

P. R. O.  
Colonial  
Papers.

Lords Com<sup>rs</sup> of his Majesty's Treasury) concerning the barbarous killing of M<sup>r</sup> Rousby Collector of the Plantacōn duty in Maryland and humbly lay before his Lordshipp a Letter they lately received from Cap<sup>t</sup> Allin Commander of his Majesty's Ketch the Quaker giving a fresh account of the difficulty and unsafe condition that the Officers of the Customs there live in with the Comm<sup>rs</sup> desire his Lordshipp to lay before his Majesty to the end that some course may be taken that the officers may remain there with safety an encouragement in performance of their Duties and that his Lordshipp would be pleased to take the opportunity of the Vessel that is now going in his Majesty's Service to that Province.

J. Werden  
V Butler  
J. Buckworth  
W. Dickinson  
T. Chudleigh.

29<sup>th</sup> April 1685.

Copy of the Comm<sup>rs</sup> presentment touching M<sup>r</sup> Rousby's death and the discouraging of the officers in Maryland.

An Extract of a Letter from Coll. William Diggs from Maryland to the Right Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Baltimore dated June the 11<sup>th</sup> 1685.

In pursuance of those orders and Instructions for the Proclaiming his most sacred Majesty James the Second Sent by your Lordships, We have taken effectual care that it shall be done with as great a cheerfulness and in as solemn a manner as the Constitution of our Country will admit of, and in order thereunto we have proclaimed him at St. Maries by Coll. Darnall and Maj<sup>r</sup> Sewall with your Lord<sup>ps</sup> life Guard, this day my Companyes met with most of the Gent and Inhabitants of this end of the County who express a great deal of joy, there is likewise orders sent to all the Counties of this your Lordship's Province, which will be forthwith done as I question not but your Lordship will have particular advice. Tho' our neighbours have had the honor of showing their duty before us, having had the assurance of the death of our late dead Sovereign Charles the Second of blessed memory, and the peaceable Accession of this his present Majesty to his Throne, a considerable time before, yet I question not but we shall be as ready to and for me our Duty in all respects whatsoever and as cheerfull & honest hearts as they can doe, notwithstanding the Distinction they are pleased to make of these two Governments, should such Reports come out of this Province as have too lately from