

Lib. H. D. in the Plantations to Order Expressly that all the Comānders of his Ships that are Sent to any of his Plantacōns for the Defence and Service thereof; be under the direction of the Govern^{rs} of each of those respective Plantations during their Continuance there: And further that when any Cap^t or Comānder of any of his Ships, in any of the s^d Plantations shall have Occasion for Seamen to serve on Board the Ships under their Comānd, they make their Application to the Govern^{rs} or Comānders in Cheif of his ma^{ty} Plantations respectively; To whom as Vice Admiralls his Ma^{ty} is pleased to Commit the Sole Power of impressing Seamen in any of his Plantations in America, or in Sight of any of them: Such Govern^{rs} or Comānders in Cheif being at the Same time required upon such application to take Care that his ma^{ty} s^d Ships of Warr be furnished with the Number of Seamen that may be Necessary for his Ma^{ty} Service, on board the s^d Ships from time to time.

Upon Complaints also that have been laid before his Ma^{ty} of the dispeopleing of Severall of his Colonies Occasioned by the Over kind reception th^t has been given in Others to Deserters and ffugitives, His Ma^{ty} being Sensible how much th^t Practice is Contrary to the Interest of the whole has Comānded us to write to his Severall Govern^{rs} in all his Colonies and Provinces in America, that they take Care in each of their respective Governm^{ts} that effectuall Laws be made against the Receiving & harbouring not only of Deserters but also of such ffugitives as leave any of his Plantations contrary to the Laws provided for th^t Purpose in each Plantacōn respectively: Which Order we have already communicated to Some, and are Continuing to do it to others as opportunity Offers: And you are therefore likewise in the Same manner required to Serve it. And whereas further Complaints have been made to his Ma^{ty} from Severall places (especially from Jamaica) that the great Temptation to Piracy by the entertainm^t given to Pyrates in some places, has been another means of Seducing their Inhabitants from them; And his Ma^{ty} being highly sensible how much such practices tend to the dishon^r of the English Name and Nation (thō we have not any thing before us imputed particularly to Maryland) We are Obliged nevertheless to acquaint you with his Ma^{ty} Generall Orders upon th^t Occasion

p. 92 Which are th^t we should strictly require the respective Govern^{rs} of all his Plantations to be very Carefull that no Pyrates or Sea Robbers be any where Sheltered or Entertain'd under the Severest penalties; And w^{ch} we therefore accordingly require yo^r observation.

There is another generall head also, upon which we are to Signifye to you his Ma^{ty} pleasure, And that is the observation