

Joveys Entry this Remonstrant apprehends from the Conduct of the Officers at Patucent, that they imagined the first Entry with the Officers at Patowmeck to be void and consequently any requisites from such Entry or the Payment thereof the Duties on the Negroes not to belong properly to him as Naval Officer, but he humbly hopes that the Naval Officer & Collector of Patucent will appear to be mistaken for the following Reasons

Your Remonstrant conceives and is advised that the Authority of the Governour of every Plantation by the Statute 15. <sup>th</sup> Cap. 2. Cap. 7. extends in what is there mentioned over every part of the Plantation Colony or Province, and therefore that he cannot by appointing a Naval Officer who is only his Deputy abridge the Power of such Officer in such manner as that a Captain shall not be void to have complied with that Statute by Delivery of a true Inventory to any Officer authorized to receive it which is a Naval Officer, altho' the Ship should ever lye in another District or port, for that the Statute does not confine the Exercise of the Authority to any places less than the Land Island Plantation a. s. And that the Words thereunto authorized only mean the Power of receiving such Inventory and not the particular District in the Plantation where the Vessel is to lye, for if such a Construction were to be put on those Words every Vessel notwithstanding her going into one port breaking Bulk and Entry would be obliged by the Words of the Statute to make another Entry if she afterwards went into another District

As this Entry with the Officers of Patowmeck was strictly legal This Remonstrant conceives it is highly reasonable for him to insist on it, since it is in the favor of a Ship consigned to him, since every Merchant may enter his Ship and Cargo where he pleases

That Jovey about 4 Years ago entered in Patowmeck without carrying his Ship in the River, and this Entry was not disputed in Patucent,