

Lib. R. R. R. whither any Robberies of this nature have been committed in your Province, that accordingly right and justice may be duely pformed, which shall ever be the constant care of

Virg^a James City

Y^r humble Serv^t

Ap^l the 20th 1685

Effingham

To the Honrd Coll Henry Darnall and
Coll W^m Digges Dep^{ty} Governo^{rs} of the
Province of Maryland.

haste post haste for his Maj^{ties} Especiall
Service Effingham.

L^d Effinghams L^{re} to Coll Digges.

Poropotanck Aprill the 2^d 1685

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The Sloopes with men I sent out for the app'hending & taking of Roger Makeele, and the rest of his Confederates that have committed soe many Robberies and outrages in Virginia and Maryland have seized of a Sloope Shallop and boate, in which were thirteen men and four weomen, who say they were Inhabitants and did belong to Choptank within the Province of Maryland, and were going with a designe to seate in the Southward, but I am informed that they doe not agree in their stories, And being ask'd, whither they knew Makeele or Slaughter the Chiefest of the Confederates, at first denied, but upon further Examination owned they knew them both; M^r Henry Jenckins the Command^r of the Sloopes found a cap upon one of their heads, which he knew to belong to one of his Servants who hath been gone from him above these 2 moneths, and now is with Makeele, Jenkins asked him how he came by it, who by all probability found he had it from his Servant, One of them told Jenkins that they were to meete Makeele and Slaughter at Smiths Island River, in ord^r to carry them to some place in the Southward to settle, They are most of them lusty young men, have scarce Clothes to their backs, yett have in the sloop, (to which belongs a new Cable worth 16^l sterl) a shallop &c^a to the value of Two hundred p^{ds} sterl: and upwards in household Stuff and goods, for which they pretend an Invoice from M^r Gilbert Metcalf M^rchant (and others) whose name is spellt wrong, and the hand not any waies like M^r Metcalfs, as a gentl that is well acquainted therewith avers, as also a Certificate from a Clerk of one of your Counties neere or upon Choptank, which is verily p^rsumed not to be of his hand writeing.

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These circumstances induces me to beleive that these are some of their Associates, or holds greate correspondency with