

Punishm^t of such persons no less then disquiect of the Prov- Lib. H. D.
ince the Same things haveing already brought Sev^rall to Con-
digne Punishm^t And will undoubtedly be the portion of all
that psist in such Evills.

And forasmuch as Your Ex^{cy} hath of your Goodness Con-
descended So farr as to lay before the Court and Country
lately p^rsent att Annapolis to a very great number the Severall
rum^{rs} and reports that have of late been Invented and Spread
abroad ag^t this his Matys Governm^t And make them all
Appear by Records and other undeniable proofs to be Some
falce Some Scandalous and all Malitious to the full Satisfaccōn
and beyond Contradiction in the minds of all p^rsons p^rsent
And to the Conviction of those Concerned Insomuch that it
has been rep^resented to your Ex^{cy} And your Ex^{cy} prayed to
issue forth Proclamations through the Province thereby to
disabuse his Matyes Good Subjects And to Settle them in
peace and quiett And also to Caution and leave without Excuse
all such who by those gentle Admonitions would not be
reclaimed And to lett all know that those very p^rsons who were
the Actors And Principles therein are so Sensible of the falsi-
tyes and evill thereof that they have made a Publick Acknowl-
edgem^t and entred into Solemne Engagem^t to avoyd and
Abandon the like for the future

We do therefore pray Yo^r Ex^{cy} That it may be published
proclamed and made knowne that all the s^d Rumors and Storyes
are falce feigned Scandalous And Malitious Invented and
Spread abroad by Iohn Cood as principle Author and others
that have Suffered thereby And so probably would the s^d Cood
also but that he is fledd into Virginia and there harboured
with whom his Matys good Subjects may be Commanded and
required not onely to forebear Associateing and Combineing
but to Seize and app^rhend him Wheresoever found in this
Province And Convey to the next Iustice of peace to be sent
to the Sherr of the County According to a former Proclama-
cōn And we do hope and Expect that all p^rsons will take warn-
ing And be hereby Cautioned ag^t such practices for the future
It Appearing to us that your Ex^{cy} is desireous And inclined p. 239
rather to Caution And prevent the Evill then punish for it And
not to take Advantag ag^t any for what is past, provided they
behave themselves as they ought for the future And we hope
all p^rsons take due notice And Conforme themselves as they
will Answer the Contrary att their uttmost pills

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Rich^d Hill
Thomas Tasker

Thomas Staley }
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John Hawkins } Prov^l Court