

Came Captain James Mitchell Commander of the Ship Lib. X.
Adventure of London & Captain John Cotteral Commander
of the hope of London & Captain Davies Commd^r of the Ship
Sarah & Susannah of ——— who signifying that they were
lately arrived & now Bound up the Bay but the wind &
weather proving so that they Could not conveniently touch
in at petuxent the wind being then Southerly and drifting
weather whereby they feared a northwest wind coming up
which might have deterded them week or a Fortnight
Longer besides imagining that all ships going beyond this
Port were to enter & Clear here therefore humbly prayed
that they might be admitted to an entry in this port which for
the reasons aforesaid was granted & the Officers of this port
ordered to enter them accordingly

Also Came Joseph Coleman Commander of the Dover
Merch^t of London who Signified his arrival & that he is p. 4
bound into South River & does for the same reasons given
by the other Commanders humbly pray that he may be like-
wise admitted to an entry here which is Granted by this
Board

Monday March the 14th 1697/8

The Council again Sat & were
Present

His Exc^{llcy} Francis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l

Collonel Henry Iowles
Coll^o George Robotham
Coll^o Iohn Addison
Thomas Brooke Esq^r
Iames Frisby Esq^r

Warrant & Bond for Iohn Russels appearance at the Coun-
cil Board for harbouring some Runaway Seamen contrary to
his Excellencys Proclamation & about a Norway Yaul taken
in his Custody were read and M^r Taylor the Informant being
called in is told that upon this news of a peace his Excellency
is willing to remit the Contempt & as to the Boat if he will
deliver her up for the Kings use there will be no further
proceedings therein but if not he must stand Trial about it &
M^r Taylor being asked where the Boat is does say she is in
Somerset County & that the Mate of Captain Taskers Vessel
& another of the Sailors are Evidences in the matter & that
there is a Deposition in their County which he will send over

March the 15th 1697/8

The Council again Sate & were present as Yesterday
Upon information of M^r Samuel Watkins Naval Officer