

Liber R. also to Coll W<sup>m</sup> Burges. ff<sup>t</sup> in Anne Arrundell  
 Coll Philemon Lloyd. horse in Talbott, Kent & Cæcill  
 Coll W<sup>m</sup> Colebourne. ff<sup>t</sup> in Som<sup>r</sup>sett & Dor. County  
 Coll George Wells. ffoote in Balt  
 Coll Henry Jowles ffoote in Calv:  
 Coll W<sup>m</sup> Chandler ffoote in Charles Co:

A Letter from Coll Coursey then read as foll viz.

R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>

Your Hono<sup>rs</sup> noble favour to me I recd: by Cap<sup>t</sup> Strong for w<sup>ch</sup> I humbly thanke you according to your Directions I apply'd myself to M<sup>r</sup> English who I found clearely uncapable to give an Acco<sup>t</sup> of what Rents were due in Cæcill County in respect he had noe Rent Roll, neither (as he told me) would Cap<sup>ta</sup> Sibrey deliver him that which he had, notwithstanding he charged a note upon Michael Miller to pay me Seaven Thousand pounds of Tobacco, provided if them Rents w<sup>ch</sup> came to his hands did not amount to soe much I should repay him, insoemuch requiteall of your L<sup>dsp</sup>s favour to me I putt him in a way to make a perfect Rent Roll himself viz: to make a booke of Lands for every hundred, (necessity compelling him to goe to every house) and soe to take an Acco<sup>t</sup> from every Individuall Inhabitant what Lands he holds, and under what Condiçõns of Plantation and this my Lord I think will be the readiest way to find out a true Rent Roll; and will shew if any fraud hath been used heretofore. I since recd: another I suppose by M<sup>r</sup> Gulick which came to me by Capt. Strong in w<sup>ch</sup> was a Com<sup>on</sup> &c<sup>a</sup> touching the Northern Indians which I shall as carefully looke after as possibly I cann: The next day after it came I went to Kent where was p. 302 a Court, and there I caused the Com<sup>ission</sup> to be read to lett the people know what your L<sup>dsp</sup>s Com<sup>ands</sup> were; and who their Enemy<sup>s</sup> were, and this my Lord I judged meete in respect of their backwardness in comeing to traineing. In the next place if it please your L<sup>dsp</sup> I must putt you in mind that I spoke to your hono<sup>r</sup> that since Cap<sup>t</sup> Wild left the head of the Bay I am wholly destitute of a Cap<sup>t</sup> there as also a Lievetenant and Ensigne, I mentioned Henry Ward or William Pearce, and Edward Swettnam Lief<sup>t</sup> I cannot tell who to name for Ensigne. I Doe not my Lord name these any otherwise but as the most fitt men I know there, but if yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>dsp</sup> pleases to appoint any others it well contents me: likewise Cap<sup>t</sup> March of the Island of Kent is dead, and there is noe Capt<sup>a</sup> neither doe I know any in that place (except W<sup>m</sup> Lawrence he was Marsh's Lief<sup>t</sup>) that is fitt for that place, and how fitt he is your L<sup>dsp</sup> knowes as well as I, who to nominate