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Lord Baltimore's Memorial

22. December 1635.

That his Maj^{tie} will be pleased to give order that Cap: John West, Samuell Mathews, John Utye, and William Pearce, bee sent for into England to answer theyr misdemeanors they beinge the Prime actors in the late Mutenye in Virginia.

To give warrant to M^r Attorney Generall to draw a newe Commission for Sir John Harvey for the Government of Virginia, with an Enlargement of his powers.

That itt may be referred to M^r Secretarye Windebanke to prepare such Instructions for Sir John Harvey as shal be fitt for his Maj^{ties} service in Virginia.

The Lord Baltimore desires that M^r Secretary Windebanke will bee pleased if any Petition or question should be made touching Maryland to gett it referred, to bee examined in the Countreye, in regard noe profe can heare be made of the truth, But if that cannot be done, then to move the kinge to heare itt.

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Governor West to the Lords Comm^{rs} for Plantations.

28 March 1636.

Most Reverent and Right Honorable,

Within few dayes after Sir John Harvey had expressed his Intent to the Councill heere of departing the Colonye, we opened his Maj^{ties} Commission wherein we found ourselves injoynd in case of vacancy, whither by death or occasioned by publike or private affayres to elect among our Number one to supply the place untill further Command eyther from his Maj^{tie} or your Lordshipps received, which choice made by plurality of voices his Maj^{ties} Commission expressly ratifies. The Councill with one consent were soe pleased as to fasten there votes on mee, to which the peoples' suffrages as willingly condiscended. Neyther was presumption the cause of soe hastye a choice before Sir John Harvey was out of the Capes, as it is injuriously objected by some, but I hope your Honors will conceive a truer and a more direct reason necessitated it, for wee deferred the election untill the last day and hour of the Counsell's sitting after which tyme it was impossible to effect it with a full conformity to his Maj^{ties} Commission, and reserving our duetye of information to your Lordshipps, the dwellings of some of the Counsell being remote one hundred miles from others of them, and from the place of the shipp's riding, that one ship, being the last of that yeare, left in the river soe that unless we had then made our choyce we could not for want of the full number of the Counsell have duely