

Lib. R. R. R. your L^{sp} will share as sufferers with us.) but also your Governm^t here rendred ridiculous and ineffectuall and the authority become a nose of wax.

Notwithstanding the Lord Effinghams wholesome advice to us upon the death of M^r Rousby, to make provision for the Collecting of his Maj^{ties} Duties by Authoriseing some honest able person to manage the same untill further ord^r from his Maj^{tie}: (which this Governm^t had Anticipated by takeing that previous care as became them before the Receipt of his L^{sp}s Letter) Yett Cap^t Allen has taken upon him (by what authority we know not) publickly to declare, that he would appoint a Collecto^r in M^r Rousby's place, and wondred
 p. 183 at this Governm^t here that they should Offer to meddle in that affaيرة, which he said they had nothing to doe with; although his Ma^r the Lord Effingham (as before hinted) thought otherwise; He hath seized severall shippes and vessells here, & carried them all into Virginia for tryall, where some have been condemned and some acquitted: he is now and constantly in this Province, takeing noe notice at all of the Shipping in Virginia, but giving them oportunity enough to defraud his Maj^{tie} or doe what else they please; insoemuch that it has been said (and indeed as the affaيرة is managed it may take with some) that Cap^t Allen designs onely the destruction of this Province, he haveing himself declared that he would reduce both Governm^{ts} to One, endeavouring (as much as in him lyes) to divert the good people of this Province from their fidelity and Obedience to your L^{dsp}: and this your Governm^t thinks ill becomeing a pson under his circumstances and Qualifications. One vessell called the Providence of Deale by him seized in S^t Maries River not long since he offered to bring to tryall here in this Province, provided he could (agreeable to his Comission as he tearmed it) have a Court for that purpose called in his Maj^{ties} name, as by his Lett^r to Coll Digges; Cobby whereof, and of Coll Digges's answer is inclosed for your L^{sp}s peruseall But wee Submitt all to your L^{sp}s better judgem^t and directions

On Tuesday last the 17th instant came a Lett^r from the Lord Effingham of the 11th instant, affording new but ill Subject matter of news (viz:) the escape of Coll George Talbott out of custody in Virginia the night preceeding, as by cobby of his L^{sp}s Lett^r Inclosed you will pceive: The Lett^r coming to Coll Digges hand first, he then immediately issued out his Hue and Cry, and on thursday last we all of us as many as could meete together, signed and sent forth hue and Cry to all the Counties of this Province, but least that may not be effectuall enough, we intend on Tuesday the 24th of this moneth when wee meete at Court to sett forth Proclamations for the apprehending & secureing of the fugitive, and will