

is now least ~~Trade~~ Trade here as well as a general Accountage <sup>to be paid</sup>  
British that all such Trade in these Colonies should be prevented, particularly  
the Importation from foreign Ports of such European Commodities as can be  
easily exported only from Great Britain, I have always as was my Duty  
and my most businesslike to prevent such Commerce within this Government  
knowing of any of the Ministers of the Province were from personal concern  
in any such Trade except the Exportation of a few Kinds of Tobacco in very  
small Vessels to the Neighbouring Colonies or by Land to Pennsylvania which  
was it was not in my power altogether to prevent the papers no pains to do so,  
but of the Officers who have the Honour to serve His Majesty on board the  
Ships which will find their Services & Duties from time to time up  
I cannot but wish that the King of Denmark's Jan in hopes that an effectual  
Stop will be now put to this Trade. It being lawful to import foreign  
Sugar from all Places on paying the Duties imposed on such Commodities  
by Act of Parliament those Persons in the Northern Colonies who have  
been concerned in that Trade the King may be assured by the Measure  
now fallen upon from importing Goods in an illegal manner from Europe  
will probably still endeavour to import the produce of foreign Sugar  
Colonies without paying the Duties, nor do I know how Objections in  
such Cases can be effectually prevented where the Fisheries concerned direct  
the Location of an Office unless an Office from the Station'd Ships was to  
go on board every such Vessel <sup>to receive</sup> ~~to receive~~ into port. As some of these  
Provinces especially this of Virginia abound with Navigable Rivers & Creeks  
so that Vessels may be easily unloaded at places far distant from any  
the Residence of any Custom House Officer, It might I think be a  
Means of preventing this illegal Trade & procuring illicit Trade if  
no Vessel was to be admitted to an anchorage where she was come to in,  
Anchor within a certain small Distance of the Custom House or Collector's  
Office nor permitted to discharge any part of her Cargo at any place