

of each County with Ord^{rs} to Shew the same to all the Masters of Ships and Merch^{ts} and that publication be made and Notice Given thereof to all the inhabitants of the Province in generall commanding all Persons to Conform themselves accordingly; the s^d Ord^r being Drawn up was Read and Approved off his Ex^{ncy} asking Cap^t Daniell if he could think of any thing further for his Ma^{ty} Service in this behalfe, who Says he thinks the same is sufficient. His Ex^{ncy} is pleased to give Ord^{rs} to M^r Plater for to shew a Copy of the s^d Letter &^{ca} to the Masters of Ships in South River Herring Creek and Petuxant River. Lib. H. D.

The Copy of the s^d L^{re} and Ord^r follows in these Words Viz^t

Part of a Letter by his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r recd: from the hon^{ble} Cap^t Charles Wager Commodore of the Virg^a and Maryland fleet dated the 27th of Jan^{ry} 1696/7 Viz^t

Comodores S^r
L^{re} to his Ex^{ncy} abt the Ships Sayling I recd: your Ex^{ncys} Letter by Lieut Ockman who I kept longer then I intended having no News before now to send to yo^r Ex^{ncy} here is at last two Ships Arrived from England but no Ord^{rs} for me I understand by Letters that the King has Ordered in Council two men of Warr which are supposed to be the Weymouth & Woolwich to be sent hither to bring home the latter Ships Nevertheless I have sent an Ord^r to Cap^t Daniell to Continue in Maryland till the 1st of March, by which time I hope all the Ships that Came in with Us will be Ready to Come Down with him & Joyn the fleet here; I suppose yo^r Ex^{ncy} hath an Acco^t of the Men of Warr bound hither who may be Expected here the latter End of febr^{ry} here is noe News here but what yo^r Ex^{ncy} will have in yo^r pacquets by Leiu^t Ockman; Cap^t Rhodes tells me there was fferty saile of men of Warr bound to the Streights and about three hundred Sayle of Merch^tmen to all parts; that were most of them under Sayle at Spithead the 2^d of Novemb^r S^r Clowdsly Shovell Adm^{ll} bound to the Streights that an Express Came that day and Stopt them and the next day they Came away with all the Merch^t Ships and only ffive men of Warr Commanded by Vice Adm^{ll} Nevill, he says there was great talk of a Plott being found out, and a designed invasion but knows noe particulars. p. 452

Ord^r to the Sherriffs to shew the Comodores Lettr to all Mastrs & Comandrs Maryland: ss
I do hereby, in his Ma^{ty} Name Strictly Ord^r and Command the Severall Sherriffs of the Province that immediately (upon sight hereof) they personally shew the above Letter to all Masters of Ships and Merch^{ts} within their respective Counties as also