

Baltimore. One Mr Grymes of Virginia who has lately set up an Iron Work in that Colony & was come to Baltimore to purchase Ore for supplying his Furnace. address'd himself to me desiring the Naval Officers may be ordered to desist from collecting the Tonnage Duty on such Vessels as should be employed in carrying such Ore out of the Province intimating that if I declined to comply with his Request he should think of applying home for Relief which the Act of Parliament that was not long since made for the Encouragement of such as should set up Iron works in these Colonies gave him hopes of obtaining. As his application to me was sudden & the Request new & unexpected I told him that I could not give him any Answer then, nor take any Notice of what he had said but that if he had any Favour or Indulgence to ask of the Govern^t he ought to present a Petition in Writing & that if he should on further Consideration think proper to do so I would lay it before the Council & advise with them thereon. Since the Assembly broke up he has sent me a short Letter inclosing a Petition subscribed by himself & two other Gent^l of Virginia of which Letter & Petition I send you Copies that you may submit them to His L^{dy} & receive his Orders concerning them. Most of the Gent^l of the Council seem to think that the Petition is not unreasonable but I cannot help differing from their Opinion & I am induced to do so by the following Considerations. As this Ore which the petitioners speak of is a Subject of Trade between two provinces independant of each other I apprehend that if the excusing

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