

Maryland Feb. 22th 1684.May it please your L^{ty}.

Councils for
to Proprietors

I: find the Councils joint L^{tr} of the 3^d of Decemb^r last your L^{ty} will have recd. (w^o doubt not is this) a particular Acc^t from us all of the Estate of affairs in the your Province as they then stood. Duplicates of the said joint L^{tr}, and copy of all papers therewith sent your L^{ty} will have now transmitted you by this opportunity, the summe and substance of all (having first recounted to your L^{ty}: the unfortunate death of Mr. Rowley by the hands of Col^l Talbot) being chiefly to give you an Acc^t of the insolent and b^ehaviour of Cap^t: Allen to the your L^{ty}: Government as by the severall Dispositions sent your L^{ty}: - We well hoped the Lord Effingham would have taken that prudent care upon our advice to him, as he has advised Cap^t: Allen to more sober behaviour, but we find & contrary effects, and Cap^t: Allen not only continuing in his former wonted rudeness, but increasing daily in his particularly openly declared malice to the Province, continually inflicting the severall L^{ts} here, and torrefying and disturbing all Masters of Ships and Trad^r here, loading it over him, in a most insufferable manner, commanding them on board him, and sending aboard him to ransom and lose them at his pleasure, in so much that it is only reserved to his Maj^{ty}: Commission, that by the tongue and hands of severall friends doing more mischief than can be answered; In fine (may it please your L^{ty}) unless some speedy prudent course be taken to curb the insolence of this man, not only the trade of the Province will be ruined (wherein the Maj^{ty}: as well as your L^{ty}: will share as sufferer will us.) but also your Government here rendered ridiculous in effect and the Authority become a no^t of war. -

Notwithstanding the Lord Effingham whole former advice to us upon the death of Mr. Rowley, to make provision for the Collecting of the Maj^{ty}: Duties by authorizing some honest able person to manage the same until further ord^r from the Maj^{ty}: (which this Government had anticipated by taking that previous care as became them before the Receipt of his L^{ty} L^{tr}) yet Cap^t: Allen has taken upon him (by what authority we know not) publicly to declare, that he would appoint a Collector in Mr. Rowley's place, and wondered at the Government here that they should

offer.