

would ratify and confirm under our hand and  
 such Disposition as hath bene made since the death  
 of our said Brother of our Stock of Cattle and other  
 personall Estate there (although don without any  
 legall authority, or warrant from us) and so much  
 much to wonder that we should expect to recover  
 of them. Wee have much more reason certainly  
 wonder that any reasonable men should thinke  
 fit, that we should be less Master of our own  
 then the meanest Planter there. For doubtless  
 not any one who subscribed that letter, but would  
 thinke it a great wrong don unto him, if an Officer  
 should upon any pretence of authority whatsoever  
 be made without his consent or warrant to  
 dispose of his Estate. And then after it were so done  
 he would not thinke it a strange request  
 any man to desire him also to confirm it  
 a considerable satisfaction. And yet thus our  
 we used for our said Brother had no power  
 dispose of any of our personall Estate there  
 without the consent of our said late Secretary  
 John Lemgar, And whereas it is allaged in  
 said letter that the said Lemgar did joyn with  
 in the Engagement of our said Stock of Cattle for the  
 payment of Souldyere, it is much mistaken, for he  
 don it to do howe, and no Evidence or proof  
 any such thing, ever appeared there, nor was  
 such thing ever pretended (before the said letter)  
 the many debates there since our said brother  
 death concerning that business, as appeared by  
 relations and a report sent us the last year  
 Mr Thomas Green and others of the proceed  
 thereof. And this injustice to us was also much  
 gravated by the variation of the payment of those  
 Customs due unto us upon all Tobacco exported  
 thence, which was settled by consent of the said  
 Assembly in January one thousand six hundred  
 forty six, for the better enabling us to defend  
 Province at that time when it is pretended that  
 said brother did engage our Stock and personall  
 Estate there for the payment of the said Souldyere  
 so as although our said brother had had power  
 dispose of our personall Estate there, and arrogantly  
 had don it, yet certainly it must be supposed that  
 did it upon confidence of making up againe our  
 the Customs what should be disbursed out of  
 Estate for that purpose as in justice hee ought  
 had