

The honorable } Coll^o Henry Lovelace Chancellor
 } Thomas Sutherland
 } Coll^o Charles Matthews
 } Coll^o John Addison
 } of his Majesty's
 } Council

Robert & Smith & }
 } Thomas Sutherland } Justices of the Peace Courts

His Excellency & Edm^o Andros his Majesty's Secy
 your General of Virginia's letter being read & Considered
 it is ordered that the following answer be returned thereto

Sir By Joseph Mann I received your Excellency's
 letter of the 17th of October last with an enclosed copy of
 your proclamation for the apprehending of Mr^r John Cook
 Senior & of the reasons which you mention therein were
 in force why was not he taken by it when he was with
 your Excellency the last spring which is here proved upon
 Oath your Excellency's Proclamation seems to me to be
 like one of the Watch houses on the Barbary. Those who
 give notice ^{when} the Christians are coming to take them that
 they may fly to it for safety because as yet no news of the
 said Goods being taken. I altho he has had the Confidence and
 Impudence to write a Letter to one of his Majesty's honorable
 Council here dated the 20th of October last. As come to

Your Exc^o most humble Servant
 Fraⁿ Nicholson

The Continuance or discontinuance of the two parties
 of Rangers on Potomack having been debated in the
 assembly Resolved that they should be disbanded Ordered
 that the honorable Coll^o John Addison take care to discharge