

and Offer all the foregoing proceedings for the Severall Lib. H. D.
p'sons opinions thereon to be given in manner and fform as
thereby they are directed whereof they are in no wise to fail
at their perill and that afterwards they make due Return of
the same unto his Ex^{ncy} together with what other Papers were
before sent them to Offer unto the Justices and Grand Juries
Viz^t the masters Peticōn and paper about the Privateer (if not
already sent) by an Express; His Ex^{ncy} hoping to give no
further trouble about these matters.

Present at passing and making the afores^d Ord^r Viz^t
His Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq Cap^t Gen^{ll} &^{ca}
S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^t Secry^r }
Coll: Henry Jowles
Coll: George Robotham }

The Cōmodores Letter to the Severall masters of Ships,
together with an abstract of what he sent unto his Ex^{ncy} fol-
lows in these words Viz^t

The Cōmo-
dores L^{re} to
the Severall
Masters of
Ships abt
longer time.

Whereas I am inform'd by Severall Letters from
Maryland that the Winter has been so hard that it
has been impossible for Ships to Load and that
they cannot be ready for the ffirst of March I doe
hereby Give notice that notwithstanding any
former Ord^r I will prolong the time of Saying as much as
possible, believing it for his Ma^{ty} Service as well as the Benefit of
Trade that no Ship may loose the Benefit of this p'sent Con-
voy to which purpose I have Ordered Cap^t Daniell to Con-
tinue in Maryland till the 25th of March by which time I hope
all Ships there will be ready to sail with him to Joyne the
Rest of the ffleet at Kicquatan; from which place I do pur-
pose to sail God willing the ffirst day of Aprill next.

Cha: Wager

Dated on Board his Ma^{ty} Ship
the Greenwich in York River ffeb^{ry} 16th 1696/7. }
Directed as followes Viz^t
On his Ma^{ty} Service.

To the Cōmand^{ts} of the Severall Merch^t Ships in the Sev'all
Riv^{rs} of Maryland.

An Abstract of the Cōmodores Letter to his Ex^{ncy} Viz^t
That their Longer Stay will occasion much difficulty, by
Reason of want of Provision, which he believes they will find
hard to be got there that he will prolong the time as farr as