

To the Most Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of Trade. Phil<sup>l</sup> 23 of July 1757

My L<sup>ds</sup>

Since I came to this place which I did about a week since in Obedience to a Letter which the Earl of Loudoun was pleased to send me I have had the Honour to receive one from Your L<sup>ds</sup> dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of Oct. last whereby I am directed to have an Embargo laid during His Majesty's Pleasure, on all Vessels that may be loaded with Provisions in His Majesty's Province of Maryland & to suffer none to sail till the Owners or Masters have given Bond for the due Delivery of their respective Cargoes in some Port or Place belonging to His Majesty in Possession of his Subjects. I have already informed Your L<sup>ds</sup> that an Act of Assembly has been made with us to prevent the Exportation of Provisions to any of the Enemy's or any Neutral Ports except Lisbon & Madaira, as soon as I am permitted to return home I shall take Care to extend the Prohibition to these two places also & take effectual measures to prevent any Vessels sailing from Maryland with Provisions till Bond has been given by the Owners or Masters of them agreeable to Your Lordship's Instructions. Some of our Vessels that traded to His Majesty's American Islands have lately fallen into the Enemy's hands but there does not appear to be the least room to suspect any Collusion; I flatter myself None of His Majesty's Maryland Subjects will give Offence by such Practices but if any of them should give room for Suspicion Your L<sup>ds</sup> may be assured that no Endeavours of mine shall be wanting to discover the Offenders & to bring them to Punishment. I am &c.

To The Most Hon<sup>ble</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup> Secretary of State

Sir  
Since I came to this Place in Obedience to a Letter which I was lately favoured with by the Earl of Loudoun I have had the pleasure