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Treason on board the London Shippes and signified that hee had writt for that purpose to Sr Lyedell Jenkins they did not thinke fitt to enter in to further consideracōn of the matter until he had first acquitted himselfe before the said Sir Lyedell whereupon he addressed himselfe to the said M^r Secretary Jenkins, whoe was pleased to grant him a copy of my Lord Baltemores Letter to his hon^r against the said Rousby Dated 28th Aprill 1681 being much to the same effect with that to the Com^{rs} of the Customes, to this the said Rousby did likewise putt in his Answer in Writing, which when M^r Secretary had perused hee tolde the said Rousby his most proper way for dispatch would be to Peticōn his Ma^{ty} which accordingly hee did and his Ma^{ty} was pleased to referr the consideracōn of the matter to the Lords Com^{rs} of the Treasury. But soon after this the said Rousby came to understand that my Lord Privy seale had received a complaint against him, therefore he got a Frend to waite upon his Lōp whoe found my Lord Baltimore had sent a pretended affidavit of one Vincent Low (his Ladyes Brother) taken as is said before his Lōp the 6th of June last where it is pretended that some time in Aprill last at the said Rousbys owne house, where a Discourse arising about succession of the Crowne in the Right Lyne, the said Rousby should say that he beleived the King was of the same opinion in his heart in poynt of persuasion that the Duke of York was of, and afterwards speaking of the Bill of Exclusion for disableing the Duke, the said Low saying hee heard the Lord Hallifax was much against it the said Rousby should say that greate men are greate knaves and Turne Coates and begin to pisse backwards, of which affidavitt the said Christopher Rousby had a Coppy.

Presently after the Com^{rs} of the Customes made a p^rsentm^t to the Lords of the Treasury of certain matters concerneing Maryland, which gave their Lop^s occasion to call to their Clerke for an order of the King in Council dated the 30th of June last (which was before the arrival of the said Rousby) made upon another Letter of Complaint of my Lord Baltimore to my Lord Privy Seale ag^t the said Rousby being to the same Effect with those others before mencōned to the Com^{rs} of the Customes and to M^r Secretary Jenkins; By which order the matter is referred to their Lop^s whoe upon reading the same order, 23^d November 1681 were pleased to referr the same matter to the Com^{rs} of the Customs to consider and reporte the Case of the said Rousby together with their Opinions, whereupon the said Rousby was called before the said Com^{rs} of the Customes and put in his answer to that Letter also writt by my Lord Baltimore to my Lord Privy Seale, and upon the whole matter, the Com^{rs} have reported to their Lopp^s that they conceive it would

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