

When he shall be taken to the end he may be prevented  
 upon the necessity to him that you likewise would  
 give notice to all masters of Ships within your Government  
 that they presume not to take on Board & convey away  
 the said John Wood whereby he may escape unpunished  
 for such his enormous crime & likewise defraud his  
 Majesty of the debt claimed from him which appears  
 by the proceedings in my last Letter to your Excellency  
 Enclosed

The above matters being thought of absolute neces-  
 sity for his Majesty's Service to be done occasions thus  
 much from

Your Excellency's humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Gov<sup>r</sup> of Virginia

Sir Nicholas

Annapolis July the 9 1698

Enclosed I have sent a copy of a former Letter  
 of mine to your Excellency two presentments by the Grand  
 Jury of this province one of Mr John Wood Ser<sup>t</sup> & the  
 other of Mr Genant. My together with a Deposition sworn  
 to by George Muschamp Esq<sup>r</sup> relating to them also have  
 sent your Excellency a copy of a warrant lately issued  
 from the Council Board here for the apprehending the  
 aforesaid Wood & My Robert Mason, Philip Clark, Sam<sup>l</sup>  
 Cocksey & M<sup>r</sup> Haynam for such Reasons as in the said  
 Warrant are expressed

I have also sent you a copy of a Deposition sworn  
 to by Coll Henry Mitchell of Calvert County & part of a  
 Letter written by My to Mr Samuel Watkins of Tidewater  
 which seem to insinuate that they are Countenanced &