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Jeremiah Deable		George Philllips	

Afterwards his Ex^{ncy} was pleased to Order, that if there were any Ma^{rs} attending who had any thing to Object against the said Petition they would come in and give the Board to Understand what they had to say upon which appeared Severall Masters who do say that they are ready to sayle with the Comāndore, by the last of May, and that if they should stay till the last of June their Vessells would lay lyable to the Worm; Whereupon it was Replyed by the Other Masters that the Maj^r part of those Masters who oppose the stay of the ffleet till the Last of June, came in a long time before the Commandore, and are off and belonging to the out Ports.

Ordered to be again Read the afore mentioned Petition, the which was by Directions of his Ex^{ncy} given to the said Masters to put in Writing what Objections they had to Make against the Same who accordingly withdrew.

Then were called in what Merchants were attending severall thereupon appearing; most of which do say, that they believe the Whole body of the ffleet cannot be ready to sayle before the last of June.

His Ex^{ncy} is pleased to Represent, to the Board and the Rest of the Gentl, Ma^{rs} and Merch^{ts} present this Sentim^t & opinion and in Relation to the Tob: Trade of this Countrey (namely) that According to the Observation his Ex^{ncy} had made he finds there is commonly a month or six Weeks difference betwixt the first and Last Ships of any ffleets coming into the Capes, 2^{dly} that after they are got in, they are some times a week or a fortnight a geting to their Port and sending their goods some fifty some a hundred miles, 3^{dly} When they are got to their Port, they are vsually as long before they can fit out their sloops in Order to bring their Tobacco on Board which they fetch some ffifty some a hundred miles, and lastly when they are loaded & Cleared for Sayling they may be hindred again by Contrary Winds before they can quit the Capes.

To all which the Gentl of the Councill & others p^rsent said to their knowledge affirm that the same was True.

Proposed by his Ex^{ncy} to Cap^t Daniell if he had any thing to Offer in this Affaire signifying to him, that as he had heard the Debate of the whole matter he would be pleased to Acquaint the Comāndore & Lords of the Admiralty (when he