

as near as possible we cannot follow your ^{last} order in compliance
with the said Instructions: There are some things that do seem
a little difficult at first sight, one especially altogether im-
possible, and that is finding some all Cocks since y^e year
1680: we cannot find any such, nor did we ever know or
hear of any copied taken, or order given for so doing;
but the Cocks returned to the Master after perusal and
notice taken of them. — all or most part of the bonds
of Navigation have been usually taken by the King's Collector
what of them shall be produced, and require suits, we will
for shall be effectually prosecuted.

We shall observe the matter of forms in receiving & granting
Licences, and accordingly acquaint every Master of a Ship
with the danger of going without such Licences, and for y^e
future shall be very careful in taking sufficient abso-
lute security, such as the Province affords: There is one Article
more which seems somewhat dark, which says that No
European goods shall be permitted to be landed in this Province
but by warrant from the Collector and in the presence of an
Officer; we want to have explained, who it is must provide
the Officer, and how he shall be satisfied, nay according to y^e
true libell sense thereof (if the same must be strictly
pursued) there must of necessity be an Officer on board every
Ship that comes in, which will create an extraordinary charge
or else the Shipp will be unnecessary tedious delays: This and almost
all the other Articles of the Lords and the Council's Instructions
have dependancy upon the King's Collector which by reason of the
late unhappy murder of Mr. Rowley we will take care shall be
supplied by those persons appointed by the Government to look after
secure the Majesty's Duties here; And so may it please your Majesty
we shall in all things to our skill and power endeavour punctually
to comply with the said Instructions according to y^e order so far
forth as in us lies, and upon all occasions sufficiently demonstrate
that this your Province is as zealous, and we cannot act as much
for y^e advancement of the Majesty's service and Justice for any other of his plantations
or Dominions whatsoever, and therein approve our selves

Y^r most faithful humble servants

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