

it into consideration that his Ma^{ts} Honour & intrest may be preserved and he shall ever pray who will always be yo^r Lib. H. D.
Ex^{ncies}

Seavern September the }
4th 1695. }

Most dutyfull & most
Obedient Servant
Harry Beverley

Ordered that as well Cap^t Richard Hill sen^r as Cap^t Rich^d Hill jun^r give Answer to the s^d Letter in Writing what they have to say, and that the same be laid before this Board accordingly

October the 9th 1695

Produced & Read pursuant to Ord^r as above the two following Answers to the aforementioned Letter, Viz^t

To his Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t
Generall & Govern^r in chief of his Ma^{ts} province
of Maryland.

Capt Rd
Hill Sen^r
Answer &ca
Having Received your Ex^{ncies} Commands to make
answer to some Reflections made vpon me by Cap^t
Harry Beverley in humble obedience thereto I
Return this.

About the latter end of August last a Gentleman vnknown to me came to my house, which I humbly conceive was this Cap^t Harry Beverley having with him three Men all whom I p. 242 treated very civilly, but the Captain in a very great passion told me he had been very highly affronted by the Men belonging to the ship then in the Harbour & commanded me to send my Warrant for the Master of the ship & put him in Irons, I demanded what Offence he had committed, he told me high Treason & Rebellion, I desired to know the Nature of the Offence, he said he would not strike to the Kings Colours till he fired into him, I told him I was not well acquainted with things of that nature but by Vertue of my Office as I was one of his Ma^{ts} Justices of the peace, if he could make appear to me that any person belonging to that ship had done anything in contempt of his Ma^{ts} Authority or by any means acted against his Ma^{ts} intrest I would speedily take a course with him or them, even if it were my own Children; Wherevpon I sent for my two sons and asked the Cap^t if either of them had affronted him, he Answered he could not Charge them directly, I further told him that both the ship and my Sons would be here a considerable time, & would answer what he should at any time charge them withall; but as to the shot he made at them I would give what was vsuall, with that I presented him with near a quarter of fat beefe which he accepted of, then