

says that seven French shippes of Warr have on Martins Vine-  
yard and Block Island putt all to fire and sword without mercy  
or distinction If any news happen th<sup>t</sup> may conduce anything  
to the service of their Majesties or the Colony of Virginia  
shall with all care and speed be transmitted to you. Wee  
humbly thank your Honor for the tender of the kind promise  
for the conveyance of our letters and papers to their Majesties'  
of which wee have taken convenient care by persons that are  
to goe in the fleet ffrom this Government to their Majesties  
We desire you'll be pleased to accept of this as what wee can  
at present answer to both your Honor's letters we are

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

Your Honors most Humble servants

Robt. King.	John Coode
John Court.	Hen: Iowles
Char: James.	Kenelm Cheseltyne
M: Miller	Nehemiah Blakiston
	Ninian Beale.

(Endorsed)

Maryland 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1690.

Copy of M<sup>r</sup> Coode's letter to Captain Nicholse

Rec<sup>d</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 1690.

That Captain John Coode be continued Principall or Com- p. 25  
mander, in Chiefe of all his Majestie's fforces within this Pro-  
vince and with the advice and assistance of a Committee of 20  
persons vitz. M<sup>r</sup> Kenelm Cheseldyn and M<sup>r</sup> Nehemiah Blakis-  
ton of St. Marye's County, M<sup>r</sup> Michael Miller and M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup>  
Harris of Kent Co: Coll: Nicholas Gassaway and Major Nicho-  
las Greenbury of Ann Arundell county Coll: Henry Iowles  
and Major Ninian Beale of Calvert county M<sup>r</sup> Iohn Addison,  
and M<sup>r</sup> Iohn Court, of Charles County M<sup>r</sup> Iohn Thomas and  
M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Staley of Baltimore County and M<sup>r</sup> George Ro-  
botham and M<sup>r</sup> Iohn Edmondson of Talbott County M<sup>r</sup> David  
Browne and M<sup>r</sup> Robert King of Sommersett County, M<sup>r</sup> Iohn  
Brooke and Major Henry Tripp of Dorchester County, M<sup>r</sup> Ed-  
ward Iones and M<sup>r</sup> Charles James of Cecill county or any seven  
or more of the persons nominated as aforesaid to receive any  
message or address relating to the publick as also to make  
and issue such fitt and necessary orders and Instructions as  
shall be requisite and convenient for the Publick comodietie  
upon all emurgency of affaires in the intervalls of Assembly  
which Power and authority to continue & remaine till next  
convention or Assembly or other Lawfull Power sooner  
Determining the same if upon any debate the number of  
Voyces be equall the casting vote to be in the President and  
Principall aforesaid

Vera Copia sign'd by order

Henry Wriothesley Clk: Assistant