

A Council held at the City of St. Maries the first day of June Anno Domini 1685:

M. Hon <sup>ca</sup>	} Lord Thomas Killom	M. Hon <sup>ca</sup>	} Coll <sup>r</sup> Wm Digg		
				} Lord Vincent Lowe	} Coll <sup>r</sup> Wm Harvey

Present

Taken again into consideration the Lords Effingham's Let<sup>r</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> of May last, and resolved upon the answer therunto as followeth (viz<sup>t</sup>)

St. Maries City in Maryland June 1<sup>st</sup> 1685.

Council Let<sup>r</sup> to Effingham

Your Let<sup>r</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> of May last we have received and considered, and for answer say that we are not unensible of the Let<sup>r</sup> Charter granted by the King, and the large privileges therein contained, must therefore beg your Excellency's pardon, for not delivering to you Coll<sup>r</sup> Talbot according to your demands, will knowing none of the plantations (especially that of Virginia) to have any superintendency over this Province; if any such thing were, then possibly we may be mistaken in our measures; but since we are well assured to the contrary, we may (wee hope) preserve our allegiance entire to his Maj<sup>ty</sup> without infringing the Let<sup>r</sup> Charter; the one being so farre from inconsistency with the other; that we cannot performe our duty to our, without both, being included the one within the other: And we have bene (wee conceive) so farre from shewing any disrespect to his Maj<sup>ty</sup> that we expected, your Excellency might have had advice out of England before our Let<sup>r</sup>, but are desirous and conclude to wait till we hear his Maj<sup>ty</sup>'s resolutions, which we question not will be agreeable to the Let<sup>r</sup> Charter, and consequently contrary to your expectations -

In the meantime, as we cannot but refuse in some measure, for we are willing to lett you see, we observe the small notice you seeme to take of this Government (contrary to that which our commission is bounden for of the promise, and extended by us in our holding as