

Nothing to alledge against any Part of my Behaviour & I hope he will  
not imitate the Assembly who in Decr. 1755. Told me in a Message "that my  
past Conduct persuaded them of my good Intentions for the future & gave them  
the strongest Assurance of my utmost Endeavours to promote the general Happi-  
ness & Prosperity of their Constituents" & immediately discontinued a Duty  
on Tobacco that amounted to £100 stg a Year which had been usually given  
for fifty Years before to the Governor for the time being - As this Part of  
America is not at present the Scene of Action & we are not advised of the  
Success of our Military Operations in other Parts of the Continent till some  
time after the Events have happened, the London Papers must I think  
give You an Account of all publick Transactions on this Continent much  
sooner than I can do by Letter, I shall however send You in the inclosed  
Gazette all the News of Consequence that we have lately received either from  
the Whig or the Tory upon which as it promises a successful Campaign I  
heartily congratulate You & hoping You will be pleased to present my  
Love & Compl<sup>ts</sup> to Your Lady, I remain Dear Sir

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Commissioners of the Customs.

Annapolis the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 1760

Gentlemen

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Recit of Your Letter da-  
ted the 29<sup>th</sup> of March inclosing one to Mr Surveyor Gen<sup>l</sup> Randolph & also a  
Bond to be executed by Mr Ridout to whom You told me that Your  
Deputation had been issued appointing him Surveyor of the Customs at  
Pocomoke in the Room of Mr Edmund Hough, but as I perceive that  
the Deputation to Mr Ridout was issued upon a Supposition that Mr