

that they have been encouraged to this boldness by the easie Lib. H. D.  
admittance they have found into his Majesties Colonies and  
Plantations in America where some of them have either been  
protected, or were not enquired after, as ought to have been  
done, in order to bringing them to punishment; His Maj<sup>tye</sup>  
has Comanded me, to signifye his express pleasure to the  
respective Governours of the Colonyes aforesaid, that they use  
their utmost diligence & strictly enjoyne the same to all  
Officers under their Comand, that due care be taken within  
the Limits of their severall Jurisdictions, To arrest seize &  
secure the Shipps, Persons and Effects of all such Pyrates and  
Sea Rovers, as also that a true and exact Inventory be made  
of all Money, Plate, Jewells, Goods, or other Effects whatso-  
ever brought in by or any way belonging to the said Pyrates,  
the same to be signed and attested by propper Officers, and  
that an account thereof, and of your proceedings herein be,  
by the first opportunity transmitted to his Majesty by the  
hands of one of his Principall Secretaryes of State, to the end,  
that such further directions may be sent you, as his Majesty  
shall think necessary, all which you are therefore carefully to  
observe, and in each particular to conforme your selfe to his  
Majestyes pleasure accordingly.

I am

S<sup>r</sup>

Your most humble Servant  
Shrewsbury.

The above Letter was directed Viz<sup>t</sup>

To his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Govern<sup>r</sup> of Maryland  
or in his absence

To the Govern<sup>r</sup> for the time being  
In Maryland

At a Councill held at the Port of Annapolis the 30<sup>th</sup> day of  
December 1697. In the ninth year of his Majestyes Reign.

Present

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup> &<sup>ca</sup>

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