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Whereas it appeareth that the Colonie in Virginia is full of contentions, and they of the Counsel there divided by faction, whereof, and of the refractarie and insolent caryage of sundrie persons, Sir John Harvey Governor of the said Colonie hath complained to the Lords Commissioners by sundrie Letters, charging some of them also with open contempt of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> autoritie, besides the injuries done by them to the Lord Baltimore, to the greate disturbance and detriment of his Plantation in Maryland, especially by Willyam Cleybourne; and they of the other partie, doe nolesse complaine of wrongs done to them. The said Lords Commissioners considering the dangerous consequence of such contentions, tending to the disservice and dishonor of his Maj<sup>tie</sup>, and to the desolation and ruine of the aforesaid Colonie, after the spending of so manie yeares, and of so greate a masse of monyes, that have bene employed thereon, doe therefore hereby require his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Attorney generall to call before him, and examine the petitioners on both sydes, who are here, with all convenient expedition; and they do lykewise order, that for the better discoverie of the truth, all the Letters written by Sir John Harvey, and the other wrytings of that subject, shal be delivered to him his Maj<sup>ties</sup> said Attorney, by the Clerke of the Counsell who attendeth the Commission (to be returned back when hee hath made full use of them) and that having perused the same and heard the allegations on both partes, he shall certifie their Lordships thereof, particularly in wryting, together with his opinion at their next sitting.

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Governor Harvey to Secretary Windebank

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Right Honorable,

I doubt not but that your Honor will admire at my comming from my charge without any licence or other directions from his Maj<sup>tie</sup> or the Lords; But it may please your Honor to calle to mynde howe that in my last Letter concerning the affayres of Virginia, I signified that the Assemblies being composed of a rude ignorant, and an ill conditionde people, were more lykelye to effect mutinye then good lawes and orders, especiallie whilst the Councill gave them such examples; what I then feared I soone after founde, (but I must confess) their exorbitances have by much exceeded my expectation; for presently after the departure of the ships, (having received an information of sum mutinous Assemblies I sent for the Councill, as also warrants for the apprehending of the chieff