

expressions thrown upon him, and will assist Mr. Blackston
what they came in to bring such Depositions and Evidence as he
shall produce in his Defense -

expressed opinion.

The said Comptrol. declares himself well satisfied with the
Integrity of this Government and their readiness to charge & vindicate
themselves from what shall be imputed to them, and acknowledges
all ready and willing compliance from them, in assisting him -
upon all occasions in the execution of his Office, for his Majesty's
service and Interest here. -

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The said Mr. Blackston further saith, that he desires to have
copy of what shall be read to him, and where with he is
charged, and will then in convenient time, and as good method
he can receive his reasonable answer and proof in his Defense.

ordered all out

Ordered thereupon by the Board that the said
Blackston have time till the next Provincial Court which will
begin the last Tuesday in April next to make his answer
and produce what Evidence he can in his Defense; and that
in order hereunto, Summons for what Evidence he shall demand
be at any time granted him by any one of the Council, and that
copy of his said Lett be delivered him by the Clerk of the Council
if required. -

The said Blackston's Lett and his Lett answer here to being
both read were ordered to be read as followeth (viz)

Mr. Blackston's
Letts
to the Govr.

May it please your Honor.

I hope my Lett of the 10th of Novemb. last sent via Virginia, and
my Duplicate of the same in another Ship, is come safe to you
I have since which I recd with divers Testimonies & expressions
of the truth of what Intelligence I therein gave to your Honor
the most horrid Murder of his Majesty's Governour here, hath been
and is daily recorded, with very apparent tokens of approbation
both from Calvert the bloody Malefactor and all his adherents,
who are busy in explaining his crime, and have contrived
procured his Escape from prison in Virginia, and from thence
transported him into Maryland, where he remains publicly
in your Honor's