

them, I have therefore ordered them to be secured, and also the goods till the next Gen^l Court which begins the 15th of this instant, and thought fitt to lett you know of this, that if any of the Inhabitants of the Province of Maryland have been rob'd or lost any goods, or have any Servants runn away, if they will come to James Towne at that time their goods or Servants shall upon due prooffe be restored them, and the Offenders receive punishm^{ts} according to their deserts; This is all at p^rsent (except my Service to y^rSelf and Lady from

To the hon^{ble} Coll W^m Digges S^r y^r humble Serv^{ts}
in Wicocomico River in Effingham
Maryland

Present

Coll Digges Lre. to L^d Effingham.

Notley hall, 27th Aprill 1685.

May it please yo^r Exncy:

Your Lett^r of the 20th instant to Coll Darnall and myself with one inclosed to me in p^ticular came to my hands on Saturday last; both I have perused, and not having (at p^rsent) oportunity to communicate the same either to the Councill or Coll Darnall (he being now farr from home) have considered well the contents, and have adventured to returne your Exncy my particular sentiments for answer, upon the whole matter, as I hold my self obleiged without any longer deteineing your Express, which please thus to accept off. As for the apprehending Coll Talbott, all care therein Imaginable has been used by this Governm^t by issueing out Proclamation under the Seale of this Province to every respective County within the same (as I informed your Exncy, when I had the hono^r of seeing you last at Coll Spencers) and takeing such other measures and methods as were thought most proper and conducible thereto, although all proved uneffectuall; he upon all occasions, and designes of that nature flyeing and betakeing himself for refuge to the remotest parts of the woods and desarts of this Province, untill either remorse of Conscience, or apprehension of our extraordinary diligently care and search after him (and consequently a seemeing impossibility for him longer to Escape the hands of Justice) prompted him to a surrender of himself into custody thereby anticipateing this Governm^t from demonstrateing their zeale for his Maj^{ties} and the Lord Baltemores Service; wherein as well for all the Gentlemen concerned in generail, as for my Self in p^ticular I p^rsume to affirme, we neither have nor will be to our power and Capacity any waies deficient, but shall approve ourselves most exact in the prosecution of Coll Talbott according to Law and