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accownt of my happie dayes, next unto that day wherein I was designed to doe his Majestie service in this place; and for the respect I owe to your Honor and for the Noblenes I know to be in my Lord Baltimore and his designes I doe promise your Honor to do him and his all the service I am able: but I must sincerely let your Honor know that my power heere is not greate, it being limited by my Commission to the greater number of voyces at the Councell Table, and there I have almost all against me in whatever I can propose especially if it concerne Maryland; and these proceedings of the Councell do so embolden others that notwithstanding the obligation of Christianity and his Majestie's commands to be assisting to them in their first beginning, many are so averse as that they crye and make it their familiar talke that they would rather knock their Cattell on the heads then sell them to Maryland. I am sorry its not in my power to rule these exorbitant courses, but for their present accommodation I sent unto them some Cowes of myne owne, and will do my best to procure them more, or anything else they stand in need of. This faction I find greate cause to suspect is nourished from England for this Summer came letters to Capt: Mathewes who is the patron of disorder as your Honor will understand by the bearer hereof Lieutenant Evelin (and by his comportment in other matters as your Honor will finde in these papers) upon the reading whereof hee threw his hatt upon the ground scratching his head and in a fury stamping cryed a pox upon Maryland, many Letters and secrett intelligences hee and the rest of the Councell have especially Claybourne and many meetings and consultations, for which Letters if I had power to search, and to examine their Consultations I doubt not but to find notable combinations; I have written at large of the estate of this Colonie in my Letters to the Lords in generall to which I remitt your Honor, humbly craving pardon for my brevity which is enforced by my indisposition of health at this tyme, so humbly presenting to your Honor my best service and respects I take my leave and still will rest.

your Honor's very affectionate servant
John Harvey.

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Captain Clayborne to Secretary Coke

23. May 1635.

Ever honoured Sir,

How unhappy is this Colony to returne to his friends and welwishers a yearely increase of infelicities, which though they