

P. R. O.
Colonial
Papers.

Wherefore your Petitioner in all loyalty giving your sacred Majesty most humble thanks for your princely Clemency, doth humbly beg and beseech your Majesty that you will please not to look upon your Petitioners late Transgression as the effect of any wilfull fault or neglect in your Majesty's service, but only of Ignorance, for want of such orders, & Instructions, as Your Majesty's Comptroler might have produc't to your Petitioner.

And your Petitioner (as in duty bound) shall ever pray.

C. Baltimore.

(Endorsed)

Maryland—82.

Lord Baltimore's Petition and
Submission to his Majesty.

A True relacōn of the Dispute and Difference that hap-
pened betwixt me and M^r Nicholas Badcock His Majestie's
Comptroler about M^r Alexander Dennet master of the Dol-
phin of Poole and Edward Tarleton Master of the Freeman of
Liverpoole.

That some time towards the latter end of May 1681. M^r
Nicholas Badcock His Majestie's Comptroler and Surveyor of
His Customes here came to my house and acquainted me with
the arrivall of one Alexander Dennet Commander of the
Dolphin of Poole and one Edward Tarleton Commander of
the Freeman of Liverpoole and that these Commanders having
brought Certificates of bond given for returning to England or
Ireland he was to receive the penny p pound duty of them
upon this I ordered my Collector to be called and of him
demanded whether such masters were arrived and with such
certificates as the said Badcock had mentioned & my Collector
assured me there were such and immediately brought me the
book of Entries in which I found the above said Dennet
entered the 14th of May and Tarleton the 17th of May 1681.
after this Badcock againe demanded whether he was not to
have the penny p pound duty of these two masters upon which
my Collector standing by told the said Badcock there was
Captain Sheppard Comāder of the S^t George of London
belonging to M^r John Bawdon merchant in the City of London
that had entred with Capt: William Diggs the 23^d of April
1681. and as he believed had brought a certificate with the
word Ireland inserted and that if the penny p pound were due
upon such certificates he would have done well to have begun
with Sheppard first M^r Badcock being somewhat slow in
making an answer to what my Collector had spoken I
demanded of Badcock whether he had been with the said
Sheppard and he answered me yes, I then askt him at what