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Merchant in L O N D O N:

Concerning the late Trubles in M A R Y - L A N D:

Colonel Meese,

YOAKELY being now ready to Sail, I thought it fit to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters this year; I have only that before me which you writ by Mr. *Ambrose Sanderson*, and shall for your sake, his Functions, and his own, serve him in any thing I may; The rest of your Letters I have left at home, so must defer my answer till the next Ship.

I find by the Masters of the Ships, that the Imprisonment of Capt. *Josias Fendal*, and Capt. *John Coode*, hath made so great a noise at *London*; and therefore I thought it necessary to give you an account of it, as having been formerly an Inhabitant of *Mary-land*, and an Eye-witness of the carriage of Capt. *Fendal*, in the years 1659, and 1660. when he Perfidiously broke his Oath and Trust, being Governour of this Province; cancell'd his Commission from the then Lord Proprietor, and took a new one from the Assembly. For that offence he was only Fin'd, and declar'd incapable of ever bearing any Office in this Province, as you may remember, and that hath gaul'd him ever since; and to get into Office, he now sets all his Wits to work, inciting the People in *Charles's County* to *Mutiny* and *Sedition*; and Tampering with some of the Justices of Peace in *St. Maries County*: First, telling the People they were Fools to pay any Taxes, (though laid by Act of Assembly;) that there was Wars in *England* between the King and the Parliament; and that now nothing was Treason, a man might say any thing: And then to the Justices, hinting how easie a matter it was to overturn the Government here, by seizing the Lord Proprietor, the Chancellor, Secretary, and Colonel *Darnal*, all the rest (as he said) signifying nothing. The Justice of Peace told him, he had no Commission, and that it would be down-right Rebellion; He went from him, and revealed this discourse to another Justice, who discovered this whole matter to my Lord.

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