

Six men well armed. He is called and hath the same Com-
municated to him haveing first taken an oath of Secrecy, not
to divulge the same to any till such time as he takes him away,
least there be an attempt to Escape, and he is ordered to make
all speedy preparations for the voyage, while such time as his
precept may be drawne, and a Letter written to the Govern^r
of Virg^a on this occasion, w^{ch} are both as foll viz:)

Gilb^t Clarke precept to del Coll Talbott to the Govern^r
of Virginia.

Maryland ss:

By the Councill

In obedience to his Maj^{ties} Commands signified by the R^t
hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ty} of this Province to his Dep^{ty} Gov^{rns} here,
and by them this day communicated to this board.

It is considered and ordered by this board, and command is
hereby given to M^r Gilbert Clarke, that forthwith he demand
of the Sheriff of S^t Maries County, and take into his safe
custody, the body of Coll George Talbott, and him with a guard
of Six Select able men well and sufficiently armed and pro-
vided with swords, Gunns, pistolls, and ammunition to trans-
port and convey over into Virginia to be delivered unto the
R^t hon^{ble} ffancis Lord Effingham his Maj^{ties} Govern^r Gen^l of
that Collony, for his Majesties service.

In order whereunto, and the better to Enable him the said
Clark to execute and pforme this his precept, power and
authority is hereby given him, And he is fully authorised and
impowered to impress and take six able select men armed and
provided as aforesaid (such as he shall think fitt, and cann
best confide in, for the service afores^d as also to press a good
substantiall boate, Sloope, or Shallop with four men and provi-
sions sufficient for that purpose, and take with him the said
Coll George Talbott guarded as aforesaid, and forthwith con-
vey and transport him over into the said Collony of Virginia;
to be delivered to the said Lord Effingham as aforesaid, and
upon such delivery to crave his L^{sps} acknowledgm^t thereof by
receipt under his hand, for his Maj^{ties} Service.

Hereby also earnestly requesting and desireing All and
singular the Magistrates Officers, and others his Maj^{ties} Loving
Subjects within the s^d Collony of Virginia (upon the arriveall
of the s^d Gilbert Clark and his charge there,) to afford him all
necessary aid and assistance, in the secure and safe conduct
and guard of them to the said Lord Effingham, pursuant to
this precept, and for his Maj^{ties} Service; In full confidence and
assurance of the like undeniable neighbourly kindness and
correspondency upon all occasions from this Governm^t

Dated at the Councill Chamber at the City of S^t Maries the