

Liber K. till the meeting of the Assembly to have the concurrent advice & Joint Consent of the Representative Body of this Province in an Affair so Considerable We needed not (we Conceived) to have used many Arguments to moove your Excellency to a Belief of what we had written in our last in the way of friendship & good Correspondency by us desired Neither may it Possibly seem so strange to your Excellency or any other upon second & more Considerate thoughts that we should meet with such disturbances in this Gov^t where both the Interest & the Religions are so different and Diametrically opposite to each other we are glad to understand otherwise of your Government & that you are so free from the troubles we meet with upon that acco^t but also assure you we shall take the most Effectual measures we can to heal & Supress those Maladies we Cannot at all charge our selves with the least Deficiency or want of due regard & respects to your Excellency and those Authorised by their Majestys in your Gov^t but have always endeavoured to demonstrate the Contrary as we thought we did in our last, however mistaken if you please to review the Copy of M^r Vansweeringens Deposition your Excellency will there find that Coll Digges was not the only person mentioned but that M^r Fitzhugh is as greatly Concerned & also Madam Digges for whom we have that honour as to give credit to her Discourse Vansweeringen has passed his Trial publickly in our Provincial Court where he hath ingeniously confessed the matter of fact charged him with according to the tenor of his Deposition Copy whereof sent your Exc^{lly}

Your Excellencys demands of returning M^r Randolph taken up at the reasonable request of the Magistrates of this Province to one of yours (a prudent & discreet Iustice) by vertue of his hue & cry for several notorious Crimes & misdemeanors of very high high Nature Committed & done by said Randolph here agst their Majestys & this Gov^t are altogether anticipated & Prevented by that Nice and Diligent Officer the Constable of Accamack in whose Custody we understand he was & is detained but we hope your Excellency will do the Officer that pursues him that Iustice as to remand him into his Custody from whom he made his escape & is thereby become a felon (in Order to be brought to a fair & legal Trial in time & place most proper & Convenient which we Conceive to be where the Fact was Committed whereof we do not in the least Doubt & are

Your Excellencys most humble Servants

Maryland May 6th 1693

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