

Lib. H. D. and Prohibit all persons whatsoever from sheltering har-
 bouring or any ways assisting the s^d deserters but that on the
 Contrary they Seize and apprehend them so that they may be
 brought under Safe and Secure Conduct before me at the
 Port of Annapolis in Ord^r to be sent on Board Some of his
 p. 131 Ma^{ts} Ships of Warr, whereunto all persons Concern'd are to
 take due heed and Conform themselves accordingly as they
 will answ^r the Contrary at their Utmost perrill, the Sherriffs
 being Ordered to make publication hereof in all publick
 places within their respective Counties forthwith, Given at
 the Port and Town of Annapolis Under the Broad Seal of the
 Province this 20th day of September in the Ninth Year of the
 Reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the Third &^{ca}
 Anno Domini 1697.

God Save the King

ffr: Nicholson

Septem: 21th 1697: 2 a Clock.

May it please yo^r Ex^{ncy}

Coll: Addison Just now Came two of Cap^t Brightwells men to
 Lre abt the give an Acco^t th^t this day one John Baker one of
 murder of one the Rangers was killed about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from
 of the Rangers the Garrison; his head and hands Cutt off and
 &ca Carried away; with his musket and Byonett and what other
 things he had with him; I shall take what Care may be in
 giving the People Notice and preparing what Small fforce is
 here to be in a Readiness; wishing yo^r Ex^{ncy} Health, I am
 Yo^r Ex^{ncys} Serv^t
 John Addison

Gov^r of New S^r
 Englands Lre
 to his Ex^{ncy}

I have Received yo^{rs} of the 17th of August past,
 as also both yo^{rs} of the 3^d of July foregoing and
 Render my hearty thanks to yo^r Ex^{ncy} as well for yo^r tender
 Reguard for his Ma^{ty}s Service in Encouraging what in you lay
 the sending of provisions for Supply of his Ma^{ty}s forces at
 Newfoundland as for the intelligence inclosed in yo^{rs} the
 further confirmation whereof I must Expect from yo^r Ex^{cy} or
 at least from your parts, this place being wholly barren of
 forraign News, and diverse Reports here stirring of Admiral
 Nevils Arrival with the Squadron vnder his Command &
 several french prizes at Virginia, which I hope may hold true,
 and then yo^r Ex^{cy} will first have the certainty thereof.

This Coast was lately infested by a small french Privateer
 from Canada one Outlaw an English Renegade Command^r