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7th Dec^r 1698 & 12th Jan^y 1699. I direct to M^r. Culbert since made my head. & I have
been long and some few days ago. Who substituting me in his stead. I make this
answer to your request in & for the concerning Cap^t. Hill. Who much to our reason, seems
to suspect & to be to Justice of this Court. And whereas Ist in his behalf, you offer
he should be shifted in what shall be wisely seen unto him. I am confident
was our own words him have been deposed him by a noble Gent^l. deposed.
out any such. I desire from you. Nor shall Cap^t. Hill, I hope, ever have any
of honour, for any thing unrightly detained from him here. So long as I shall
have any interest in & government of this Province. And these are humbly to me
to take some effectual course to Cap^t. Hill may not by his evil designs
& practices proceed to disturb his Ma^{ty} & King's peace here: of whose unjust
& wicked designs of murthering this Province, by & way of Cheacoan, &
Appamattuck & other forces to be drawn out of other parts of Virginia,
we have daily credible information, by others, & of late, expressions of his own
that are in under his hand from Cheacoan to purpose. For as I would not wish
by this Colony should be further imbued in & effusion of blood, if it may be
avoided, so likewise I will not be understood for unresolved as not to be
fully determined to give him his due, & deserved punishment. when ever we
shall be moved by him. The government of this Province under his L^{ty} being
now lawfully intrusted upon me, by & nomination of M^r. Culbert at his death,
I am resolved, by Gods help, to defend & maintain, though it be with the
hazard & ruin of the whole rather than to yield & least Joke of his L^{ty} right
& title here, soe clearly due to him, to & will & malice of such rebellious
faints: & shall not doubt but of advice, better & even to most private suggestions
as well as of open acts, & outrages, will in their due time be brought to light
& confession. This is a capital expectation of some speedy stay by you^{rs} Authority
to these intended mischiefs of Cap^t. Hill, upon this Colony so much recom-
ended to your protection & assistance by his Ma^{ty} & L^{ty}. I rest.

Spencer

503. To R^{ts} Hon^{ble} S^{rs} Will^m.
Berkeley Esq. Govern^r.
of Virginia last past.

Y^r humble serv^t.
Tho: Greene.