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Lieut. Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson to the Govern<sup>rs</sup> of  
Maryland.

21. Sep<sup>tr</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>ber</sup> 1690.

Gentlemen

There being three shippes of good force in York River that will be ready to saile for England by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October I thought fitt to give you notice thereof, that what shippes or vessells you have ready in their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Province of Maryland to Saile for England may by that time be ordered by you to come for York River there to make upp a Fleet according to his Maj<sup>ties</sup> commands.

I received a letter from the Commodore of the fleet dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of this inst: which gave me notice the Fleet were in good condicōn and then forty Leagues att Sea. I am

James Citty 27<sup>th</sup> October 1690.

Gentlemen

I rece'd a Letter from Maryland dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of August last signed by Jn<sup>o</sup> Coode and eight others with a Coppy of a paper without a date signed Henry Wriethosley Clek Assist: which paper imports that Cap<sup>t</sup> Coode was continued Principall and Commander in Chief of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Forces within that Province and w<sup>th</sup> the advice or assistance of twenty persons there named or any seven or more of them to manage all affaires in the Intervalls of Assemblies. And in that Letter it is desired that all letters be directed to the President and therein Richard Hill is accused for Treason against their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Whereof myself and their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Council here takeing Notice and hearing the said Hill was on board some of the shippes goeing for England, he was sent for on shore and Bond taken with security for his appearance before the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Earle of Shrewsbury their Maj<sup>ties</sup> principall Secretary of State to answer such matters as should be objected against him since which I received a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Nehemiah Blakiston dated the 17<sup>th</sup> of September wherein he writes me he is appointed President of the Committee for the present Government of Maryland and sends me a Coppy of a Letter from Cap<sup>t</sup> John Coats about the Indians being att the head of Potomack and that the Piscattua Indians complained that some of their Indians were killed.

Gentlemen, this account made me order the Officers of their Majestie's Militia on Potomack to send out souldiers to range to the head of that River and they could not find nor understand that any strange Indians had been there and the Commanders going over to the Piscattua Town and enquiring into the matter the Emperor of the Indians declared he knew nothing of strange Indians nor that any of his Indians were killed.