

October the 18<sup>th</sup> 1695

Lib. H. D.

Then came before his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> in Council the above named Cap<sup>t</sup> Richard Hill jun<sup>r</sup> pursuant to an Ord<sup>r</sup> of this Board of the 9<sup>th</sup> of Octob<sup>r</sup> instant & brought Benjamin Halstead his first Mate, Edward Dorsey second Mate, John Newall Boatswain, Edward Sampson Gunner & three Saylers; Whereupon Cap<sup>t</sup> Beverleys Letter together with the said Hills answer thereto being Read, the said Officers & Sailers do say & affirm that the s<sup>d</sup> Answer of Richard Hill their Master is truth & nothing but the truth.

Wednesday October the 9<sup>th</sup> 1695.

The Councill again Sate & were present as Yesterday, p. 244  
except the hono<sup>ble</sup> Coll Henry Jowles.

Vpon Motion of the hono<sup>ble</sup> Coll John Courts the following Letter was Ordered to be Entred, Viz<sup>t</sup>.

Boston 2<sup>d</sup> September, 1695.

M<sup>r</sup> John Courts, S<sup>r</sup>.

I<sup>re</sup> from  
J<sup>no</sup> Bore-  
land,

I Received yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> August & have observed the contents thereof for answer know that Henry Hill Master of the Briganteen ffrienship Arrived safe at New Castle some time in August last as I vnderstand, being chaced into the North of Scotland by a ffrench privateer before that where he was forced to lye three Weeks or upwards, not daring to come out; I have not yet had a Line from himself, neither his Wife nor M<sup>r</sup> Bridghom, but have had severall from my Correspondents about him, one from M<sup>r</sup> John Hill Merchant in London that he had accepted his Bills from New Castle for 250<sup>l</sup> Money for paym<sup>t</sup> their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Duties &c<sup>a</sup> after he had Cleared at New Castle he went from thence to Hull & there lay waiting for Convoy to Holland while the latter end of November or begining of December so that it was December before he got to Holland where he lay all Winter froze vp in the Ice. About Eight dayes ago Arrived a ship from London, brings advice that he was at Dover clearing and vnderstand he was come from thence to the Isle of Weight to wait for Convoy which expected to Sayle about three Weeks after they came away so that expect he may be here some time this Month or next and hope he will bring his Certificate with him for Clearing the Bond, he is greatly to blame for not taking care to send it you p way of London & also for not writing to his Owners. I am with M<sup>r</sup> Bridghom concerned in a Vessell designed to Potomock River