

assurance and is willing to take that trouble upon him proposing for one yeares time to bestow his application therein gratis for the good will he has for the Country and afterwards at the rate of one hundred and Twenty pounds Sterling per Annum, or if you shall thinke that too much, upon such termes as you selves shall thinke fit and to continue in such agency untill the assembly shall by their See. signify that they have noe longer occasion for to make use of him.

We doe desire of you to Consider of what advantage his said Ex^{ty} good application maybe to us and accept of the said offer

Signed by Order,

W^m Bladen Clk^t Council^r.

And likewise was read the following Let^r from his Ex^{ty} Gent:

I being with Gods assistance bound for England I will with the utmost of my power serve you as effectually as I can in your business of New York but I would not have you be mistaken to thinke that I am that considerable person as to have the honour to have his Maty^s Ear but I will make my application to that Honble Board the Lords Com^{rs} of Trade who under his Maty^s are the patrons of the plantacon and if their Lordsh^{ps} shall Judge it necessary I shall represent your case to his Maty^s by way of Memorialls or by what other way or methods their Lordsh^{ps} shall Judge most proper.

Gent: I am to returne you my utmost acknowledgements for your generous donation beyond my hopes much more my good Intentions of serving you, are encouraged and the favour is doubled by doing it at a time when I am going to leave you and believe me I am not linked to your service by interest but by a sincerity and a traine of obligacons.

What y^r Gent^s of his Maty^s Councille have offered to your Consideracon about an agent I am ready to give you my services for y^r first yeare gratis and if you thinke what they proposed to exceed your Inclination you shall make you owne termes for I am very ambitious to approve myselfe.

Gent: Yo^r Most Obedient Faithfull Serv^t

W^m Blakiston.

March 24th 170².

Which being read in the house it is

Resolved that his Ex^{ty} be desired to accept the same upon such termes - To which this house concurs - and

Ordered - that a Message be prepared and sent for that purpose - which follows

By the House of Delegates March the 25th 170²