

pound, Ster of lawfull English money the like value being...
pray make good payment and place the same to the use of...
To Mr Arthur Gough at the
Sign of the Chateaux house
Parson in the Strand
London.

Your loving Kinsman
and humble Servant
Mar. Gough

Decemb^r 16th 1696.

That what person soever shall discover any disturbances likely to happen within his M^{ty} Governm^t shall have
A Reward of 20. [£] and if partly concerned shall have his pardon
This award is a clause contained in a certain Ord^r of Council of 4th above Date, if said Ord^r sent to each respective
County of ^{the} Brevenid.

Sworn to in open Court by M^r Ch^r Gregorij
Deben as Alread C^lppij

To all persons to whom these p^rcepts shall come we p^rsubscribers being Justices of his Maj^{ty} Lub^{ty}
Court of Mary Land Tene granting H^{er}

This Hon^{ble} J^{ud}ge Wilk^{son} Esq^r his M^{ty} Capt^{ain} Gen^{eral} and Govern^{or} of this Brevenid having been pleased to
produce a certaine paper before us intituled A Relation of M^r Phillip Clarke of St Marys County and by several
Evidences sworn before us declared by them that it lookt very like And they advised it to be of hand writing of
M^r Phillip Clarke w^{ch} containing in it many false Scandalous and Snyng reflections As well on his Exc^{ell}
the Gov^{er} as on the Court We hold our selves obliged for true Informacion of those whom it concerns and for
vindication of the Govern^{or} and Integrity in those matters to sett forth and declare as hisoby word
Unanimously and Soborally declared that the said paper is the work of the Author is a false and Scandalous Libell
1 In Saying the Govern^{or} prejudged supposed to be concerned w^{ch} M^r Clarke was for his refusing as Judge of
the said Court to grant a Judgm^t agst John Good contrary to Law most invidiously false and untrue the said Phillip Clarke
being not Judge of the said Court nor did the Govern^{or} ever move the Court in any matter or p^rsthem to give any kind
of Judgm^t they so careful was the Court in that matter that when the Kings Council at Law moved for an Attchm^t
agst the said Good for the p^rssally of an Act of Assembly being 20th Sterling upon two non Est Indentures returned
a bill found by the said Court would not grant it because there was Criminal matter mentioned
the bill nor would the said Court grant an Attchm^t agst the said Good for the Kings D^{uty} Justd for till a Declaration
filled C^lppy of the two Wills returned the said Good not found and every part of the Acts of Assembly answered

2 In Saying that the Govern^{or} came down to the Courts four days together and did there Endeav^r to p^rsed the
guilty of crimes that might deserve Imprisonm^t but that after all his threats of Evidences not Swearing what
he desired was disappointed of his designe We say its desperately false and untrue for the Govern^{or} did not come
four days to the Courts nor more than two - and the cause of his coming he declared to be to give the Country an Aut^{hor}
that he had rec^{ed} the said advice which induced him to be advised the said was some ill minded persons in St Marys
County endeavouring to raise disturbances and inquiet in the Governm^t and because he had heard was some persons in Court
that could p^rove Soborally degrading and vilifying discourses and expressions of the Governm^t which is generally
the for chunnage and instrum^t of disturbances he caused them to be Examined before the Court by Country which by
their Evidences did most Effect and therefore the Govern^{or} did charge the said discourses upon the said Clarke but that
the Govern^{or} did either threaten or p^rsed the said Courts or Evidences is most impudently false And we do
v^{er}ily believe that the Govern^{or} principally intended to be so careful in that matter was to p^rsed disturbances and
to p^rsed peace and quiet in the Brevenid for so he declared

3 In Saying that proclamation was issued out promising a reward of twenty pounds to any that would swear the
Gov^{er} was endeavouring to raise a rebellion in St Marys County We can only say we heard of any such pro
- clamation and presume if such had been some of us should have seen or heard of it we had all heard of seen a pro
- clamation about the kind issued declaring that in regard there was suspicion of some practisson for in St Marys County
to raise rebellion that therefore if any person know thereof and would come and discover the same they should have their
pounds Sterling reward and if they had been engaged therein should have their own p^rssed by such proclamation

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