

Lib. H. D. & others to research my house & all my papers again wth another order of Council with all to bring me up to Annapolis but it pleased God so to lay his hand upon me that that Iourney was prevented the Substance of that Ord^r was that you were indebted unto the King four hundred and odd pounds by ball^s of acco^{ts} made up, and that you and I kept Correspondence together on purpose to defraud his Majesty, and it comes from your own talk from Virginia side as far as can understand for Perrey was informed the last time he was over that you often in Company should say that you could have your Business done in Maryland in spite of the Governours teeth, & some other your backward friends in Maryland hath seconded it that is some of the Vestry of the uper Parish & I had cleared my self of your Books and sent them you long since if had not been afflicted with this distemper it hath held me this 5 months, I am very sorry that things fallen out so, and do not know how any prudence could have avoyded it unless I had some notice before hand S^r my due respects to you and your Lady I rest

S^r yours to Command
Rob^t Mason.

The above Letter was directed as follows Viz^t

To
Coff John Cood
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with Care I prey

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[Naval Officers Bond.]

Maryland ss Know all men by these p^rsents that we William Bladen Edw^d Dorsey and Charles Carroll gentⁿ are hereby held and firmly bound unto are Sov^eigne Lord King William the Third &c in the full and Iust Sum^e of five hundred pounds Sterl to the true paym^t whereof to be made unto our said Sov^eigne Lord the King his heires and Successors we bind our selves and every of us and every of our heires Ex^{ts} and Adm^{ts} Sev^{ally} and Joyntly for the whole and in the whole firmly by these p^rsents sealed & Dated this 24th of December 1697.

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bound William Bladen who is appointed the Collect^r of the porte and District of Annapolis shall well and faithfully Execute the s^d Office and render a Iust and true account of and pay the one peny p pound by him to be received according to his Matys Royall grant and Charter to the Colledge of William