

known at his own house, there is little hope of his being brought
to Justice, that he may receive some punishment, there being a
letterall Justice and correspondence between him and some
principall Magistrates of this Province, and us: effectual course
taken for his apprehension, which I humbly conceive may be a
strong argument, and signall token to yo^r Hon^{rs}: of the ill and
wicked carriage of things here, ever since Mr. Coubys murder,
I have been continually discountenanced and obstructed in my
proceedings in his Majesty's Service by the chiefe persons of the
Diputie for the Government of this Province; they have continued to
disobey my Commission, have and burnt my Licenses to
Masters of Shippes, and have directed and disturbed Masters
of Shippes from applying themselves any way to us; and so
have taken charge and dispatched Shippes without my notice
or privily, by which means I am certain severall Transgressors
have escaped, and many frauds past undetected: My Lord Baltimore's
Council have also assumed a power to themselves to Diputie and
to collect in severall Rivers, to levy and receive all the Maj^{ty}
rates due and Impositions payable by the act of the 25th
year of the Raigne of our Sovereign Lord the King, and for my
disobeying and not complying with those appointed and Injoye
your Hon^{rs}: will not blame me for saying spuriously, unpowred
to do so and for my dissenting from their proceedings, I have
been forced with warrants to appear before some of them,
and then they bound me with bringing me to the Provinciaall Court,
and with infliction of severall punishments, banishment, and
utter ruine of me and my family, and of them especially by
Name of Mr. W^m. Diggis Dominion and sell me: I shall not maintain
my Commission here, unless by great gains, as Capt. Allen doth, whom
he and the rest strive to calumniate, and ignominiously tearme
him a pyrate, and endeavor to throw all such like base, scurrilous
aspersions against him, me, and both our Commissions, but notwithstanding
all threatenings and difficulties I shall proceed to the
best of my knowledge and ability to execute the Duty of
my place and Commission, especially in what I shall may most con-
duce to his Majesty's Service in the present Circumstances

of Mr. Diggis accused