

Produced by the hon<sup>ble</sup> Coll W<sup>m</sup> Digges and read to this Lib. R. R. R. board a Lett<sup>r</sup> from the L<sup>d</sup> Effingham of the 20<sup>th</sup> of Aprill last p. 199 past, to the hon<sup>ble</sup> Coll Henry Darnall & him the said Coll Digges, as also one other Lett<sup>r</sup> from his said L<sup>sp</sup> of the second of the same moneth to him the said Digges in pticular, together with Coppy of what the said Coll Digges returned his L<sup>sp</sup> in answer for that p<sup>sent</sup>, being all as foll (viz)

Lord Effingham's Letter to Col. Darnall and Col. Digges.

Gentl:

It's now neere tenn weekes since Coll Talbott by the corruption of his guard, made his Escape out of Gloucester Jayle, of which I then immediately by my Letter advised you, and for his Maj<sup>ties</sup> service desired your most especial care, that if Coll Talbott should be fled into Maryland (as by the best Intelligence recd: had reason to judge he designed) you would by the authority of your Governm<sup>t</sup> use all meanes possible for the retakeing of Coll Talbott, that he might be brought to Justice, of your readiness to performe that (his Maj<sup>ties</sup> service) you gave me greate assurance, and as assuredly did beleive it, and from the Intelligence of Coll Talbotts being knowne to be in the Governm<sup>t</sup> of Maryland, I did not doubt but long since to have been ascertained that by the care of your Governm<sup>t</sup> he had been retaken, which if he were I cannot doubt but you would have advised me thereof: And myself and the Councill being informed by good and credible Intelligence, that Coll Talbott very lately was at his owne house neere the head of the Bay in the Governm<sup>t</sup> of Maryl<sup>d</sup> and had continued there for some considerable time, and that openly knowne soe to be, In this I hold my self bound for his Maj<sup>ties</sup> service, earnestly to press my former desires unto you, that noe meanes be unesayed for the retakeing of Coll Talbott; as It's a service due unto his Maj<sup>tie</sup> from you, soe it requires your vigorous prosecution. Therefore gentl I cannot but tell you I admire at any slow proceedings in service wherein his Maj<sup>tie</sup> is soe concerned, and hope you will take off all occasions of future trouble both unto me and you of this nature, by manifesting your selves zealous for his Maj<sup>ties</sup> service, and therein you will rightly and truely serve my Lord Baltemore.

Herewith goes a Lett<sup>r</sup> writt neere three weekes since unto Coll Digges as by the date and direction you may observe, but by a miscarriage it lay stopt by the way, Its purport is to acquaint you of a Sloop, taken by the Sloop and men by me sett out in search after the Pirates in the Bay; The persons taken are this Generall Court to be proceeded against: Therefore desire your answer by this messenger, that may know p. 200