

as with Mr. Sewall at the Mouth of Patuxent Directions or Orders to the Captains of such Ships whose to repair in order to enter their Vessels & Cargoes

That agreeable to this Practice a Letter was left with Mr. Sewall directing Capt. Tovey (who was expected in a ship called the George with Slaves) to enter with the Collector and this Remonstrant Deputy at North Patowmeck; That Capt. Tovey upon his Arrival last from Africa with a Cargo of Slaves consigned to this Remonstrant & Partners came to an Anchor with his Ship off Cedar Point, and went on shore to Mr. Sewalls house, where he found the Directions of and agreeable thereto to the Collector of North Patowmeck, with whom and this Remonstrant Deputy or Clerk Captain Tovey legally entered his Ship and whole Number of Slaves and gave an Impost Bond for the Duties

That Tovey upon his Return carried his Ship without Drum Point but in the Mouth of Patuxent and then went on shore to the Collector there, to whom he shewed his Papers, which certified his Entry with the Collect and Naval Officer of Patowmeck, notwithstanding which the Collector of Patuxent insisted that Capt. Tovey should reenter his Ship and Cargo with him, and that the Ship being within his District the Entry at Patowmeck was void, and then asked for the Register of the said Ship, which Captain Tovey delivered to him, but the Collector of Patuxent refused to receive it; a matter unprecedented, and the Detainer of which without the Masters consent no Officer can answer, and a ship that went home last Year the Owners are hurt by the Registers being left behind

From thence he went to the Naval Officer of Patuxent who told Tovey that as he had not been in Patowmeck or broke Bulk, he ought to enter his Ship and Cargo with him, and used threatening Words as that he would be aboard his Ship, and therefore Tovey made a Consent and signed an Impost Bond with the said Naval Officer, who detained his plantation Certificate; the just Right of your Remonstrant by the Act of Navigation 12th Charles 2^d.

This being a short State of the Transaction with Regard to