

Lib. H. D. Order that his Majest^{tes} s^d debt due from the said Cood may (as far as Effects can be found) be answer'd; having for their further insight herewith sent the severall papers and returne made by M^r Muschamp as afores^d. And lastly the said M^r Plater is hereby Ordered to cause the s^d M^r Mason to be and forthwith appear before his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r at the Port of Annapolis wth all possible speed to answer the præmises and to come with himselfe and bring what Books of accounts or papers they shall further find as aforementioned and that M^r W^m Bladen the bearer hereof be assistant in all these matters & examine the Records of S^t Maries County Court to see whether any attachments have been there granted against the Estate of the s^d Cood; as by the indorsement upon M^r Coods account wth the said M^r Mason is surmised; and that an account be bought of the same; that such proper Course may (for his Majesties Service) therein be taken as is fitting; and that inquiry be made what persons claime Publick Tobacco from the s^d M^r Cood and what Sums of tobacco he may owe upon that account.

Signed p Order
H Denton Cl Concil.

Produced & read a Return of the s^d M^r Plater & M^r Muschamp in answer to the foregoing Order as follows Viz^t

November the 20th 1697.

p. 609 Pursuant to an Order of his Ex^{ncy} bearing date the 13th of this instant we went to the house of M^r Rob^t Mason and there searched and examined all the Books, papers and accounts that we could find belonging to the said Mason, but could meet wth no other papers and accounts relating to Coll^o Cood but such as were lately sent your Ex^{ncy} by George Muschamp the account being by us compared wth the account stated in s^d Masons Bookes between himselfe and Coll^o Cood. But the s^d Mason being disabled in his Limbs by a late fitt of the Gripes Yo^r Ex^{ncy} Order in relation to his immediate appearance at Annapolis could not be complied without the hazard of his life; but as to the secureing the Debts due to Cood for his Maj^{tes} use we shall take all due care therein all which is humbly submitted to by.

Your Ex^{ncys} most obedient Servants
G Plater. G: Muschamp.

Afterwards read a Letter from the said M^r Mason to his Ex^{ncy} dated the 20th of November past declaring therein his inno-