

the Deputy or Officer of the Governor as any other can possibly be within his District? Can it be pretended with any colour of Reason, that your Excellency appointing the Remonstrant to be your Deputy or Naval Officer of Patuxent District, does give him any Authority within this Respondent's District of Patuxent? If he has any Authority in Patuxent, has he not the like all the Province over; and what Occasion for any other Officer? And altho' the Remonstrant seems to question your Authority to abridge his Power (as he is pleased to express it) in such a Manner, as that a Captain shall not be said to have complied with the Statute by the Delivery of an Inventory to any Officer authorized to receive it who is a Naval Officer, yet this Respondent humbly conceives, that by a reasonable Construction of the Statute, the proper Officer of the port, where the Ship delivers its Lading, is the Officer intended by the Act and no other; and that altho' your Excellency's Power extends all the Province over, yet that the Power of every such Officer is limited and restrained to his own proper District, and that He has no more Power or Authority to exceed such Limits, than the Sheriff of One County has to execute Process in another County: Besides by the Statute of the 7 & 8. W^m 3. to prevent Frauds and regulate Abuses in the Plantation Trade Sect 5. Every Naval Officer is obliged to give Security in England, and to have the Approbation of the Comm^r. of the Customs in London, which this Respondent has done: And being appointed by your Excellency's favour (which this Respondent acknowledges with the deepest sense of Gratitude) and every other way qualified according to Law, He humbly submits, whether in Justice, Reason or Equity, the Remonstrant can deprive him of the Requisites of his Office.

The Remonstrant takes the very Point in Question as granted, and seems to determine it himself, but, with what Reason