

not come under the Denomination of Enumerated Commodities as Tobacco  
Staple of this Colony does. Tho' I could not help thinking that if the Case  
of the Merchants who made Application to me on this Occasion had been repre-  
sented to Your Ldp before You issued the Orders that were contained in Your  
Letter of the 30 of April You would have included them therein yet as they were  
not so very circumstantial as the Owners of the Ships that had been permitted  
to sail from N York & N. B. were I put the Gentlemen off by assuring them  
that I was not at Liberty to comply with their Request but that as the Trans-  
ports were in great forwardness I expected to receive Instructions from Your Ldp  
to take off the Embargo wholly before the End of the Month. With this Answer  
they appeared to be pretty well satisfied at that time but they soon after renewed  
their Sollicitations, assuring me that more than 30 Vessels had been  
permitted to clear & sail from Virg. since the Beginning of that Month. Tho'  
I could not question the Veracity of some of the Gent. that gave this Information  
yet as I had received no such Instructions from Your Ldp I would take no  
Notice thereof till the 2<sup>d</sup> Inst. when one of them obtained & produced to  
me an Authenticated Copy of the Order that had been sent to the Port  
Officers in Virginia by the Pleish of the Council which was dated the  
5<sup>th</sup> of May & was contained in the following Words "The Governour having  
thought proper by the Advice of the Council to discontinue the Embargo  
I hereby acquaint You that You are permitted to clear out any Vessel from  
Your District after the Eighth of this Inst. upon taking Bond with Security  
& a Cash-pate. as usual". Upon my laying a Copy of this Order together  
with Your Ldp's Letter & the Petitions of the Maryland Merchants before the  
Council of this Province they advised me to allow the Naval Officers to  
clear out any Vessels that were bound for Great Britain or Ireland upon the  
Masters of them giving proper Security for performing such & no other Voyages.  
As I am persuaded that it is not Your Ldp's Desire to distress the Trade  
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