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tain Allin by my order would seize on them immediately sent notice to those masters of their Dangers and promised them all favour upon their submitting their ships to their Seizures, which was complied with and accordingly prosecuted, and the Ship brought to condemnacōn by a Private Court appointed for that purpose and all this is done as appears and can be fully proved to prevent our proceed^s and just Executions of our Commissions in behalf of His Majesty. In like manner there was some prohibited goods put on shore near S^t Marys from on board of a ship that fled from me out of Puttuxan River. The said goods with all speed were seized by the said Major Sewall and Colonel Darnel who appointed a Tryall for the same in which business they might have had witnesses enough besides there was the Depositions of some persons who are still resident in the Province whose proof could have effected the condemnacōn of the said Goods but the said Goods notwithstanding all this which they well knew were cleared and acquitted and those material witnesses never summoned in the business. The Ship which imported these goods and Commodities was soon after the landing of them met with and seized by Captain Allin to whom I sent Directions to that purpose and when the Ship was so seized and a Tryall demanded in His Majesties behalf which was denied him by one of the principall Ministers and Officers of this Government Captain Allin then carried the said Ship to his Majesties Court in Virginia where I was forced to dismiss my Prosecutions against her and took the Masters Bond in His Majesty's behalf to answer to your Hon^{rs} in England and all for the Reasons recited and expressed in the condition of the said Bond a Copy whereof I have here enclosed by all which Proceedings I hope it evidently appears how just cause there is of complaint to your Honors of the great prejudice done and designed against His Majesties Officers His Interests and Affairs in these parts. I have severall Transactions and matters more to acquaint your Honors with, to which to avoid too much perplexity I'll at present suspend till next opportunity of writing which I believe will be by M^r John Rousby (brother to His Majesty's late Collector M^r Christopher Rousby) who intends a voyage to London by the next Ship from Puttuxan River and when he arrives will give your Honors a true and ample relacōn of transacting here by his safe conveyance I intend to send a Duplicate hereof as also the Original of that Copy of the Bond here enclosed and by the same opportunity will transmitt my duplicate of M^r Christopher Rousby's Account of all the Duties he received for His Majesty since my time and what he therein remains Debtor at his death his said brother saith at His arrivall he will readily and punctually. There hath not a Letter come from your Honors directed to M^r Chris-