

lib. H. D. words & Speeches ag^t his Ma^{ts} Peace and the Act of Assembly of this Province is likewise prosecuted for the same in his Ma^{ts} name by his Attorney Gen^l by way of p^rsentm^t & process Sent into the County of S^t Maries, and the s^d Bill is found & Return'd Billa vera by the Grand Jury of this Province, as by a Transcript of the Deposicōns, Records and proceedings of the s^d Action, and p^rsentm^t hereunto Annex'd more at large may appear. In both these Actions the Sheriff Returns that the s^d John Cood was not found within his Bayliwick but did abscond himself so that he Could not take him the s^d process, as by the Writts & Returns thereof hereunto Annex'd may appear.

Whitehall And now the s^d John Cood hath privately Removed all or most part of his Goods and Chattells & himself into the Colony of Virg^a & as it is said is there Seated. Quære what is further to be done by this Govern^t for his Ma^{ts} Service to bring the s^d Coll: John Cood to Answer his Ma^{ts} Debt afs^d & the Offence against his peace and Laws.

p. 424 We humbly Advise that the State of the Case be laid before his Ex^{ncy} the Gov^r of Virg^a and th^t yo^r Ex^{ncy} & Council for his Ma^{ts} Service desire the Gov^r of Virg^a to cause the s^d Coll: Cood to be taken hold off in that Governm^t & delivered up to this governm^t in Ord^r to Answer unto his Ma^{ty} his Just Debt and for the violation of his Laws upon the Pleas afores^d in this Province where the Debt was Created and the breach of the s^d Peace & Laws perpetrated which place and no other We conceive to be the proper place for Tryall of the Same.

George Plater.
Will^m Dent
Sam^l Watkins
R. Gouldesborough

Whitehall Ordered that the Same be laid before the Justices of the Provinciall Court for their Opinion to be likewise given in the Case, which was accordingly done & Came Reported as followes, Viz^t.

By the Provinciall Court.

The Justices
of the
prov^l Courts
Whitehall Opinion
The Report of his Ma^{ts} Council at Law so farr as appears to this Court the same is very proper and requisite to be done as before proposed, and this Court approves thereof.

Signed p Ord^r

Decemb^r 14th 1696.

Hen: Wriothlesley Clk: