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The abovementioned Letter. Herewith you will be pleased to receive an Account of the Exportations from this Province, in the Year 1753. I did intend to have sent a similar Account of the Importations, & made a Calculation of the Number of Seamen employed in the Trade of the Province & as far as possible stated the Balance of Trade between us & the several Places we trade to, but it being not compleat I hope you will excuse my deferring to transmit it till the next opportunity of Conveyance. — James

Copy of a Letter to His L^{dy} inclosing one to Sr Tho. Robinson, dated at Williamsburg in Virginia Oct^r 25. 1754

My Lord,

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your L^{dy}s Commission & private Instruction bearing Date the 6th of July together with His Majesty's gracious Commission to me to take the Command of the Forces that shall be raised on this part of the Continent to protect His Majesty's Dominions from the Encroachments & Invasions of his presumptuous Enemies. Having endeavoured to express my gratitude for His Majesty's favour in a Letter to Sr Tho. Robinson which your L^{dy} will be pleased to deliver. I beg your L^{dy} will not refuse at the same time to accept my thanks & most grateful Acknowledgments for your L^{dy}s kind Indulgence to me, & so readily consenting to dispense with my attendance on the Adminis-