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ff.4, 5 "Certain heades for a Commission for Virginia"
[no date]. To authorise Sir Francis Wyatt to be
Governor, to exercise this government during pleasure, to continue
with the same council of State, to follow the directions of the
Council of England, to make Judgments and decrees according to
the laws and customs of England. In case the Governor dies,
the Council will take over the Government, the majority in the
Council will elect new members if necessary.

ff.8-13 Governor and Council of Virginia to [?] 18 January
1638/9. Detailed letter about the state of
defence, duties levied on exporting goods, the building of brick
houses, proceedings of corn growing and cultivation of silk worms;
complaints about the speeding of untrue stories about Virginia.

ff.14-17 Governor and Council of Virginia to the Privy
Council, [no date, received 3 March 1638/9].
Acknowledge letters of 25 July 1638 and have now restored all
servants, goods etc. to Captain Mathews. Explain at length
their conduct.

ff.18, 19 Governor and Council of Virginia to the Privy Council
18 January 1638/9. Have received order on behalf
of Richard Ell, who lost his plantation because of neglect. Ell
has stated that it was not his fault but because of a breach of
trust of Thomas Stegg, merchant. Stegg has been examined and

- ff.18, 19 contd. has proved that he has done everything which Ell ever asked him to do. The land has now been granted to Mr. John Flud, an ancient planter.
- f.20 Susan Ell to Thomas Stegg. 1 August 1636. Directions concerning the sale and payment of tobacco.
- f.21 Susan Ell to Thomas Stegg, 2 August 1636. Asks him to collect debts due to Richard Ell. Orders him to get the best tobacco.
- f.22 Richard Ell to Thomas Stegg, 22 September 1637. Will be pleased if Stegg will speak to Sir John Harvey to renew Ell's patent. If Stegg cannot do this, he must try to put some men on the land or to build a house.
- ff.23, 24 Governor and Council of Virginia to Sir Francis Windebank, 18 January 1638/9. Many complaints have been brought before the Privy Council against the government of Virginia, especially by John West. Hope their defence will be earnestly considered.
- ff.25, 26 Governor and Council of Virginia to Sir Francis Windebank, 18 January 1638/9. Information about Anthony Panton, Clerk, will explain the decree of banishment against him.
- ff.27, 28 Richard Kemp to Sir Francis Windebank, 18 January 1638/9. Sends duplicates of the answers of the Governor and Council to two petitions in the name of the planters, traders and officers in Virginia.
- ff.29-34 Duplicate of the letter mentioned ff.8-13.
- ff.35, 36 Petition of Captain Richard Morison to the Privy Council. Received at Whitehall, 8 March 1638/9. Requests to allow again payments to be levied upon ships entering Point Comfort, of which Forthe is Commander.
- ff.37, 38 Report of the Sub-Committee for foreign plantations upon the above petition.
- ff.43, 44 Governor and Council of Virginia to the Privy Council, 23 March 1638/9. Have handed over the goods and cattle of Samuel Mathews, to the agents of John Woodall of London. Give full details of the case Woodall versus Mathews.
- ff.45, 46 Governor and Council of Virginia to the Privy Council, 26 March 1639. Have ordered four merchants in Virginia to examine the case of Lawrence Evans against Francis Poyethres.

- f.47 Appointment of the commission of four merchants by the Governor and Council of Virginia, 20 March 1638/9.
- ff.49, 50 Report of the above mentioned commission, 22 March 1638/9.
- f.51 Order issued by the Governor and Council of Virginia to the agent of Lawrence Evans to pay Francis Poyethres, 22 March 1638/9.
- ff.59, 60 Richard Kemp to Robert Read, secretary to Sir Francis Windebank, 4 April 1639. Sir Francis Wyatt, the new Governor, is daily elected. Kemp himself would like to be relieved of his post. By the King's command an officer had to be appointed to certifye the inveices of tobacco. He should have received 2d. a cash, but this payment was suspended. Asks to receive payment. Read's brother George wants servants to be sent by William Ravenett.
- ff.61, 62 Governor and Council of Virginia to the Privy Council, 12 May 1639. Have ordered to inquire into the cause of complaint of Thomas Covell against Thomas Loving.
- ff.65-68 Sir John Harvey to the Privy Council, 20 May 1639. Detailed account of his proceedings connected with the petition of Ambrose Harmen of Virginia, Governor of Benoni Buck, an idiot, deceased.
- ff.73, 74 Certificate of the Sub Committee [for foreign Plantations] to [?] 9 July 1639. Concerning Thomas Hill and Captain Mathews.
- ff.80, 81 Report [of the Sub Committee for foreign Plantations] 23 July 1639. Privy Council has ordered that the new Governor of Virginia has to re-open the case of Lawrence Evans versus Francis Poyethres.
- ff.82, 83 Petition of the Governor and Company of London for the plantation of the Somers Islands to the Commissioners for foreign plantations. Received at Whitehall, 28 July 1639. Request to grant land between the two rivers of Rapahanock and Potowmack in Virginia. Report of the sub-committee to the Commissioners for foreign Plantations, 10 August 1639. Advise to grant this land to the petitioners because of the increase in population of the Somers Islands - the land has to be exempted from the jurisdiction of Virginia.
- ff.84, 85 Report of the sub-committee to [?] 30 July 1639. Advise to write to the Governor and Council of Virginia to hand over the estate of Thomas Gates, deceased, to Edmond Dawber, administrator.

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- ff.86, 87 Report of the sub-committee to [?] 10 August 1639. Advise to refer the case Anthony Panton, Priest Rector of Yorke and Cheskayack in Virginia, to the new Governor and the Council of Virginia, Sir John Harvey and Mr. Kemp not being Councillors.
- f.88 Petition of Anthony Panton, Clerk, Rector of Yorke and Cheskiack in Virginia, to the Privy Council [no date]. Requests to get back his estate, seized by Sir John Harvey, and to grant Sir Francis Wyatt power to restore him to his cure.
- ff.93, 94 Petition of the merchants, masters and owners of four ships "William and Sara", "Charles", "George" and the "Charity of London" to the Privy Council [no date]. Asks for licence to clear their ships bound to Virginia at Gravesend and to grant permission to the passengers to take there the oaths of allegiance and supremacy.
- f.95 List of provision and munition for the above mentioned four ships.
- f.96 Order to the custom officials in London to suffer the "William and Sara" to continue her intended journey. 15 September 1639.
- ff.124, 125 [The King] to [?]. [No date]. Has taken into consideration the good services of Richard Kamp, Secretary of State in Virginia. He has to be supported and assisted in every way. Orders to confirm him as Registrar of Casks of Tobacco. He will be allowed to have a depute while staying in England.
- f.126 Petition of Samuel Vassall, William Felgate and Maurice Thomson of London, Merchants, to the Privy Council [no date]. Have freighted the "Anne" and the "James" of London for St. Christopher and Virginia. Are driven into Plymouth by contrary winds and detained. Ask to be released.
- f.127 Petition of Ralph Wyatt to the King [no date]. Holds land in Virginia in the right of his wife, widow of Captain William Button. Asks for confirmation under the Great Seal.
- f.144 [?] to the Governor and Council of Virginia, January 1639/40. Governor and Council are asked to confirm the permission granted to Thomas Stegg and Jeremy Blackman by Sir John Harvey to bring horses and mares to Virginia and to allow them to export neat cattle.
- ff.156, 157 Richard Kemp to [?] 20 March 1639/40. Is *probably Robert Remacle JK* grateful for the contents of the letter he received (See ff.124, 125). Would like the addressee's brother to be his depute when he goes to England.

- ff.158, 159 The King to [?] 4 August 12 Charles I [1636]
[enclosed in the previous letter]. Orders that
cotton must be grown and staple products, not only tobacco.
London will be the staple for tobacco. No foreign trade will
be allowed.
- ff.160, 161 Richard Kemp to Sir Francis Windebank, 20 March
1639/40. Since Sir Francis Wyatt has arrived,
those of the "old commission" are prosecuted. Sir John Harvey's
estate is sequestered. Would like George Reed to take his place
when he comes to England.
- ff.162, 163 Sir Francis Wyatt to [?] 25 March 1640. Much
tobacco has been produced. All the bad quality
and half the good quality has been destroyed to keep up the
price. Asks to receive the fines and Amerciaments like his
predecessors.
- ff.166, 167 Richard Kemp to Robert Reade. 24 April 1640.
Sends enclosed copies of his letters to Sir Francis
Windebank and Lord Baltimore. Hopes Robert Reade will support
the bearer of this letter, who will be of great help to Kemp.
The new Governor and the Council in Virginia aim at the writer's
ruin. Asks for Reade's support.
- ff.168, 169 Richard Kemp to Lord Baltimore, 24 April 1640.
[copy enclosed in the above mentioned letter.]
Asks him to influence Sir Francis Windebank to speak to the Archbishop
of Canterbury concerning the case of Mr. Panton, minister, who
was banished from the colony by Sir John Harvey and the Council.
Hopes to make his own position clear and to defend himself against
malice.
- ff.170, 171 Copy of a certificate by the Governor and Council
of Virginia. 29 October 1639 [enclosed in the
letter on ff.166, 167]. Mr. Panton was riotous and rebellious.
Richard Kemp was ordered to examine him. It is not true that
during these examinations Kemp used insulting words about the
Archbishop of Canterbury.
- ff.172, 173 Richard Kemp to Sir Francis Windebank, 24 April
1640. [Copy enclosed in the letter on ff.166, 167].
Requires his support to explain to the Archbishop of Canterbury
that complaints about him are malicious and based on stories told
by Mr. Panton.
- ff.174, 175 Copy of the above letter.
- ff.176, 177 George Reade to his brother Robert Reade. 24 April
1640. Has given a bill of exchange for £8 to
Mr. Evans, a merchant. He is in great need of money. Asks
his brother to send two servants, which will probably cost £10.-
for transport, bedding and clothes. Mr. Kemp is going to England
and he will have no friend left. Sir John will have little

- ff.176, 177 contd. left after he has paid his debts.
- ff.178, 179 Sir John Harvey to Sir Francis Windebank, 6 May 1640. His estate has been taken from him, he has been denied a passage to England notwithstanding his infirmities. Requests to receive a royal mandate to return to England.
- f.190 Petition of Serjeant-Major Donne on behalf of Sir John Harvey [no date]. John West, Samuell Mathewes, William Peirce, George Minifie and Francis Pott were sent to England as prisoners. They have been tried in the Court of the Star Chamber for deposing their governor and electing another one. They are now taking advantage of the present position of Sir John Harvey. Requests to hear Sir John Harvey.
- f.192 Petition of Richard Kemp to the King [no date] Requests to consider him as a faithful servant and to refer his case to the "Lords Committees" and to hear his case when the King is in Council and not before.
- ff.193, 194 Order to the Lord High Treasurer of England to require his Majesty's officers of the Port of London to suffer the merchants and owners of the "Honor" of London, having returned from Virginia with tobacco, to take in passengers and provisions, provided they take the oath of allegiance and supremacy. 6 September 1640.
- f.209 Petition of Richard Quayney, William Allen and divers other merchants and planters of Virginia to the Lords Commissioners. 18 September 1641. Request to be allowed to ship all the commodities in the "Rebecca" and the "Honor" to Virginia without paying customs. [Note from the Customs House is written underneath] it has been permitted.
- f.211 List of provisions and necessaries for 160 passengers in the "Honor" of London and for the supply of poor families in Virginia [enclosed in the above petition]
- f.212 Petition of Lawrance Green, merchant to the Privy Council [no date]. Requests a warrant for the transport of 20 servants with provisions to Virginia in the Mayflower of London, free of customs.
- f.213 List of provisions in the Mayflower-[enclosed in the above letter.]
- f.215 Petition of merchants and owners trading to Virginia and the Somers Islands to the Privy Council [no date]. They have prepared the "Dorset" and the "Friendship", the first one to Virginia, the other one to the Somers Island, with passengers, ammunition, clothing and other necessaries. Request to authorize the passengers to take the oath of allegiance and supremacy at Gravesend and to permit the goods to be exported without paying customs.