

hand. Gentlemen, Colonell Digges is altogether a stranger to me but understand he is a gentleman that hath an Estate in this Government and for what I can finde hath carried himself all the time he hath been in this Government with all submission and obedience to their Majesties and their Government but if any such thing as M<sup>r</sup> Coode intimates shall be made evident to me, I shall take care that he or any others soe guilty shall be secured and prosecuted as the matter shall require but the writeing soe in a letter without prooffe can be noe accusation of any man. Gentlemen, as to the business of New Yorke and the Northern Indiyans, I am sorry to heare of the bloody murders committed by those Barbarous Enemyes the French and Canada Indiyans I shall as I am intrusted by his sacred Majesty be very diligent fully to informe my selfe of all the proceedings about the same and Endeavor all that can be the security of this, their Majesties Country and the Inhabitants thereof, from those barbarous Enemyes or any other their Majesties Enemyes according to the trust reposed in me, and shall also contribute what lyes in me to the assistance and safety of all his Majestie's subjects in Generall in these parts as soon as I can rightly and fully be informed of the matter from such persons as are lawfully authorized by their Mat<sup>ties</sup> which I hope suddenly to receive and that Colonell Slaughter who his Majestie hath sent Governor to New York is before this time there arrived who was to come in one of their Majesties Friggetts with soldiers, I shall desire of you that for their Majesties service you will communicate to me, what true and certaine intelligence you shall at any time receive about these barbarous Enemyes and if you understand any danger of their approaching our Frountiers give me speedy notice thereof, that wee may be the more ready to repell them, and I shall take the same care to give you notice of any Intelligence I shall receive in that or any other nature, that may be for the security of their Majesties subjects in the Province of Maryland Gentlemen, I doubt not but his Majestie's Orders sent by the Ketch that noe Shippes shall goe to Europe but in Fleetes is come to Maryland and hope you will take care that noe Shippes or Vessells be permitted to sayle from thence until the 24<sup>th</sup> of Iuly next and that before any are Cleared their Majesties' Collectors will take good security that the said shippes shall sayle directly to Poynt Comfort in Iames River and there remaine under the Protection of his Majesties Friggots untill the Fleete sayle and under the Charge of the two Convoyes that are sent in by his sacred Majesty to secure the Marchants' Shippes from Virginia and Maryland to England, of this I thought it my duty to give you notice, it being of great concerne for their Majesties' Service and the Security of the Shippes and if you

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