

I can at present write in Answer to the Lett. dated the 23rd of Aug^r last which I have had the honour to receive from You, but if any thing more relative to the Subject of it shall come to my knowledge (& I will endeavour as much as possible to obtain farther Information) I shall not fail to communicate to You my Discoveries; & I beg Leave to assure You that if any of the Inhabitants of this Province should be detected in carrying on any illegal Trade or Correspondence whatsoever I will take Care that they be brought to exemplary & condign Punishment.

To Governor Fauquier. Annapolis the 21st March 1761

Sir Complaint having been made here by one Valentine Mulhore Master of a Letter of Marque Schooner belonging to Montserrat against the Crew of a Brig (which he lately met in the Bay of Chesapeake & would have made prize of on a Supposition that she was engaged in an illegal Trade) for piratical Proceedings on board his the said Mulhore's Vessel; a Warrant hath been issued by our Chief Justice for apprehending as many of the Brig's Crew as are handy but there being no Commissioners appointed in this Province for the Trial of Pirates I take the Liberty to trouble You with this hoping You will be pleased to inform me as soon as possible whether You have a Commission in Virg^a giving Power to any Gent^l there to take Cognizance of such Offences & if You have such Commission I must beg the favour of You to signify to me at what time & place the Commissioners will meet that in Case the Offenders should be apprehended I may send them down to Virg^a for Trial & also give Orders that Capt Mulhore & his people recognize for their Appearance to give Evidence before the Commissioners at such time & place as may be appointed. I am &