

Ordered by the Advice of this Board, upon the Petition of Andrew Banning of
Dorchester County School Master that Pardon issue unto him for shooting & killing
a certain John Flearly of the said County Planter by Misadventure, as by the Coroner
Inquest of the said County appears, which Pardon issued accordingly.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Queries from
the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations

Queries relating to his Majesty's Plantations on the Continent of America

- 1st 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 those Latitudes
and Longitudes been settled by Good Observations or only by common Computation and from
whence are the Longitudes computed.
- 2^{dly} What are the reputed Boundaries, and are any Parts thereof Disputed? what Parts by whom?
- 3^{dly} What is the Constitution of the Government?
- 4^{thly} What is the Trade of the Province, the Numbers of Shipping, their Tonnage and the Number
of Seafaring Men with the Respective Increase or Diminution within ten years past?
- 5th What Quantity & Sorts of British Manufacture do the Inhabitants annually take from hence?
- 6th 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?
- 7th What Methods are there used to prevent illegal Trade and are the same Effectual?
- 8th What is the Natural Produce of the Country, Staple Commodities & Manufactures besides Tobacco
and what Value thereof in Sterling Money may you annually export?
- 9th What Mines are there?
- 10th What is the Number of the Inhabitants, Whites and Blacks?
- 11th Are the Inhabitants increased or Decreased within the last ten years? How much and
for what Reasons?
- 12th What is the Number of the Militia?
- 13th What Forts and Places of Defence are there within your Government, & in what Condition?
- 14th What Number of Indians have you, and how are they inclined?
- 15th What is the Strength of the Neighbouring Indians?
- 16th What is the Strength of your Neighbouring Europeans French or Spaniards?
- 17th What Effect have the French or Spanish Settlements on the Continent of America, upon
His Majesty's Plantations Especially on your Province?
- 18th What is the Revenue arising within your Government, & how is it appropriated?
- 19th What is the Ordinary & Extraordinary Expences of your Government?
- 20th What are the Establishments Civil and Military within your Government & by what Authority
do the Officers hold their Places?

It is desired that a Return may be made to these Queries every six Months,
that the Board may from time to time be apprized of any Alterations that may happen
in the Circumstances of your Government.

His Excellency is Pleas'd to lay before this Board the following Letter

Gentlemen On Board the Vessel by which you Receive this are the Family that I spoke
in my Letter of the Tenth Instant the Shipper has Orders to put them on Shore at