

to destroy all our neighbouring Indians; whome, when they've subdued, conquered and destroyed, I believe their next designe will be against the Inhabitants of both these Colonies, whose stocks of Cattle and hoggs they already make bold with, and especially in Virginia where these Savages kill and destroy hoggs and Cattle afore the faces of the Owners of them; and if the English make any opposition, they're immediately fired at by these villians, and upon the like occasion, were five men and a woman killed about a month since in Maryland. Upon these disturbances given us by these heathen rogues, some evill ill disposed spirits have been tampering to stirr up the Inhabitants of Maryland and those of the north part of Virginia to mutiny, of which I haveing notice, as also being, certainly informed who were the chiefe contrivers, and carriers on of the designe I imediately sent orders for the apprehending one Josias Fendall and John Coode, two Rank Baconists; the first of these was some twenty yeares since my Father's Lieut. Governor here; but upon his breach of trust and beginning a Rebellion here he scaped the Gallows very narrowly; since then and in the time of Bacon's Rebellion in Virginia it was expected every day when he would have fallen in with him; and had there not, by the vigilancy, care and resolution of my Lieut<sup>a</sup> Tho: Notley now deceased, been a stop put to the Rebellion here in Bacon's time, this Fendall had certainly joined with Bacon, and then Maryland had been imbroiled and ruined as Virginia was. The Encouragement this fellow had now to lay this wicked designe, was the hopes, and confidence he had that upon his Maj<sup>ty's</sup> meeting his Parliament there would be such differences, as would occasione civill warrs, and that then there would be no establisht laws in England, and so he and his crew might possess themselves here and in Virginia of what estates they pleased. This Fendall has a great influence on, and interest in most of the Rascales in the North parts of Virginia where he was for some time when he was forced to absent himselfe from Maryland and at that time I gave notice to Sir Henry Chicheley to sett eyes over him, the same notice I gave to Coll: Nicholas Spencer secre<sup>r</sup> of Virginia but I feare the latter either through want of resolution, or loyalty did not prevent (what he might) the seditious practices of this Rebell; and I may the more boldly affirm this, since formerly and but few days afore my apprehending this fellow, he had openly entertained and cherisht this Rascall in his house: which gives me cause to be confident that he has encouraged Fendall in his designes against Maryland; forgetting, or (as I suppose) not considering that a defection in my Government may raise an other Bacon in Virginia the people there being as ripe and ready for another Rebellion as ever they were; and I know

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