

Lib. H. D. that you would likewise give Notice to all Masters of Ships within yo<sup>r</sup> Governm<sup>t</sup> that they p<sup>r</sup>sume not to take on Board and Convey away the s<sup>d</sup> Coll: Cood; whereby he may Escape unpunished for such his Enormous Crime, and likewise defraud his Ma<sup>ty</sup> of the Debt Claim'd from him which appears by the proceedings in my Last Letter to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> inclosed.

The afore matters being thought of absolute Necessity for his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Service to be done, Occasions thus much at p<sup>r</sup>sent from

Yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncys</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
ffr: Nicholson

Gov<sup>r</sup> of Virg<sup>a</sup>

Maryland Port of Annapolis ffeb<sup>ry</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1696/7

His Exncys  
Lre to the  
Comodore abt  
Searching  
for Coll: Cood  
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Hon<sup>rb</sup>le Sr.

There being a Person belonging to this Province (by name John Cood, lately Lieuten<sup>t</sup> Colonell of the County of S<sup>t</sup> Maries) within this Province; who being informed against here, for Blasphemy and a bill found by the Grand Jury thereon, as also sued for a debt of 400 and odd pounds Sterl. due from him to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> is for avoiding the paymen<sup>t</sup> of the s<sup>d</sup> Debt and the punishm<sup>t</sup> due for such his Crime, fled for Virg<sup>a</sup> and Supposing he may be got on Board Some Ship or other under yo<sup>r</sup> hon<sup>rs</sup> Convoy this Comes (in his Ma<sup>ty</sup> behalf) to desire that you would Cause the Severall Ships to be Searcht for him before the ffleet Sayles, And if in Case he should be found, that he may be Surrendered up into the hands of the next Magistrate of that Governm<sup>t</sup> in Ord<sup>r</sup> to be delivered up into the hands Justice here which will be a Peice of good Service done to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> and soe lookt upon and Esteemed by

Yo<sup>r</sup> humble Servant  
ffr: Nicholson

Cap<sup>t</sup> Charles Wager Comodore.

Ord<sup>r</sup> to the  
Collrs & Navll  
Officers to  
fforwarn all  
Mastrs of Ships  
from taking  
on board Coll  
Cood &ca

Ordered th<sup>t</sup> the Collecto<sup>rs</sup> and Navall Officers within this Province do fforwarn all masters of Ships (at their Clearing) from taking on Board (either in this Province or Virg<sup>a</sup>) Coll: John Cood, he being prosecuted here for Blasphemy, as also process out against him at the suit of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> for a debt of ffour hundred and odd pounds Sterl. found to be due from him to his s<sup>d</sup> Ma<sup>ty</sup> whereof they are all to take due Notice and heed, under penalty of being Lyable to pay the s<sup>d</sup> debt whosoever shall Carry him away, according to the directions of the Law in such Case.