

Brad; without the Knowledge and Assent of the Chief Officer
 of his Maj^{ty} Customs for the time being, and demanded the coignets, (if any)
 brought by the Master of those Ships, but the said Ship did not
 delivery thereof, and suspecting that either for Envy or Malice
 by my order would seize on them, immediately sent notice to
 those Masters of their danger, and promised them all favour
 upon their submitting their Ships to their seizures, which was
 comply'd with, and accordingly proceeded, and the Ships brought to
 condemnation by a private Court appointed for that purpose
 and all this is done as appears, and cannot be fully proved to
 prevent our proceedings, and just Execution of our Commissions
 in behalf of his Maj^{ty}; in like manner there was some prohibited goods
 putt on shore were St. Maries from on board of a Shipps that
 fled from us out of Cottswat. River, the said goods with
 all speed were seized by the said Majo. Swace and Capt.
 Sarnall, who appointed a tryall for the same, In which
 Business they might have had witnesses enough, but there
 was the Dispositions of some persons, who are still resident in
 the Province, whose proofs could have been the condemnation
 of the said goods, notwithstanding all this which they well
 knew were charged and acquitted, and those material witnesses
 never summoned in the business, the Shipps which imported the
 goods and commodities was soon after the landing of them
 with, and seized of Cap. Allen, to whom I sent directions
 to that purpose, and when the Ship was for fire, and a tryall
 demanded in his Maj^{ty} behalf, which was done him by one
 of the principall Ministers and Officers of this Government.
 Cap. Allen then carry'd the said Ship to his Maj^{ty} Court in
 Virginia, where I was forc't to dismiss my prosecution agt
 her, and took the Masters bond in his Maj^{ty} behalf to answer
 your Honor in England, and a full reason recited and
 express'd in the condition of the said Bond, a copy whereof I have
 her enclosed, by all which proceedings I hope it evidently appears
 how just cause there is of complaint to your Honor of the great
 prejudice done and done against the Maj^{ty} Officers, his Justice
 and affairs in these parts. I have severall transactions and
 matters more to acquaint your Honor with, the which (to avoid