

have endeavored to create a prepossession of greate Plunders  
 and rapins committed by the protestants upon the Papists  
 here may have no Credit with his Majestie or your Lordships  
 which is as false as wee shall allways be readie to answere  
 our Proceedings before God and the King. Wee have onely  
 to Petition his Majestie would be graciously pleased to com-  
 mand the speedie Bringing to tryall the murtherers of M<sup>r</sup> Iohn  
 Paine his Majestie's late Collector who are now in Virginia.  
 humbly begging your Lordships pardon for this trouble

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Your Lordships most obedient humbly  
 devoted Servant

Iohn Coode.

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From M<sup>r</sup> Coode to the Secretarys of State

M<sup>r</sup> Coode's letter to Captain Nicholsen

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May it please your Honor,

Haveing the Chiefe command for his Majesty's service in  
 this province, I thought it my duty to make this address, not  
 only to congratulate your Honor's safe arrivall but to present  
 an earlye tender of my due servince and respects Wee of this  
 Province have with longing expected your comeing into Vir-  
 ginia hoping thereby to have some account of the Royall  
 pleasure concerning this their Majestys' Province of Mary-  
 land at least some satisfaction for the innocent blood of his  
 Majesty's late Collector here inhumanlye and barbarously  
 murdered by some conscious and profligate papists lately fled  
 into Virginia, I have rather presumed to trouble your Honor's  
 patience with the inclosed (which is matter of fact th' hath past  
 between the government of Virginia and this Province since  
 our late irruption, to which with all humility referr) then that  
 your Honor should be in anything unacquainted from us of  
 our circumstances or prepossesst by their Majestie's Enemies,  
 who will omitt noe sort of artifice to appear innocent the  
 greate encouragement (I presume these Gentlemen at first had  
 in Virginia was from the Interest of one Coll: W<sup>m</sup> Digges, a  
 native and formerly an inhabitant there, one of the late secre-  
 tary's and deputy Governor here, a profest enemy and lately  
 in armes with the rest) against the regalitye of his Majestie  
 which not onely his late words and actings in that quality but  
 his own treasonable letter under his owne hand (which I  
 have to show) will justifie against all whom wee are and shall