

Lib. H. D. Francis Nicholson Esq Cap^t Gen^l & Govern^r in Cheif in & over his Ma^{ty} Province & Territory of Maryland in America.

A Power granted to Cap^t Dani^l & his two Lieutenants of the Prince of Orange to take a Privateer.

To Captain Josias Daniell Command^r of his Ma^{ty} hired Ship the Prince of Orange (here Riding) and to William Ockman & Isaac Young, Lieuten^{ts} of the s^d Ship Greeting Whereas I am given to understand & am credibly informed how that a certain Privateer or Pyrat of considerable fforce and number of men doth now lye infesting the Bay of Delaware within his Ma^{ty} Province of Pensilvania to the great disquietude and Damage not only of the inhabitants & others Residing thereabouts, but also of his Ma^{ty} good People within this Province, & more Especially of the Seefaring men trading hither, whereby severall Servants & Saylor have been lately known to Runaway & desert their Masters Service and Ship themselves on board the s^d Privateer; And it being adjudged th^t it may be to his Ma^{ty} Special Service & good of the Countrey th^t the s^d Privateer be Subdued & Seized, Have therefore thought fit to Authorize and Empower you the s^d Cap^t Josias Daniell William Ockman and Isaac Young or any of you to pass through this Province (in Ord^r to goe to the s^d place by Land) with such force of men; Arms and Amunition &^{ca} as you shall think needfull, upon this Occasion; hereby willing and requiring as also Strictly charging & Commanding all Officers Military and Civill within Cæcill County to be Aiding and assisting to you the s^d Cap^t Daniell W^m Ockman & Isaac Younge or any of you with horses and other Suitable Necessaries for the more Speedy effecting the s^d Design; And in case of the s^d Privateers Resistance or fflying into yo^r County for Refuge, the Colonel thereof & Sherriff are thereupon Straitly Enjoyned to Raise the whole County to Secure them, hereby strictly Commanding & prohibiting all persons from any ways aiding, sheltring, protecting or assisting the s^d Privateers or any of them; And th^t whosoever shall be found tarde herein be forthwith Seized & sent down to the Port of Annapolis, there to be dealt withall according to Law; for all w^{ch} this shall be Sufficent Power & authority; Given und^r the Broad Seal of the Province this 13th day of October in the 8th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the Third &^{ca} Annoq Domini 1696.

ffr: Nicholson.

By his Ex^{ncy} the Gov^r Octo. the 13th 1696.

About the prizes

This is to Signifye th^t by mistake, the Prizes for the Exercises did not come in this year, So th^t they