

would be then and there exhibited against the said Ship for the breach of the said Acts and whereas Complaint hath been made by the said Edward Maynard to the Board here that Several Persons that are indebted to him several quantities of Tob^o within this Province since the seizure of his said Ship hath (when he hath demanded his debt of them) pretended that if the said Ship should be forfeited their Tobacco may be so too and that they Cannot safely pay it to him but that it may if the Ship be forfeited be demanded again of them to the great damage of the said Edward Maynard and of his Employers the Board taking the Premises into serious Consideration have thought fit to declare unto all Persons whatsoever whom it shall or may Concern that although the said Ship should be forfeited as Prize the said Edward Maynard hath good right to ask demand and Receive all such Tobacco as shall belong to him or his Imployers in this Province and that for the Breach of the said Respective Acts (if it should be proved against him the forfeiture lyes only upon the Ship and what is in her

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William Talbot Esq^r Principal Secretary of the Province of Maryland to all Persons to whom these Presents shall Come sendeth Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting Know Ye that Whereas the right honble Cecilius Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c^a hath by his Commission under his hand and Greater Seal at Arms deputed Constituted and appointed me his Principal Secretary in the said Prov^s together with all Regards Profits Advantages and Perquisites to the said Office belonging and appertaining and whereas by the Inhabitants of the County of Somerset I am informd that several open Sloops and Boats do come from the Colony of Virginia into the said County and do trade with several Inhabitants of the same for Tobacco and other Commodities of the Growth and production of the same County and the same do export out of this Province without ever any Entry by them made of such Sloop (without a deck) or Boat that so trades in the said County Contrary to the Act of Parliam^t in that Case made and Provided and whereas I am further Informed by several of the Inhabitants of the said County that Several such open Sloops and Boats that come to trade with them as aforesaid rather then be put to the trouble of Coming to enter them said Sloops or Boats at my Office for entring of Vessels at Patuxent and the City of Saint Maries would discontinue their said trade with the said County which would be to their very Prejudice and I willing to do what in me lieth for the ease and Advantage

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