

expectest my letter besides thou shalt have it. But to be very plain I doe expect another sort of correspondence, and th<sup>t</sup> those which have been the Instruments of raising this smoake ag<sup>st</sup> my Province will quench th<sup>t</sup> fire which feeds it, or I must fling away my scabbard and openly detect and impeach too, and I neither fear my matter nor my interest to back it. For that a man and his Family and his Friends should be smothered in a Dust malice has raised and aggravated only to dispossess us (as I am able to prove) by the parties concerned in the plot, is scandalous to all th<sup>t</sup> love truth more than trick. And I expect if we are to live good Friends, th<sup>t</sup> Thou wilt here, as well as there, do thy utmost to lay these things before thou goest; which, as it will shew a reality, will oblige one th<sup>t</sup> dares be just to Friendship and th<sup>t</sup> on these terms will shew himself thy assured friend

Will Pen.

I intend to write again before thou goest.

To Edward Randolph Esq. at the Custom House, London.  
The Original of this Copy I left in the hands or M<sup>r</sup> Henley  
Commissioner of the Customs. E. Randolph.

[Signed] True Copy, Fr. Nicholson.

Mem: after I had attended Sir Thomas Trever the Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> where were by his Order also attending M<sup>r</sup> Pen, Col. Winthrop, M<sup>r</sup> Basse, in behalfe of themselves and other the proprietors about his Majestys appointing Attorneys Gen<sup>l</sup> in the several proprietary, M<sup>r</sup> Pen and Col. Winthrop came to me on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1696 not far from the Attorneys Chamber and told me the Act for preventing Frauds &c. was made to ensnare honest people.

That he had the Regalia, & did not value the Act. 20<sup>th</sup> of October, Col. Winthrop told me the introducing th<sup>t</sup> Act was a barbarous thing. E. Randolph.

Annapolis. January 18. 1697  
True copy,

[Signed] Fr. Nicholson.

[Endorsed by Nicholson:] Pensilvania. Copys of M<sup>r</sup> Randolph's letters.

[Wm. Penn to Gov. Nicholson]

Warminghurst, 22 9<sup>ber</sup>, 97

Col. Nicholson,

I am sorry th<sup>t</sup> any man th<sup>t</sup> values himself upon his character, should so much forget it as to act an unneighbourly part,