

The Depositions follow Viz^t

Lib. H. D.
Whitehall

The Deposition of Henry Wriothesley of the Port of Annapolis.

This Depon^t Sayth.

Mr Wriothesley Deposition abt Mr Cood
That happening in Company with Coll: John Cood & some others, among their discourse a dispute arose between the s^d Coll: Cood & M^r Alexander Lumley concerning Religion (being Gentlemen of a different perswasion) and in their discourse or Argum^t the question was put to M^r Lumley by the s^d Cood whether he the s^d M^r Lumley did beleive in Jesus Christ, the s^d M^r Lumley Replied that he did, why say'd Coll Cood, do you think that God Almighty ever begat a Son, upon which M^r Lumley Quoted a text of Scripture written by S^t Paul (the place where I cannot Remember) Coll: Cood upon that reply'd S^t Paul may be an impertinent writer, as well as other men; all Religion lyes in Tullies Offices and further sayth not.

H Wriothesley.

The Deposition of John ffreeman.

Mr ffreemans Dep. abt Cap^t Cood & cca
The aboves^d Deponent upon his Oath Sayth, that accidentally meeting with Cap^t John Cood (alias Code) late high Sheriff of S^t maries County in Maryland in the House of M^r John Evans in S^t maries City in the s^d County & Province, he the s^d Depon^t heard the s^d Cap^t John Cood (als Code) speak and audibly express in publick talk directed to the s^d Depon^t some months before the s^d Depon^t left his lodgings in the s^d City to attend and accompany the Records of the s^d Province removed to the Town and port of Annapolis, Anno Domini 169

These following Words.

Viz^t That the Priests of both the Churches, Roman and Protestant were Rogues; and that it was all one to serve God or the Devill, for Religion (said he) is but policy. Whereupon the s^d Depon^t Saying to the s^d Cap^t Cood (als Code) I admire to hear such things from you who (as I am told) are in holy Ord^{rs} yo^r Self, the s^d Cap^t Cood (als Code) thus Reply'd, Yes, I am both Deacon and Priest in the Church of England.

September the 22^d 1696.

Mr ffreemans Oath & cca
The above Deposition was sworne to before his Ex^{ncy} and Council by the above named John ffreeman. Hen: Denton Cl Concil. Whitehall