island of Barbados, that the Tobacco import:ed thither from Virginia, Maryland & other Northern parts in America doth occasion great trouble & Charge to their vnder Officers in the weighing thereof because the Certificates mentioning the paymt^{nt} of the penny p^{er} pound Exports only the Numbers of hogheads, Bundles or Trusses without either the weight of each particular hoghead or the weight of the whole parcel contained in such Certificate, thereby rendering the said Officers incapable to discover any fraud to their Ma^{ties} prejudice in the short payment of the said penny p^{er} pound which Duty by some former instances hath been frequently compounded at little more than half Value, for avoiding of which evil practices for the future and making this Examination more easie and certain to the Officers in Barbados & other Plantations, We do first - you will please to give particular Instructions to all our Officers within your

Governor.