

Josias Fendall, 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 Maryland and an Eye-witness of the carriage of Capt. Fendall in the years 1659, and 1660, when he Perfidiously broke his oath and Trust, being Governour of this Province; cancelled 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. Marie's 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 anything; 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 Darnall, all the rest (as he said) signifying nothing. The Justice of the Peace told him he had no Commission, and that it would be downright Rebellion. He went from him, and revealed this discourse to another Justice, who discovered this whole matter to my Lord. Shortly after this Capt. John Coode falls upon a time, at a Feast, into discourse with a Papist, who was suing a Friend of his for a piece of Land; and said, That he need not trouble himself for a piece of Land, for that no Papist in Maryland should be Owner of any Land at all in this Province within three months; for that he had ten thousand Men at his Command; and he could make it High-water or Low-water when he pleased.

After this, Coode was observed to make Visits to Fendal, which he never used to do before, and they both went over into Virginia; and within a few days after their return from thence, a Boat designed for Carolina from Maryland, was forced in by bad weather to a House in Virginia, where the Owner of the Boat heard that Fendal and Coode had been thereabouts; and that the whole discourse there was that Fendal intended to raise Mutiny in Maryland, and that he and Coode would carry their Families into Virginia. This being Sworn to, and at that very instant Information being given, that one of Capt. Coode's Servants reported, that his Master intended to remove his Family on the Thursday following into Virginia; made my Lord think it high time to look to the Security and Peace of the Province, and