

and unfortunately killed M^r Paine there were severall gunns fired on both sides and one of the men in the yatch much wounded. My Lords as soone as I had notice of it and that the Yatch was in this Government I caused the men that were on board her to be apprehended and they have been examined before myself and the Councill, a Coppy of which examinations I herewith transmitt to your Lordships as also the the Examination of Iohn Reeveley who was in one of the boates with M^r Paine, which is all wee can heare of within this Government th^t was in the boate with him. My self and the Councill after Examination have ordered the Person to be secured here untill wee received Commands from his Majesty whether they shall be tryed here or how disposed of,

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One M^r Iohn Coode who is the Chief Act^r in the management of affaires in Maryland wrott to me and demanded the persons to be dilivered him and in his Letter says that the accident hapned in the day time and that M^r Paine the Collector was going on board to search the said yatch and soe was murdered, the others say it was in the night and M^r Paine came as a Captain appointed by M^r Coode to take them and the yatch with armed men the truth of all will appeare upon the Tryall, but myself and the Councill did not think fitt to deliver them to Cap^t Coode any other untill wee receive his Majesties Commands what shall be done in the same Now my Lords my humble request and the Councill to your Lordships is that your Lordships will acquaint his Majestie with the Matter & that wee may receive orders how to act therein

Right Hon^{ble}
Your Lordships most humble
servant
Nathaniell Bacon P^r

M^r Iohn Coode to the Secretarys of State

Maryland May 14th 1690.

May it please your Lordshipps,

I have made bold to trouble your Lordshipps by severall Letters whereby I have fully represented the present state and circumstances of this their Majestie's Province, Wee have not hitherto the happiness to know the Royall pleasure concerning us, however have to the best of our Abilities express our utmost becoming duty for their Majesties' service, Our present concernment is for the Public Saftie against the inroads and danger wee are in of the Canada French and their Indians who (as I have already presumed to informe your Lordshipps) have not onely destroyed Schanagtede a Towne neare Albany and committed a greate and Barbarous Massacre there upon

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