

The humble Answer of George Plater Esq. Naval Officer of the
Port of Patuxent to the Remonstrance of Philip Lee Esq. Naval
Officer of Patowmeck.

This Respondent acknowledges that on the Arrival of Edward Tovey
Master of the George Galley, with a Cargo of Negroes in Patuxent River,
which was the very first Port into which the said Ship came, after its
Arrival in Chesapeake Bay (as the said Tovey acknowledged to this Respondent)
this Respondent required the said Tovey to enter his Ship, notwithstanding
the said Tovey shewed this Respondent a Certificate of an Entry made at Patow-
meck: which this Respondent humbly conceives was what he was by
the Oath and Duty of his Office obliged to do, and humbly submits to your
Excellency's Consideration, whether the coming to an Anchor off Cedar Point in
the Ships Way into the Port of Patuxent (if the fact had been really so)
could have justified the Remonstrant in Encroaching upon this Respondent's
Office, as this Respondent humbly conceives plainly appears by his own
Remonstrance he has done; but this Respondent is able to prove (were
it of any consequence) that the Ship actually anchored within Cedar Point

This Respondent humbly conceives, that the Remonstrant's
having the Sale of Negroes cannot intitle him to any fees orquisites
belonging to this Respondent's Office, that his being Naval Officer of
Patowmeck does not make him Naval Officer of Patuxent, & that
the Practice which he mentions of directing Masters of Ships that
came into Patuxent, to go to his Office in Patowmeck to enter, is not
agreeable to Justice

As to the Remonstrant's Reasons to justify his own Conduct,
and support his Charge against this Respondent, this Resp.^{ts} humbly
submits to your Excellency the following Answers to them

This Resp.^{ts} admits, that by the Statute mentioned, in Order to
prevent Frauds No Ship or Vessel coming to any such Land, Island