

Lib. H. D. he demanded the pervsall of my Books of Entry of ships, I told him I was not obliged to any such thing, then he desired pen, Inke & paper & wrote a large Declaration & called his Men to hear it Read and then asked them what they thought of it, one of them swore he thought it would all come to nothing soon after which he very civilly tooke leave & went away: much more discourse passed but this is chiefly what occurs to my memory all which I humbly submit to your Excell & am

Yo^r Ex^{ncies} most obedient Serv^t

at all Commands

Richard Hill

May it please your Ex^{ncy}

Cap^t Rich- In obedience of whose Commands I humbly answer
ard Hill
jun^r & c^a the Letter your Excell received from Harry Beverley
Answer wherein I am falsely accused (as I hope will more at
large appear) vnto your Ex^{ncy} by what doth here Ensue, which
the Major part of our ships company can affirm.

p. 243 ffirst he informs your Ex^{ncy} that I refused to strike, I did not Refuse, but at that time was so farr distance (that though I heard his guns) could not distinguish what Colours he had; as he came neare I discerned & was satisfyed he bore his Ma^{ts} Colours; Wherevpon I immediately reverenced the same (not as Beverly observes because of his third Gun, though shot through our Sayl) but to discharge my Duty. Before it was darke the Sloop came alongst our side, hail'd Us & commanded Us to bring to, which I modestly denyed (without cursing & vsing such language as is related vnto your Ex^{ncy}) because of the danger that then our ship was in, Night coming on with a fresh Southerly Wind, & We then vpon the sholes of Tangier Isles. That our Men appeared with more small Arms than at other times I deny, And as for our great Guns, it is customary for Us to have them always in the like readiness, especial when chaced: That next Morning when Cap^t Beverly pretended to come on Board I did not resist his coming either with Swords or Swearing; what drawn swords there was, were no more than vsuall for our own safety, not to scare our Countrey men; besides his pretence there is apparently false in it self, for We had neither thirty nor Twenty Men, nor swords; not else but humbly intreating your Ex^{ncies} pardon for the rudeness of my style, withall hoping your Ex^{ncy} will be graciously pleased to take into consideration where the abuse lyes, is the Petition of

Yo^r Excell most dutifull
& ever obedient Servant

Richard Hill Jun^r

October the 9th 1695.