

Lib. H. D. th^t the people of Maryland need not fear the Indians doing any Mischief among them, by Reason the Govern^r is so Sharp upon th^m and therefore they Come over to do Mischief in Virg^a He does say that Coll: Mason sent up an Interpreter to the Empero^r and a Messing^r to his Ex^{ncy} S^r Edmund Andros Govern^r of Virg^a to Advise him of these things but th^t there was noe Return of either, when he Came away.

At the Port of Annapolis.
July the 16th 1697.

Then came the within named Ebenezar Blackiston the Depon^t & made Oath before his Ex^{ncy} the Gov^r th^t the within & above Acco^t about the Indians is a true Relation to the best of his Remembrance.

Henry Denton Cl Concil

To all persons to whom these p^resents shall Come Wee the Subscribers being Justices of his Ma^{ty} Prov^{ll} Court of Maryland send Greeting &^{ca}

Justices of the Prov^{ll} Courts
Attestacōn
upon M^r
Clarks Peticōn
to the Gov^r
of Virg^a

His Ex^{ncy} Francis Nicholson Esq his ma^{ty} Cap^t Gen^{ll} and Govern^r of this Province having been pleas'd to produce a Certain paper before us intituled a Peticōn of M^r Philip Clarke of St Maries County and by severall Evidences Sworne before us declared by them that it looks very like and they believe it to be the hand writing of the s^d Philip Clark which Containing in it many false Scandalous and lying Reflections as well on his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r as on the Court We hold our selves Obliged for the true Information of those whom it Concerns and for Vindication of the Govern^{rs} Hon^r and Integrity in those matters to sett forth and declare as hereby we doe Unanimously and Severally declare that the s^d Paper let who will be the Author is a false and Scandalous libel.

(1) In saying th^t the Govern^{rs} Prejudice Supposed to be Conceived ag^t the s^d M^r Clark was for his Refusing as Judge of the s^d Court to grant a Judgm^t against John Cood contrary to Law most invectively false and untrue the Said Philip Clark being not Judge of the s^d Court nor did the Govern^r Ever move the Court in the matter or press them to give any kind of Judgment nay so Carefull was the Court in that matter that when the Kings Counsell at Law moved for an Attachm^t against the s^d Cood for the penalty of an Act of Assembly being Twenty pounds Sterl. Upon two Non est Inventus Return'd and a bill found by the Grand Jury yet the