

Captain Nicholson's letter to M<sup>r</sup> Coode etc.

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Gentlcmen,

The sixth of Iune last, by the advice of their Majesties' Councill I wrote a letter to you, in which amongst other things I desired that you would send me an account of the names of the persons that take upon them the preserveing the peace and administring the Laws in their Majesties' province of Maryland that if any ocasion were for their Majesties' service I might know to whom to direct my Letters, but have not yet received any answer to the Letter nor account of the persons but since received a Letter from Captain Iohn Coode dated the 24<sup>th</sup> of Iune wherein he acquaints me, that the persons were to meet the 8<sup>th</sup> of Iuly last and that he would then communicate the same and his Majestie's Letter to you and I should then receive a full answer to my Letter and in that intimated to me that one Richard Hill was fled into Virginia for speaking treasonable words against their Majesties and raiseing men etc This Hill before I received the Letter was with me and made great complaints of hard usage by Captain Coode but was gone before his Letter came to me intending as he said for England. Pray lett me have a full account of th<sup>t</sup> and all other matters and the particular times of speaking the words and raiseing men. I would have all speedilie because the Fleet will be going for England and will saile about the 10<sup>th</sup> inst.

Gentlemen, I did in my letter to you desire th<sup>t</sup> you would take care according to his Majestie's commands, that all shippes that were ready in Maryland should repaire to Poynt Comfort by the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant to depart with the Fleet under the convoy of their Majesties' shippes of Warr sent hither on that purpose but I hear of noe shippes come down yet, hope they are comeing.

I am alsoe to give you notice th<sup>t</sup> in persuance of his Majestie's commands, that noe shippes be permitted to goe for Europe but in Fleets, my selfe and their Majesties' Councill here, have thought fitt to order that those shippes that are not ready to goe with the Fleet, shall not be permitted to saile unless the Iamaica Fleet arrives here to take them under their Convoys or till a number of shippes are ready and further order and desire you that you will give me notice what shippes are in Maryland that will not be ready to saile with the Fleet and that you take order they are not cleared untill the other shippes goe here and I will give you timely notice when they are to sayle.

In that letter from Captain Coode he sends me a copy of