

Lib. H. D. to view the severall Troops & Companies, Visit the Churches & inspect & see all the publick Roads; if no impediment happens. This coming as a caution, that all the Laws respecting those matters may be duly complied with.

His Ex^{ncy} is pleased to say that this proving a very plentiful year both for Corn & Tobb^o he design'd to have sett a part a day of publick thanksgiving for the same; but not hearing any thing out of England to know how things are there, he can't tell whether it may be so proper. But if please God it should so fall out th' there is good news from thence, he does designe (God willing) to sett a day apart.

His Ex^{ncy} representing to the Board how th' he understands M^r Rob^t Mason High Sherriff of S^t Maries County p. 588 holds private correspondence with M^r John Cood in Virginia, notwithstanding his Excellencies Proclamation to the contrary; is pleased to demand of the Kings Lawyers (being present) what course is fitt to be taken, and whether by law he may not be taken into custody and his papers seiz'd, who do say th' it may be done by an Act of State, but not by any Law in matters of such a nature; whereupon the following Order issued Viz^t

By his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r & Councill Octob^r 21st 1697.

Vpon Information Recd that M^r Rob^t Mason high Sherriff of S^t Maries County holds private & Secret correspondence with M^r John Cood & hath in his custody severall papers and debts of his to Receive; notwithstanding he is conscious of the severall proceedings issued against the s^d Cood at the Suite of his Majesty both for Criminall & other matters, for the avoiding whereof the s^d Cood removed himselfe from this his Majesties Province into his Majesties Colony of Virginia. Ordered thereupon that Geo: Muschamp Esq^r Collect^r & Receiver of his Maj^{tes} Customes within the district of Poto-mock &^{ca} do upon sight hereof immediately go to the said M^r Masons house and there search & examine into all the Bookes, Writings, Letter & other papers remaining in the Custody of the s^d M^r Mason; and that such thereof as he finds belonging to or sent & writt from the said Cood to him, he the said Esq^r Muschamp take the same into his custody and close seale them up in a bagg and secure them; and that he send an account of his proceedings herein, unto his Ex^{ncy} at the Port of Annapolis, with all convenient speed; but keep the papers by him until further Order.

Signed 7^p Order Hen: Dento: Cl Concil

Produced and read a Letter sent from M^r Charles Bass Clerk of Cæcill County Court unto M^r Christop^r Gregory