

He is asked to give an account what he knows concerning Lib. H. D. Cap^t Syles discoursing about her Grace the Dutchess of Grafton, who says that the said Cap^t Syle told him how that he had great interest with the Dutchess of Grafton, and through her interest he stood fair for the Government if he would accept of it, but did not think it worth his while; and that he was to have the said Dutchess of Grafton, or words to that Effect.

The said M^r Wattkins made Oath to the above matter before Cap^t Thomas Tasker, one of his Maj^{ties} Iustices of the Provincial Court in p^rsence of his Ex^{ncy} and Council, and withall does declare that he acquainted his Ex^{ncy} therewth voluntarily of his own accord—And further says that he rec^d a Letter from the said Cap^t Syle wherein he has cast severall reflections upon his Ex^{ncy} and also says that he has p. 628 heard th^t M^r LLeuellin M^r Mason and M^r Taylard rec^d such like Letters from the said Syle to the said Effect.

His Ex^{ncy} is pleased to Command the Kings Lawyers, in his Maj^{ties} name, to take out process ag^t the said Syle, at the suite of his Majesty in both the foregoing matters, so soon as he shall arrive in this Province and does likewise Order that, they make demand off the aforementioned letters from the severall Persons aforementioned, w^{ch} if they refuse to deliver that then they charge them in his Maj^{ties} name not to part with them, but have them forth comeing; and that they take care to have the parties summoned as Evidence for the King.

Several persons preferring Petitions to this Board, signifying that Severall Sums of Publick Tobacco were assigned and allowed them in S^t Maries County, during the time of M^r Iohn Coods being Sherriff of the s^d County w^{ch} they know not how to come by now the said Cood is fledd out of the Province; Ordered that the s^d matter be referred to his Maj^{ties} Lawyers for their management, and th^t they cause a note to be set up at the Court house dore in S^t Maries County to give publick notice to all persons that had any publick tobacco assigned them in the said Coods hands (and not yet satisfied) to bring in their accounts thereof sworne to before some Magistrate and deliver the same to Geo: Plater or George Muschamp Esq^{rs} or Major Will^m Dent or any of them, who are hereby Ordered to take all due care that the same be discharged as fast as can be collected out of the Effects of the said Cood, and that they proceed therein; as also in securing his Maj^{ties} Debt due from the said Cood in all things according to Law.

Produced a Letter of M^r Robert Masons directed to Coll John Cood Dated Decem^r 10th 1697. whereby it appears there has been private correspondence held betwixt the said