

Lib. H. D. the Fronteirs: And I'm endeavouring to gett 200 Men on each Shore, to be in readiness: but tis verry difficult to raise men if not altogether impossible: The latter of w^{ch} I fear will be found by

ffr: Nicholson

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Having no news to offer yett I could not omitt the opportunity by M^r Antill going your way to acknowledge the favour of your correspondence

I am in dayly Expectation of the Earle Bellamonts arrivall w^{ch} is so late in the year th^t it putts some inconveniency upon me as to the ordering the affairs of my ffamily the winter coming on & having neither house nor Land in the Government of my own to retire unto If there is anything wherein I can be serviceable to your Ex^{ncy} in England I shall readily imbrace the opportunity of using my outmost endeavours to approve my selfe S^r

New Yorke
Novem^r the first
1697

Yo^r Ex^{ncys} most humble
Servant:
Ben: ffletcher.

Geo: Lewis
Comand^r of
the Shipp
Fflies Petition
to his Ex^{ncy}
and Order
thereon.

Maryland, Port of Annapolis: Novem^r the 29th
1697 I having just now received the Petition of
George Lewis Commander of the Ship ffly, a
Copy whereof follows in these words Viz^t
To his Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t
Gener^{ll} & Govern^r in chief in & over his Maj^{ty}s Province &
Territory of Maryland.

The humble Petition of George Lewis Marriner Sheweth
That your Petitioner by the death of Cap^{tn} Rob^t Roberts
Comand^r of the Ship ffly, now riding in Leonards Creek in
Petuxent River is become Master thereof.

That by one of the owners instructions he finds himselfe
obliged to ship another Mate that may be a carefull sober
man & th^t understands the Guinea Trade & has a family in
England else not proceed to Guinea but trade between Bar-
bados & Maryland, till further orders Received from his said
owners w^{ch} said instruction your Petitioner finds it morally
impossible to be complied with for these following reasons.

1st Such a Mate enjoyn'd to be shipt not being to be had;
he knows not any way or means whereby to purchase a
proper loading to go to the Barbados with having neither
credit nor effects sufficient wherewithall to do it, besides the
Ship is indebted above 240^{lb} for Seamens wages w^{ch} if your
Petitioner should carry the Ship to Barbados, must necessarily
be paid there, and for want of effects and credit to discharge