

after Mr Deacon died. I presume too, by that means the Messrs Stanbury
got such early Intelligence of it, for Mr Wolstenholme, who you must know
is their Factor here, says they had a Correspondent in every Part of Great
Britain where Job: Ships ever go, who had engaged to send them imme-
diate Advice, whenever they should learn from the Master of any Vessel
or otherwise that Mr Deacon was dead. Mr Wolstenholme likewise says
they had a Friend in the Treasury who had promised to give them the
earliest Notice & moreover that old Mr Stanbury obtained a Promise
of that Office in his favour many Years ago; but as the Duke of
Newcastle did not mention this Circumstance when you made Applica-
tion to him, I question the Truth of it because I think it would have
been a better Excuse for His not Complying with your Request than
the Reason which His Grace was pleased to give you. The Messrs Stan-
bury really managed exceedingly well to take such an Opportunity
of obtaining the Duke's Promise; had they given the whole Sum that
you mention out of their Pockets they would not have made a bad Bar-
gain, besides as they did not on this Occasion make immediate Appli-
cation themselves, their Interest still stands good & I doubt not but they
will try it again the next Opportunity for tho' they have no other Factor
they have many Correspondents in the Province whom they would be glad
to serve. At the time that I wrote to Brother Phill & desired him
to speak to you about that other Office in the Customs which I was
informed had just then become vacant in this Province, by the Death
of Mr Hough the Surveyor of Pocomoke, I had not the least Reason
to question the Truth of that Report, but the Moment I was advised