

have attachments against the s<sup>d</sup> Coods debts, and that severall of his Debts have been rec<sup>d</sup> by Cap<sup>t</sup> Slye and his Sone, and th<sup>t</sup> the said Cood sent Choptico hundred Booke and what is due in Clements hundred to the Vestry of King and Queen Parish to pay what he owed th<sup>t</sup> Vestry w<sup>ch</sup> is about 13000 pounds of tobacco and that severall of the Debts are denyed and some insolvent. Lib. H. D.

G: Muschamp.

The which said forementioned return & papers his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> p. 608 having rec<sup>d</sup> the 13<sup>th</sup> of Novem<sup>r</sup> past was pleased then to direct the following Order to issue Viz<sup>t</sup>

By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> &<sup>ca</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1697.

Whereas by a return this day rec<sup>d</sup> from George Muschamp Esq<sup>r</sup> Collect<sup>r</sup> and Receiver of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Customes within the district of Potomock (in pursuance of an Ord<sup>r</sup> of his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> and Councill, bearing date the 21<sup>th</sup> of October last past, Empowering & directing the said Esq<sup>r</sup> Muschamp to make inspection into all the Books of Acco<sup>ts</sup> and papers of M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Mason, High Sherriff of S<sup>t</sup> Maryes County, & for to seize all such he should find to have and Relation to M<sup>r</sup> In<sup>o</sup> Cood) it doth appear that the said M<sup>r</sup> Mason hath secretly held correspondence with the s<sup>d</sup> Cood, by privatly assisting to get in his debts and altering the property thereof; Notwithstanding he the s<sup>d</sup> Mason was sensible that the said Cood had been impleaded by his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Attorney Gen<sup>ll</sup> of this Province for an arrear of 439<sup>lb</sup>. 10<sup>s</sup>. 11<sup>d</sup> Sterll due from the said Cood to his Majesty as by an acco<sup>t</sup> made up by the Committee of accounts appointed for stating the publick Revenue was made appear; and notwithstanding his Ex<sup>ncys</sup> Proclamation (bearing date the 17<sup>th</sup> of Decem<sup>r</sup> last past) forwarning all persons to aid or assist the said M<sup>r</sup> Cood in any respect whatsoever under the severest penalties, in contempt whereof he the said Mason is (by the Returne afores<sup>d</sup>) found to have acted contrary. Ordered therefore that George Plater Esq<sup>r</sup> his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Attorney Gen<sup>ll</sup> and Receiver of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Revenues arising within the district of Patuxent & George Muschamp Esq<sup>r</sup> aforenamed do (upon sight hereof) go the s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Masons house and again thoroughly inspect & veiw all his Books of accounts and Papers; and where they shall find any of the same to concern the s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Cood, th<sup>t</sup> they make seizure thereof and forthwith employ some carefull trusty person to collect and receive what debts they shall anywaies find accruing to the said M<sup>r</sup> Cood, and to issue such necessary process against those persons refusing to make payment of the same as they shall find requisite, in