

lands there, and where there shall be found to suspect that such certificates are false and counterfeit, you shall take care to cause the same to be cancelled or recalled, and you shall have been informed from the said principal Officers of the Customs that the Matters and Points thereof are just and true, and in case the Masters or Owners of such Ships or Vessels shall not produce the said certificates within the time limited you are to attest the Copies of such Bonds under your Hand and Seal, and to cause the same to be published, and you are also to give Direction that no Person be admitted to be Security for another, who has Bonds standing out undischarged, unless he be intimated responsible for more than the Value of such Bonds.

And in order the more fully to answer his Majesty's Intention of defeating the Enemy and to render his Orders herein the more effectual you are to take care in case the Masters or Owners of any Ships or Vessels having cleared out from the Colony under your Government shall be detected in carrying Colliers Captors to be made of the Negroes, that the severest Punishment be inflicted upon the Offenders which the Law will in such Case allow of.

We are

Sir
 Your most obedient humble servants
 Richard Hatfield
 Andrew Stone
 James Oswald

Ordered that the following Letter issue to the several Officers of the Customs within this Province.

Sir
 It being recommended to me by the Right Honourable the Earl of Loudoun as a Matter of the greatest Importance for his Majesty's Service that an Embargo should be laid in the several Ports within my Government, you are therefore thereby required not to clear any Ship or Vessel now lying within your Port, until you shall receive my further Direction herein.

9th March 1757.

Yours

Your most humble servant
 Hosi. Sharpe

To Mr B. Collector of the Customs

At a Council held at Baltimore Town in Baltimore County on Tuesday the fifth Day of April in the sixth Year of his Lordship's Dominion, Amoque Domini 1757.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor

The Honourable } Benjamin Tashor Esq^r } Benedict Cabert Esq^r
 } Colonel Benjamin Tashor }

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the Advice of his Board