

Lib. H. D.      Severall masters of Ships, Merch<sup>ts</sup> and Traders attending  
 Came & were admitted, Viz<sup>t</sup>

Cap <sup>t</sup> Dan <sup>ll</sup> Bradley	} M <sup>r</sup> Hen: Robinson	
Cap <sup>t</sup> Dean Cock		M <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Scott
Cap <sup>t</sup> Barth <sup>o</sup> Whithorn		Coll: Hen: Darnall
Cap <sup>t</sup> Owen Phillips		Maj <sup>r</sup> John Hamond
Cap <sup>t</sup> Jerem <sup>.</sup> Deeble		M <sup>r</sup> Charles Carroll
Cap <sup>t</sup> James Brains		M <sup>r</sup> Orlando Greenslade
Cap <sup>t</sup> Thomas Lurting		M <sup>r</sup> Thomas Hastwell
Cap <sup>t</sup> Thomas Wills		Maj <sup>r</sup> Edward Dorsey
Cap <sup>t</sup> Josiah Clifton		M <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>ll</sup> Chew

His Ex<sup>ncys</sup>  
 Comunicacōn  
 with the  
 Masters of  
 Ships abt their  
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The Masters are asked by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> whether they were ready to Saile with Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniell pursuant to the Comōdores Letter which it is supposed they have all seen who doe say that they have all seen the Letter and that they cannot be ready to sail with the s<sup>d</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniell by the time prefixt him by the Comōdore, thereupon his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleased to ask them the Reason why they are not ready who all of them do say that if it had not been for the ffrost Snow and Extream bad weather they should most or all of them have been ready by this time and withall do affirm that since the Receipt of the Comōdores Letter (which was the ffirst of this Instant ffebruary) there has been no weather, fit for rowling Tob<sup>o</sup> or doing any manner of Work the which Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniell does likewise avouch and Affirm. His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleased to put the Question to the Ancient Livers in the Countrey (now p<sup>s</sup>ent) whether they had Ever known so severe a Winter to hold so long for the time as this has done and so much Snow to fall & Remain on the Earth so long together in this Countrey who do say as also the Master that have Used the Countrey these many Years th<sup>t</sup> they have never seen the like as to the Constancy of bad weather adding that some of them have had their Sloopes and Shallops out upon ffetching Tob<sup>o</sup> for 10: 12 & 14: weeks together which could not Return by Reason of the ffrost and that Severall of their men have in their remaining out been great Sufferers & ffrost bitten and some have lost their Sloopes and Shallops &ca

Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniell is asked if he has anything to propose or Offer to the Masters who does Say that he has nothing to Offer or propose Save to know of them what time they think they may be ready to Sail who doe Say that they don't question but that all of them may be ready to Sail and be down with the Comōdore by the middle of Aprill but don't see how they can be ready sooner.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleased to ask the Severall Masters in Generall