

Superscription

For His Majesty's especial Service  
To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Benedict Leonard Esq. Deputy Gov. of  
His Majesty's Province of Maryland in America; As to the  
Commander in Chief of that Province for the time being

Plantation Office

Maryland

wherein were enclosed the following Letter and Queries

My Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations command me to send the  
enclosed Queries to You, relating to the Province of Maryland, and to desire your particular  
Answer thereto as soon as may be. I am

Your most Obedient humble servant

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Dec. 9. 1729

The Honble Benedict Leonard Esq.

What is the Situation of the Province under your Government? the Nature  
of the Country Soil and Climate, the Latitudes and Longitudes of the most Considerable Places  
in it or the Neighbouring French or Spanish Settlements? Have these Latitudes and  
Longitudes been settled by good Observations, and from whence are the Longitudes  
computed?

What are the reputed Boundaries, and are any Parts thereof disputed  
what Parts, and by whom?

What is the Constitution of the Government?

What is the Trade of the Province, the Number of Shipping, their Tonnage,  
and the Number of Seafaring Men, with the respective Increase or Diminution, within  
Ten Years past?

What Quantity and Sorts of British Manufactures do the Inhabitants  
take from hence?

What Trade has the Province under your Government with any foreign  
Plantations or any Part of Europe besides Great Britain? How is that Trade  
carried on? What Commodities do the People under your Government send to, or receive  
from foreign Plantations?

What Methods are there used to prevent illegal Trade; and are the

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