

offer to meddle in that affair, which he said they had nothing to do with; although his M^{ty}: the Lord Effingham (as before hinted) thought otherwise; He hath seized severall Shippes and vessels here, carried them all into Virginia for by all, where some have been condemned and some acquitted: He is now and constantly in the Province, taking no notice at all of the Shipping in Virginia, but giving them opportunity enough to defraud his M^{ty}: or do what else they please; insomuch that it had been said (and indeed as the affair is managed it may be with some) that Capt. Allen designed only the destruction of this Province, he having himself declared that he would reduce both Govern^{ts} to Obed^{ce}: endeavouring (as much as in him lay) to divert the good people of this Province from their fidelity & obedience to your L^{ty}: and this your Govern^{mt}: things ill becoming a person under his circumstances and Qualifications. — One vessel called the Levantine of D. Alb^o: by him seized in St. Marks River not long since he offered to bring to by all here in this Province, provided he could (agreeable to his Commission as he warranted it) have a Court for that purpose called in his M^{ty}: name; as by his L^{tr}: to Lord Digger; Copy whereof, and of Lord Digger's answer is inclosed for your L^{ty}: perusal. — But we submit all to your L^{ty}: better judgment and directions —

On Tuesday last the 17th instant came a L^{tr}: from the Lord Effingham of the 11th instant, affording now but ill Subject matter of News — (viz) the escape of Lord George Calbott out of custody in Virginia the night preceding, as by copy of his L^{tr}: L^{tr}: inclosed you will perceive: The L^{tr}: coming to Lord Digger hand first, he there immediately issued out his H^{ts}: and Cry, and on Thursday last we all of us as many as could met together signed and sent forth the said H^{ts}: and Cry to all the Counties of this Province, but doubt that may not be effectual enough, we entered on Tuesday the 24th of this month when we were at Court to set forth Proclamations for the apprehending & securing of the fugitive, and will up our endeavour to bring him to justice; although at first so much questioned, as that we were not to be trusted with the prisoner, but how much the better the case has been managed, now is evident —

Now we come to read your L^{ty}: our hearty thanks for your so favourably taking notice of us in several L^{tr}:s to us particularly; and acknowledge to have read copies of the L^{tr}:s of the Committee, and the L^{tr}:s and Instructions to your L^{ty}, which we have perused and considered, and shall