

Lib. X.

Maryland Port of Annapolis Feb^y 19th 1697

Sir

This day was read in Council here a Letter by me received from Coll^o Iennings dated the 24th of Ianuary past together with a warrant under your Excellencys hand & Seal for apprehending Coll^o Iohn Cood & upon consideration thereon had it is thought Expedient for his Majestys Service that you would please to send one of the said Warrants to the Sheriff of each County within your Governm^t with Directions & orders to the Sheriff that apprehends him for to deliver him up to the next Iustice of peace in this Government either on the eastern or Western Shore Where he shall be taken to the end he may be proceeded against according to Law & that you likewise would give notice to all masters of Ships within your Governm^t that they presume not to take on Board & convey away the said John Cood whereby he may escape unpunished for such his enormous crime & likewise defraud his Majesty of the debt claimed from him which appears by the proceedings in my last Letter to your Excellency Inclosed

The afore matters being thought of absolute necessity for his Majestys Service to be done occasions thus much from

Gov^r of Virginia
Your Excellencys humble Serv^t
Fra Nicholson

Annapolis Iuly the 2^d 1698

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Inclosed I have Sent a Copy of a former Letter of mine to your Excellency two presentments by the Grand Jury of this province one of M^r John Cood Sen^r & the other of M^r Gerard Sly together with a Deposition sworn to by George Muschamp Esq^r relating to them also have Sent your Excellency a Copy of a warrant lately issued from the Council Board here for the apprehending the aforesaid Cood & Sly, Robert Mason, Philip Clark, Sam^l Cooksey & W^m Harpam for such Reasons as in the said Warrant are Expressed

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Likewise I send you a Copy of a Deposition sworn to by Coll^o Henry Mitchel of Calvert County & part of a Letter written by Sly to M^r Samuel Watkins of Putuxent which seem to insinuate that they are Countenanced & Protected by your Government, every one much Admiring M^r Cood should appear so publickly in Virginia & not be secured if any directions given or care taken therein further I have sent your Excellency the opinion of his Majestys Lawyers here upon