

Boat Swift being there Butt Robed of all her Provisions & Stores, Yo^r Lett^s being burned, butt the body of the Vessell is whole, and have made application to S^r Edmond Andros for assistance towards the Getting her off, I did acquaint you of the occasions w^{ch} obliged to putt in att Point Comfort att my arrivall wth in the Capes, & the misfortunes that has attended his maj^{ties} Service Since, butt haveing ord^{rs} to Come up to Maryland; and there to apply my selfe to you for furth^r Directions The body of my Vessell is in a Condition to be saved & do desire yo^r Directions & assistance towards the Service & wth Ord^{rs} you shall send: if I can save the vessell shall be Immediately Complied wth my Travelling has hind^{red} me from having Conveniences of Sending here being no posts butt have written three times before; I am doing all I can to gitt Necessaries in ord^r to save the Vessell and shall Informe you of my proceedings as I am

Hon^{ble} S^r
Yo^r most Humble S^r^v
Will Bosstock

Essex prise Aprill
the 5th 1698
Point Comfort;

The above Lett^r was Directed viz^t
On his Maj^{ties} Service

To his Ex^{cy} Francis Nicholson his maj^{ties} Lev^t Cap^{tn} Gen^{ll}
& Governour of the Province of Mariland
in America

S^r Maryland porte of Annapolis Aprill the 26th 1698.

Yo^{rs} of the 5th of Aprill I have received and Communicated itt to his Maj^{ties} hon^{ble} Councill wth in this Province, I have nev^r received any Lett^r or oth^r advice you att any tyme before, am heartily Sorry for the sad accident of the loss of your Vessell the want of w^{ch} here may have been very prejudiciall to his Maj^{ties} Service, how to assist you I cannot tell att so great a distance but would advise you to bring her hither if possible, & you shall not want w^{tt} lyes in my power to helpe you in the Refitting her though itt happens very ill that his Maj^{ties} has no Navall Stores in this Province.

S^r I desire you would propose to me how & where in I can give any assistance in yo^r p^{rsent} Circumstances and assure you I shall alwayes be Ready to do my utmost Endeavours for his maj^{ties} Service.

And am S^r
Yo^r Humble Serv.
Francis Nicholson

For his Ma^{tyes} Service
To Cap^t W^m Bostock Comand^r
of his Ma^{tyes} Advice Boat Swift at
point Comfort in Virginia or else wher