

11. The order of Council of the 14th of febr^y 1693/4 continued to be observed by the last fleet which sayled out of this province but it is many wayes discouraging & prejudiciall to the trade of this province. Original
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12. The proclamacōn of the 17th of August 1695 wee have reason to thinke hath very much reformed the illegall practices of the pensilvanians & reduced their trading in this province to a good & orderly method.

15. The southerne parts of this province especially on the Easterne Shoare viz^t in sumerset Dorchester & Talbot Counties afford greate quantities of greate streight and lofty pines fit for masts & yards of shippes of all rates they generally grew on low & levell ground near such Creekes & Coves as every high tide can floot them most comonly within halfe a mile of the water and sometimes not ten rods from it the way levell & nothing renders the procureing of them difficult but the want of labourers & artificers for they would be sold where they grow at very moderate rates & the dietting of such labourers & artificers is cheape The Tarr made here is generally said to be more proper for timber then cordage likewise standards knees & other Crooked timbers fit as wee judge for the best shippes in England may be had here plentifully & cheap together with pitch tarr Rosum & hemp: but because such things have not bin inquired for, the Inhabitants have not applyed themselves to the prepareing of them.

It is generally thought the old tobacco houses will afford Saltpeter. The scarcity of Artificers & labourers & their high wages is the cheife & onely difficulty in procureing those things of which there is an inexhaustible quantity. p. 38

16. The Sole & onely manufacture or rather producon of this province for merchandize or for supply in tobacco

Off late the Inhabitants on the west side of Delaware bay seating to the westward from that bay & the Inhabitants holding lands by graunt from the Right hon^{ble} the Lord Propriet^r of this province seating Eastward from Chesepeake Bay soe farr that now they intermix is already become & hereafter like to be occasion of Contention Vnless prevented by timely ascertaining the bounds of each province. And the Justices of Pensilvania harbour & Entertaine our fugitive mariners servants & others refusing to deliver them back except wee can accuse them of ffelony or that the fugatives belong onely to his Ma^{ty}s men of warr to the very greate prejudice of the Inhabitants of this province;

Signed p^r ord^r W Bladen Clk Del.

The same are well approved off by his Ex^{cy} & his Ma^{ty}s hon^{ble} Council the following Quæries being onely offered