

Lib. H. D. Observation thereof from all psons respectively. So we bid you heartily farewell

Whitehall Sep<sup>t</sup> the 2<sup>d</sup> 1697

Your very Loveing freinds

J. Bridgewater  
Ph: Meadows  
John Polexfen  
John Locke  
Abr Hill

p. 233 To his Ex<sup>cy</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> gen<sup>ll</sup> and Commander in Chiefe of this his Matys Province of Maryland

New York Aug<sup>t</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1697.

Gov<sup>r</sup> New Yorks L<sup>re</sup> to his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> abt News sent by Mr Perry &ca

S<sup>r</sup>

I acknowledge the ffavour of yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncys</sup> by Perry and do heartily wish the news you are pleased to Communicate were Confirmed but I doubt our ffleet have not mett that good ffortune. A Sloop from Jamaica whose master was on Board one of the Kings Ships when the ffrench were discovered Says we could not Come up with them so as to bring them to an Engagem<sup>t</sup>

I hear nothing of Coll: Gibson or the Earle of Bellamont they are daily Expected one to Resettle Newfoundland the other to Govern this Province and New England, I am S<sup>r</sup>

Yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncys</sup>

Most humble Servant

Ben: ffletcher

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Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson's L<sup>re</sup> to the Gov<sup>r</sup> of New York abt news sent thither

Maryland, Port of Annapolis, Aug<sup>t</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1697.

Gov<sup>r</sup> ffletcher. S<sup>r</sup>

What news we have, I herewith Send yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup>, and I hope in God, that we shall have the Confirmation of Vice Admirall Nevills having taken and destroyed Pontees Squadron and Retaken most of the plunder which they got at Carthagena & that we shall have very Good news from Europe, which God Grant.

This being our vacation time for Ships and Vessells coming in we are in hopes and Expectacōn of having news from yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Governm<sup>t</sup> but if any should come hither by accident, worth sending yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> it shall be done by

Yo<sup>r</sup> most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

ffr: Nicholson

Co<sup>m</sup>odore Dilks L<sup>re</sup> to his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> abt deserting Seamen &ca

Hon<sup>rble</sup> S<sup>r</sup>

Severall of the men belonging to the Ships of his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Squadron under my Co<sup>m</sup>and having deserted very lately desire yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> will Issue out your Proclamation for the taking them up, In Ord<sup>r</sup> to their