

Now may it please your Exncy upon mature consideration and consultation had thereon, Wee doe humbly conceive that the fact being committed within the jurisdiction of this Province, noe other Collony cann take cognizance thereof, and therefore that a crime soe barbarous as this, in all its circumstances may not escape the hands of Iustice, but may receive the punishment justly due thereunto, We have thought fitt, and hold our selves in Law and Conscience obleiged by these our Emissaryes in as humble civill & obleigeing tearmes as may be to apply our selves to your Exncy, and in behalf of the R^t hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry} of this Province, to make our just demands to have the prisoner safely returned to this Governm^t where the ffact was committed, and where alone (wee conceive) the same is cognizable, and to the End that noe failure of justice may be for want of witnesses wee also humbly desire that your Exncy: will command such persons on board the Ketch as cann any waies testifie against the prisoner to come and give in their Evidence upon the tryall; which upon returne of the Malefactor wee intend (god willing) speedily to goe upon.

Your Exncys: greate wisdom, prudence and integrity as well as neighbourly affection and kindness for this Province manifested and expressed, will (wee doubt not) spare us the labour of streining for argum^{ts} to moove your Exncys condescention, to this our soe just and reasonable demand; Wee shall therefore (in full assurance and confidence thereof) not trouble you with Impertinencies, onely to insinuate to your L^{sp}, that if in the like (w^{ch} God avert) or upon any other occasion, Maryland may be serviceable to your Collony, it may freely be required of, and readily complied with by

Your Exncys most humble Serv^{ts}

To the R ^t hon ^{ble} ffrancis Lord Howard	Thomas Tailer
Baron Effingham Cap ^t Gen ^{ll} and	Henry Darnall
Chiefe Govern ^r of his Maj ^{ties}	W ^m Digges
Collony of Virginia	Nicholas Sewall
Present	W ^m Burges

M^r Clement Hill and M^r Ant. Underwood messengeres to Virg^a p. 144

Ordered that M^r Clement Hill and M^r Anthony Underwood of St. Maries County be the Messengers of the said Letter to the Lord Howard, and they are hereby appointed to beare the same to his L^{sp} accordingly, and to Receive his answer. and that the sheriff of S^t Maries County (if occasion be) press boate and hands to sett them over.

Ordered also, and it is Desired that the hon^{ble} Coll: William Digges give them C^t in Virginia for their necessary expences and charges there in this affaire