

Duty it was to obtain every necessary satisfaction before they were entered, and to secure the Duties for the State to which they were liable, and we have no reason to suppose he is less attentive to the business of his Office or the Interest of the State than any other Officer concerned in the Collection of any part of the Revenue, and concluded that every precaution was taken by him which was right & proper, before his permission was granted.

no. 154. Your Zeal for the Interest of the State is very commendable, and it cannot be imagined the Executive of the State is less concerned for its welfare, or less attentive to that which would promote its Interest.

It is the right and Duty of the Executive to interfere, and give Instructions to a Naval Officer on his application or on the Complaint of an Individual who apprehends himself aggrieved by the conduct of a Naval Officer, and whenever they determine to interfere and direct him, their Instructions are to be pursued without Hesitation or Delay, and will be his justification.

Our Opinion is that Mr. Petty has a right to land his Goods here, and that it is your Duty as Naval Officer upon his producing the certificate of the Naval Officer of Baltimore to grant him a Permit thereon. And we do hereby instruct you to grant such Permit without further Delay.

We are Sir  
Your Hble Servts  
W. Smallwood

John Davidson Esq  
Naval Officer