

got home) with the full proceedings herein, the which the said Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniell Promises to perform, and with all offers that if the ships could be ready to joyne the Commandore by the middle of next month, it might perhaps incline him to tarry so long; to which the masters Reply that they will have their Tobaccos all on Board by that time, but that takeing in their Water, Signing Bills of Loading and discharging themselves Cleare of the Countrey, will lengthen the time so furr, as that they cannot propose to joyne the Comandore sooner than the last of June.

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His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> directs himself to m<sup>r</sup> Speaker and proposes to him that (having heard all the debates upon the matter) he would acquaint the house therewith, and that if he had any questions to ask them, he would say it, the thing being of so considerable moment to their Ma<sup>ts</sup> interest and service of the Countrey, who does say that he shall communicate the same accordingly.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> does demand (in their Ma<sup>ts</sup> name) that those Ma<sup>rs</sup> who have objected against the peticon, that they declare if they know any Reason why these other Ma<sup>rs</sup> cannot be ready to sayle sooner and where the impedim<sup>t</sup> lyes, and whether there has been any Neglect by the Ma<sup>rs</sup> Merchants or in the Governm<sup>t</sup> who do say that they believe the unseasonable of the weather has been the greatest occasion, and therefore can impute no neglect to the said Ma<sup>rs</sup> nor to the Governm<sup>t</sup> His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> does further (in their Ma<sup>ts</sup> name) demand of the Ma<sup>rs</sup> in generall what would be the best time for their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Service, for the ffleets sayling from England to this Countrey—who do say that the begining of November will be the best time to Arrive here.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> further proposes to the Ma<sup>rs</sup> & Merch<sup>ts</sup> in Gen<sup>ll</sup> if there be any Rivers within the Capes wherein they may secure their Vessells from the worm, to which it is Answered there are.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> further proposes if they know any way which for the future may occasion their quicker dispatch out of this Countrey who do say that if tob Hhds be all provided ready against a set time tob stript early as Seasons present and Especially if Tobacco's be brought to certain Ports or Towns, the same will be a meanes to Make the Trade quicker.

Brought in the following Petition which was Read at the Board.

To his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> for their Province and Territory of Maryland.

The Peticōn of Diverse Masters of Ships and Vessells trading into this their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Province &<sup>ca</sup>