

promised to serue you the first yeare, without any consid- P. R. O.
eration, which I haue done, and afterwards to haue One
hundred and Twenty pounds p annum upon which account
I haue fixed my selfe in London, and shall at all tymes be
att the board of Trade to doe you any service, Especially
when you send home any acts that you press being assented
to, or any other matters of moments to Lay before the Lords
of trade, all your laws lye before th^t hon^{ble} Board, in the
same state as the rest of the Governements in America, onely
the Law for Religion, as I haue already advised the Councill
is assented to

When I came from Maryland the Councill ordered M^r
Plater to send by for one hundred pounds out
of the Queens three pence for armes, for which I haue pur-
chased one hundred Musquetts, which comes to one hundred
pounds; there is some thousands of Flints, with the cases,
which comes to about three pence more, fifty of the said
Armes were about three moneths agoe putt on board Andrew
Senhouse, and the other fifty Collonell Seymour carryes with
him.

As to the affaire of New Yorke, which the Assembly agreed
to, the March before I came away, I haue fully discoursed the
Lords of Trade about itt, and you need not be under any
apprehensions of paying any of your Quota, unless Virginia,
or the adjacent Neighbourhs of Pensilvania Clubb Theirs, w^{ch}
I am confident, the latter will never be reconciled to, & I
believe Virginia will never assent to

The Navigation Bonds Coll Seymour with my selfe haue p. 9
taken a great deale of paines to represent in its true light,
but all has proued in Effectuall, for some great men att the
Helme, will not as yett countenance itt, I know not what
tyme may produce but my endeavours shall not be want-
ing, att all tymes to compass itt, Your Land law was pressed
very hard before the Lords of Trade to be repealed, but Coll
Seymour, M^r Loyd and my selfe appeared there and ob-
structed itt, with some Difficulty M^r Phil Loyd was very
actiue in itt.

I will craue leave to referr you to the worthy bearer your
Governour for a particular account of all things, especially
from the Lords of Trade; my obligations to you in Mary-
land were such that will lay me under an Eternall Tye of
regards to you, and I shall upon all occasions endeavour
to approve my selfe

Gent Yo^r most obliedged
faithfull humble Ser^t
N: Blakiston