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honoured with) in a Letter of which I have inclosed the Top  
a Copy in one which you will be pleased, to present to  
yourself: Governor Dabbs who brought me His Majesty's  
This Lords Commission dated the 6<sup>th</sup> of July with your  
kind Favour of the same Date arrived at this Place,  
but the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst. The Garland-Han of War having met  
with a very severe Storm off of this Coast in which Her  
Main-Mast was carried away by the Board, that  
prevented her reaching Virginia in less than 12 Weeks  
after her Departure from Spithhead. As soon as Governor  
Donardie signified to me that Mr. Dabbs was arrived &  
that His Majesty's Pleasure would be obeyed, by my coming  
to Williamsburg before Govern<sup>r</sup> Dabbs should depart for  
North Carolina. I immediately took the Liberty to leave  
Annapolis & came hither the 19<sup>th</sup> Inst. where I have been  
entirely taken up ever since, in consulting with those Gentl<sup>en</sup>  
on the most expedient Measures for promoting His Majesty's  
Service, & in making Preparations for putting those Measures  
in Execution. As you will have submitted to your perusal  
the Copy of my Letter to Sir Tho: Robinson I hope I  
shall be excused for not mentioning what Plan of Operati-  
ons is agreed on here, & for hastening to pay you my most  
sincere Thanks for the favour of your kind Letter & your  
earnest Wishes for my Success & Prosperity therein. so ardently