

sented unto the Right hono<sup>ble</sup> the Lords Commissioners for plantations, omitting particular complaints which would have been over tedious untill a fitter opportunity. Sir wee were once resolved not to proceed to the Election of a new Governor but finding his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Commands to the Contrary that upon the death or absence of any Governor to make a new Election. Therefore untill wee heare of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> further pleasure wee have made choice of Capt: John West an auncient Inhabitant who is a very honest Gentleman of a noble family being brother to the Lord Laward sometimes Governor of Virginia. I beseech God to direct his Maj<sup>tie</sup> in appointing of some worthy, religious Gentleman for to take charge of this his Colony and I doubt not by God's assistance and the industry of the people but Virginia in few yeares will flourish. You may please to take notice that Capt: Clayborne two days since repayed unto us for redress against the oppressions of the Marylanders who have slaine three and hurt others of the Inhabitants of the Ile of Kent. Notwithstanding their knowledge of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> late express Letter to command freedome of Trade the true Copie whereof I have here inclosed. I doe believe that they would not have committed such Outrages without Sir John Harvie's instigation however in conformity to his Maj<sup>ties</sup> command wee have entreated Capt: Utie and Capt: Peirce to sayle for Maryland with Instructions and Letters from the Governor and Councill desiring them to desist their violent proceedings promising them all fayre correspondencie on the behalfe of the Inhabitants of the Ile of Kent untill wee understood his Maj<sup>ties</sup> further pleasure. In the meane time we rest in expectation of their Answer acording to which wee intend to proceed. In the which I beseech God to direct us for the best. I conclude with an assured hope that Sir John Harvie's returne will be acceptable to God not displeasing to his Maj<sup>tie</sup> and an assured happiness unto this Colony wherein whilst I live I shall be ready to doe you all the true Offices of a faythfull freind and servant.

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Sam: Mathews.

From Newport Neewes  
this 25<sup>th</sup> May. 1635.

Order of the Privy Council  
2. July. 1635.

At whytehall the seconde of July 1635.

Present

Lorde Archbishop of Canterburie  
Lo: Privie-Seale            Lord Cottington  
Er: of Dorset                M<sup>r</sup> Secret: Windebanck.

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