

the same would occasion the Sale of the Vessell and over- Lib. H. D.
throw the Voyage.

2nd Your Petitioner being wholly a stranger in the Countrey cannot possibly give the security the officers require for complying with the laws of the Countrey having apply'd himselfe to severall persons that are concern'd with the owners who all of them refuse saying they have no such orders, for w^{ch} said reasons he is advised by all persons th^t knows his case & that are well wishers to the Owners for to proceed the Voyage for which the men are Shipt & are willing to go & to desist going to Barbados, he having got a Mate that understands the other Voyage, & is every way qualified except his p. 148
having a family in England. All w^{ch} y^{or} Petitioner humbly lays before your Ex^{ncy} in behalfe of the owners & th^t you would favourably pleased to give such Order to the Officers for his dispatch as to your Ex^{ncys} wisdom and prudence shall seem meet; he being ready and willing to satisfy all manner of dutyes fees & other charges by way of goods he having no ready money, and his own bills being refused for discharge thereof; w^{ch} being granted.

Your Petitioner shall ever pay &^{ca}
George Lewis.

And if you find the said Petition to be true, you are to take the said George Lewis own bond (in behalf of the owners of the said Ship ffly) for performance of the laws of the Countrey & dutyes &^{ca} He not designing to load any tobacco w^{ch} you are to take care that he comply wth, so there will be no occasion for his giving a navigation Bond; And if it appear to you that it will be for the owners advantage th^t he draw Bills upon them to pay the Countrey dutyes fees &^{ca} you take the said Bills; And for doing these things this shall be your sufficient warrant & authority;

Given under my hand and Seale the day and year above written

To Peter Jennings Esq^r his Maj^{ty}s ffr: Nicholson [Seale]
Collector of Patuxent district

and

To M^r Sam^l Watkins Navall
officer of the same.

These

New York the 7th 1697.

Yesterday arrived here a Bark belonging to Road Island who brought in a prize wth her w^{ch} she took on the Banks of Newfound Land the prize is 150 Tunns hath some Salt & fish on board, the Master of the aforesaid Barque says th^t