

hands by Vertue of the s^d sentence the s^d George Lingan hath Lib. H. D.
humbly complain'd vnto his Ex^{ncy} for Redress, who therevpon p. 236
sent for the Commissary; but some extraordinary matter hap-
pening which hindred his attendance, he sent a Letter of
excuse, therein signifying that he did not know any legall
way how to free the Estate from the present intanglem^s but
by a Commission of Review, saying he is outed of all Jurisdic-
tion of the Cause by Removall of the Commissaries Record
before the Delegates. His Excellency is therevpon pleased
to observe that through the Vilany of the said Crauford, who
was at first made only Adm^r in trust for the vse of another,
the matter is brought to such a dilemma for want of speedy
proceedings therein (a Commission of Review not being pos-
sible to be had before ffeb^{ry} Court next, severall Gentlemen of
the Councill living on the other side the Bay who should be
vpon the same, and most Gentlemen living on this side were
of the Court of Delegates) that his Ex^{ncy} does think himself
bound in conscience, as the case stands (it plainly appearing
to him a designed Cheat & a Juggle from the very begining
& through the whole course of the s^d Craufords Proceedings
by still detaining the s^d Estate in his hands, to Enrich himself;
though notwithstanding he has been proterred security by the
said Harrison & Lingan (both before & now again in the
presence of his Ex^{ncy} to save him harmless from all damage &
to Cancell his Bond) for to take the best methods at present
to preserve the s^d Estate for the vse of the heirs & Credito^{rs}
which inevitably now goes to Ruin; the Tobacco & other
Debts amounting to a considerable Sum^e still lying uncollected
& not likely to be Collected this year, though in all proba-
bility a good price might this year be had for Tobacco, which
might redound to the benefit & profit of the heirs & Credito^{rs}
afores^d besides through letting Debts lye long severall persons
may become insolvent; for the said Reasons and for that the
s^d Crauford got himself craftily possessed of the s^d Estate on
purpose (as his Ex^{ncy} is well informed) that he might favour
some persons who were in combination with him & Debto^{rs} to
the s^d Estate, that afterwards (according to the custom of the
Country) he might by an vnder Appraisem^t get halfe the
Estate to himself and lastly that by his Endeavouring to
intangle the same so in Law (according to the custom of the
Country also that he might bring an ill Report thereon
whereby it might be vndervalued & by that means procure a p. 237
purchase of the whole Estate to himself or others; His Excell
does therefore advize the afores^d George Lingan for to pro-
test against the s^d James Crauford for all damages whatsoever
which may any wayes Ensue vpon the said Estate by Reason
of him the said Craufords detaining the same in his hands, and