

Lib. R. R. R. Officers within this Province for the end and purpose afores^d or otherwise shall direct therein, as to them shall seeme meete, or untill further ord^r from this board.

Signed p ord^r
J Llewelin Cl. Consil

p. 168 Then taken into further consideration The Lord Effingham's Letter read yesterday, w^{ch} was answered in the words foll (viz:)

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Your Exncys Lett^r of the 21th of Novemb last we have recd: and gratefully acknowledge the Character we recd: of your kind expressions of respect for our Master: Wee take notice of your result concerning Coll Talbott, and the rest of the contents we have well considered, and hold our selves obleiged to make a civill reply: And in the first place please to know, that as it has hitherto been the constant care of this Governm^t soe it still is & alwaies shall be ours diligently to preserve and promote (as much as in us lyes) all his Maj^{ties} just rights and Interest in these parts and fforasmuch as (we pceive) Cap^t Allen may have insinuated to your Exncy: soe farr as to prevaile with you to moove this Governm^t in his behalf to what wee well enough know to be our duty, and shall upon all occasions most readily & cheerfully comply with, especially when we shall be thought fitt to be made acquainted with such a Comission as he beares: We cannot then but take notice of, and Offer to yo^r Exncys Consideration the insolent carriage and behaviour of Cap^t Allen in this Province, not onely by endeavouring to divert the Inhabitants thereof from their due Obedience to his L^{sp} by saying they were fooles and knaves if they paid any Duties to his L^{sp}: such as were settled by Act of Assembly, that my Lord Baltimore had nothing to doe with them, but also insulting over the good people of this Province threatening to fire their houses, publicly and frequently declaring that his business was onely to your Exncy: and that he had nothing to doe with my Lord Baltimore, and that if any shipp or vessell should come into this Province not qualified according to Act of Parliam^t he would seize them and carry them into Virginia, w^{ch} wee humbly conceive absolutely repugnant to the Rights and priviledges granted his L^{sp} by his Maj^{ties} most gracious Charter of Maryland; These things amongst many other of the like nature or worse, wee doe not onely charge him with, but cann upon occasion make good prooffe off; but urge it not soe much in expectation of any redress from your Exncy: for what is past, as in hopes that