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where appeared, and whenever any Messenger was sent to the place where it was said the Indians were come, there the Inhabitants would tell them they heard they were landed at such a place, but after long search from place to place and noe sign of any Indians, the people were pretty well pacified, and Coll. Jowles himself wrote a Remonstrance (the Copy whereof is here enclosed) which he signed; as did several others who had the Examination of this matter, the which was published in order to quiet the People, who in a few days seemed to be freed from their apprehensions. From this time until the 16th of July foll^g the Country was all quiet and no appearance of any Enemy to disturb them Indians or else. On the said 16th of July a Messenger came to me at Matapany in the night time to acquaint me that John Coode was raising men up Potowmack, whereupon I informed the Councill thereof, who immediately dispatched a person to know the truth, but the said person was taken by Coode as a spy and by him kept, so the Council had no notice until two dayes of anything, when they were assured that Coode had raised men up Potowmack and that some were come to him out of Charles County, who were all marching down toward S^t Maryes, and in their way were joined with Maj^r Cambell and his men Coll. Digges having notice thereof got together about an hundred men and went into the State House of S^t Maryes, which Cood and his party came to attack, and which Coll. Digges (his men not being willing to fight) was forced to surrender, wherein were the records of the whole Province, which Cood and his party seized. In this while Maj^r Sewall and myself went up Puttuxent River to raise men to oppose said Cood and his party, where wee found most of the Officers ready to come in to us, but their men were possessed with the belief that Cood rose only to preserve the Country from the Indians and Papists and to proclaim the King and Queen and would do them noe harm, and therefore would not stir to run themselves into danger, soe that all the men wee could get amounted not to one hundred and sixty, but by this time Cood's party were increased to seven hundred. The Council seeing how the people were led away by false reports and shams, in order to quiet them and give them all imaginable assurance they were clear and innocent of inviting the Indians down as was laid to their charge offered to make Coll. Jowles (who was the cheif of their party next to Cood) Gen^l of all the Forces in the Province, and sent such an offer to him, who returned a very civil answer that having communicated what he wrote to his own men he had with him, they were extremely satisfied therewith, and gave us hopes he would come down to us, but to the contrary he went and joyned Cood at S^t Maryes, to whom and to all, then in Armes there, the Council