

Lib. H. D. publick Seal of the province to be herevnto affixed this tenth day of July in the Seaventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord W^m by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, ffrance & Ireland King defender of the ffaith &c^a Annoq Domini 1695
 Merjant Joseph Blake
 Signed & Sealed in the presence of W^m Porter
 Sam^{ll} Gunn
 John Mascrot

{ Seal of the Province }

Produced & Read a Letter by his Excellency Rec^d from Cap^t Harry Beverley of the Colony of Virginia, which follows in these Words; Viz^t

May it please your Excell

Capt Beverleys Lre to his Ex^{ncy} touch- ing Cap^t Hill &c^a It has pleased his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r of Virginia to imploy me to Cruise on that Coast for the preven- tion of illegall Traders, and it being my Chance to meet with a ship that is now Arrived in Seavern River, did intend to have Examined here, but she passing Us and refusing (after two Gvns fired ahead of her) to pay any obedience to his Ma^{ty} Colours, I ran vp along their side with our Sloop & Commanded them to strike Sayl, or I would fire into them; they cursed & said if I offered it they would sinke me immediatly & make me an example to all the Rogues in the World, appearing with their small Arms & preparing their great Guns; Wherevpon I fired into them, w^{ch} caused them to lower their top Gallant Sayls, but would not brace too their head Sayles to let me come on Board; the next Morning it being less Wind I went to go on Board with our Boat, but coming along their side they appeared twenty or thirty of them with drawn swords, giving me a great many abusive

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Words & Swore We should not come on Board. And last thursday, May it please yo^r Ex^{ncy} I Arrived here in hopes to have acquainted your Ex^{ncy} with what had passed, but being informed that your Ex^{ncy} would not Return before the begining of October, I went to Cap^t Hill who told me he had Enter'd the Ship & would not shew me any papers. I desired th^t there might be a course taken with the Master, he said he knew not who he was, but his Children were concerned & he would stand vp for them, I went then to Coll Greenbury's who said he could do nothing in it, I must go to your Ex^{ncy} and hearing that your Ex^{ncy} would cross the head of the Bay at Sassafras River, I have been there, but cannot have the oportunity to pay my Duty to your Ex^{ncy} therefore have presumed to acquaint your Ex^{ncy} with the reason of my coming here in writing, and desire that your Ex^{ncy} would take