

or alive, thereby driving them from their Habitations, soe they have nott been less wanting in their obedience to his Majestie's pleasure, signified by his Letter bearing date the 1st day of Feb^{ry} 1689 (and superscribed to such as ffor the time being take care ffor preserving the peace and administring the lawes in our province of Maryland in America) in severall causes thereof butt perticurly whatt this Declaration and Protest of the Agent of the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Propty of this province, James Heath will make manifest which said Agent doth hereby signify unto all Persons concerned th^t his Majesty in a particular clause in his said letter, directs the said persons to suffer the Proprietor or his Agents to Collect the Revenues arising here, and to apply only such part thereof ffor the support of the Government as was usually allowed and applied by the Proprietor to that purpose the said Agent hath applied himselfe to such persons as assumed to themselves to be those to whome his Majestie's said letter was directed who are the said Iohn Coode and his associates and of them hath dethired to give their orders as well to such persons as have collected any thing of the said Revenue to render the same Agent an accompt thereof as to withdraw their orders ffrom all persons att present collecting the same butt that the same might be left to the management of the said Agent and his Deputies, Butt the said Iohn Coode and his associates contemning and not regarding to comply with his Majestie's directions aforesaid, have denied and refused either to permitt any one to give the said Agent any accompts of what has allready bin collected on the accompt of Shipping which is the principall Revenue of this province or to suffer him to collect any thing ffrom the Shippes now in the province (which will be the Shipping revenue of this yeare) contrary to the Lawes of this province, which enjoin the same to be paid to his Lordshipp who otherwise must receive his rents from the Inhabitants of this province in moneyes) his Majestie's intention being as aforesaid likewise whereby as by divers others circumstances is sufficiently obvious that notwithstanding the specious pretences of the said Iohn Coode and his Associates as aforesaid they have abused the King's Majestie by their ffalce declaration and addresses, thereby to colour their designes in Tyrannizing over all such as will not joyne with them in their wicked practices, who appeare to be the best & chiefest of the protestant Inhabitants of this province as alsoe they have already some, soe it is apparent their designes are to embezell and apply to their own private uses the aforesaid Revenue, nott only by taking Bills of exchange for the same into their owne names butt for other reasons justly suspitious and as all due methods will be taken to ffree the inhabitants of this province

P. R. O.
Maryland
B. I. Vol. 2,
B. E.