

willd by George Talbott, the Dep^{ty} of Maryland did p^{re}sum-
 bly appoint Coll^l W^m Digg^r, and Maj^r Nick^s Chuma (both of
 them persons of good reput^e and Estate) to Officials in Coll^l of
 his Maj^{ty} D^{uty}, unless another person could be appointed
 by the Com^{rs} of his Maj^{ty} Customs, and thus they thought their
 Duty to take care to do, that his Maj^{ty} affairs might receive
 the less p^{re}judice by that wicked act of the said Talbott, and
 his L^{ty} doubts not but the said persons so appointed -
 will give a just acc^t of their proceedings to the Com^{rs} of
 his Maj^{ty} Customs -

His L^{ty} cannot believe M^r Blackston has been driven (as he
 alleges in his P^{re} L^{tr}) with any warr^{ts} or has been threatened
 in that manner as he has writt, and therefore humbly begs
 that inquiry may be made of such persons as are lately
 come from those parts, of whom the truth of all this may be
 easily known; though it may very possibly be that he has
 been arrested at the suits of his many Creditors, it being
 known to many that he is much in debt, and has been so
 for many years. -

Coll^l W^m Digg^r one of his L^{ty} Coll^l is known by
 several eminent M^{en} should be to be a person of good much loyalty
 as that he would not be guilty of those foul things to his
 charge, in the said L^{tr} and were to be wished that M^r Blackston
 had at all times expressed his loyalty to the King as amply as the said
 Digg^r has always done both in Virginia and Maryland. -

It is not possible for any person that understands the trade of
 Maryland to believe his Maj^{ty} should be p^{re}judiced several
 thousand pounds, if his L^{ty} Officers should be as malicious
 and as wicked as the said Blackston hath drawn by his L^{tr}
 to represent them, for whilst M^r Christopher Rowley lived,
 who understood the Office well, and knew as much as any
 person how to make the most of it, there never was much more
 one hundred pounds in one years nett^o by him, for so he
 often declared to his L^{ty} 'tis strange therefore to his L^{ty}
 also to see Talbot and traders thither that M^r Blackston should
 find out, that it is possible for his L^{ty} Officers by any obstruction