

Philip Clarke to withdraw himself from further acting by Virtue of such Commission & that immediately upon Notice given he deliver up all Papers remaining now in his Custody relating to the said Office of Collector unto the aforesaid Geo. Slater who is hereby fully Empowred to continue to act as Collector of that District according to the Tenor of his Commission Granted him by the Government until further order

Then was read the following Petition viz^t

To the honorable their Majestys Council for the Province of Maryland
 Thomas Tench by his Petition
 humbly sheweth

That by Vertue of a special Commission of Oyer & Terminer before their Majestys Justices therein named at their Court held at the City of St^t Marys the Ship Margaret of London one William Burnet Commander was upon a fair Tryal & by the Verdict of a Jury legally convicted & condemned for breach of several Acts of Parliament of England relating to Trade & Navigation & the w^{ch} upon adjudged to be forfeited with her Goods & one third to their Majestys the other third to the Governour & the remaining third to their Majestys Collector who seized and sued for the same according to the Tenor of the said Acts that by virtue of the Condemnation & Forfeiture aforesaid the said Ship hath been taken into Custody & is now ready to sail but prevented & stopped by the Seizure of Edward Randolph Esq^r Surveyor General of their Majestys Customs here under what pretence your Petitioner is not certainly Informed but as is said for want of a due entry & paying their Majestys duty before loading to the great damage of your Petitioner now therein distressed & concerned & utter overthrow of the Voyage against which he hath at present no further other remedy then to apply himself to this honorable Board for an Order peremptory to take off the Seizure aforesaid he having given Security to the Collector according to Law & is ready & willing to give New Bond & Security for the Master of the said Ship to pay