

Lib. R. R. R. A Lett^r from the R^t hon^{ble} the Lord Effingham of the 11th of ffeb^{ry} 1684 concerning the Escape of Coll Talbott, together with copy of hue and Cry thereupon sent out by Coll Digges del^d to the Clk of the Council to be recorded (viz)

Poropotanck ffeb^{ry} the 11th 84:

Gentl

It hath happened that the last night Coll: Talbott escaped out of prison, and I Judged it my part to give you notice of it considering his Maj^{ties} pleasure is not yett knowne where he shall be tryed, that you may take speedy care that Hues and Crys be dispatcht throughout your Province for the retakeing him, as also that all other methods be pursued to that end; that
 p. 181 soe greate a murderer may not escape the hands of Justice, I doe not question but you will ord^r such strictness in your searches that you will testifye your readiness for his Maj^{ties} Service in bringing him to condign punishment, as you have formerly declared to

Gentl your very humble Serv^{tt}

To the honrd Coll W^m Digges and Effingham
 the other gentl of the Council
 of Maryland. These with greate
 care and speed

P^rsent.

Hue and Cry after Coll. Geo. Talbott

Maryl^d ss:

Whereas I am credibly informed by his Exn^{cy} ffrancis Lord Howard Baron of Effingham, Chiefe Govern^r and Cap^t Gen^{ll} of his Maj^{ties} Collony of Virginia, by his Lett^r beareing date the 11th of ffeb^{ry} instant, That Coll George Talbott late of this Province (a prisoner in the said Collony thereto conveyed for the murder of Christopher Rousby late of this Province Esq^r) on the Tenth day of ffebruary instant at night, broke from the said prison and made his Escape, soe that he is fled from the hand of Justice

These are therefore in the name of the R^t hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{vy} of this Province to will and require, as also strictly to charge and command all persons within this Province, to make diligent search and enquiry by way of hue and cry in all places for the said Coll Talbott, and him by any waies or meanes to apprehend, and safely to convey and bring before the Dep^{vy} Govern^r and Council of this Province at the City of S^t Maries, wherein all Officers both Military and civill within this Province are hereby Commanded and required to