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and now worthy Sirs you will be apt to reply to me (why they are the best wee know of) To this I will presume to offer a Remedy if you please to adheare to my Advice which is to graunt a Comission to those persons hereafter named viz<sup>t</sup> Coll. S<sup>t</sup> Leager Codd M<sup>r</sup> James Frisby, M<sup>r</sup> William Dare of the Quorum, M<sup>r</sup> Edward Jones, M<sup>r</sup> Giddeon Gundry, Cap<sup>t</sup> William Peirce and M<sup>r</sup> George Warner, these men are the most prudent and the most salvendst in the County and I question not will ease both you and me and keep the County in a good Decorum. I doe very well know that Jones and Warner were left out in the last Comission by the meanes of Edward English but I much doubt he did not tell you the cause why it was, because they would have M<sup>r</sup> English punished for a bastard child layd to him by Gundry's wench, besides that he had by Wroth's wife. I heard about four dayes since that there was a new Comission come into the County They that were named to me by report of them that knew them as bad if not worse then them there already I have cause to think that they who takes upon them to name Comiss<sup>ts</sup> to you runs too much upon the Byas It is truly my opinion the County had better pay for two Comission<sup>s</sup> then to have this stand. I have discoursed Coll: Codd about it and he says if you please to entrust him in the peace for that County with them before named which indeed are of his own chuseing he will faithfully

p. 164 serve my Lord and his Country; but he would humbly desire you not to mention him in any Comission with such stuff as are there already, for with them he will not sitt, and now worthy Sir I am come to request for myself that you would please to send me word in writing where you would have Sarah Vanhack plac'd for I only keepe her till I heare from you for I will not medle with the bringing up any Orphan or their Estates haveing trouble enough with my owne Our law says the next of kin shall have them, the law of England sayd noe because they are heirs to them. Now the children of this M<sup>rs</sup> Pope which she had by John Howell are the onely heires to the said Sarah and yet the tenderness that I see in the Aunt towards this girle persuades me that there is noe danger in letting her have the tuition according to our Law for she keepes one in the house on purpose to teach her & Her owne children, I have faithfully and truely discovered to you what I think is the best to bee done in all these affaires craveing pardon for my plixity & desireing your speedy order in what you would have done with this girle and I shall remaine as ever your honours humble servant Henry Coursey—

Burnet and Coleman were comitted but I heare the Sheriffe hath taken bayle to appeare at the next provinciall Court.