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with the fleet, has accordingly Endeavoured the Same as much as in him lay; but finding that through the Severity and Excessive Sharpness of the Winter Season he cannot accomplish to get them both loaden & full ready to Saile with the fleet; however is desireous th^t the first mentioned Ship may (according to his Orders from the Owners Recd:) be got Ready, which he is not able to Effect but by taking the Tob^o the Ship Providence hath on Board & put it in the other Ship.

And for as much as he hath also Signified & Complain'd how th^t (as well for the good & benefit of the Owners as the fullfilling their directions & Ord^{rs}) he did apply himself unto Cap^t George Keeble for the delivery of the Tob^o put on Board his Ship to help forth the loading of the other, the s^d Keeble hath refused a Surrender thereof, out of pretence th^t his men are unwilling thereto; And having taken into considerac^on the great Damage the Owners may Sustain through the Obstinacy of that Ships Company disobeying their Imploy^{rs} just & Legall Commands, I do therefore hereby Strictly Ord^r that the s^d George Keeble and all the Mariners belonging to the s^d Ship Providence Do (upon Sight hereof) peaceably Suffer the above Named Will^m Wilkinson or his Ord^r to take forth the Tob^o he hath put on Board the s^d Ship in Ord^r to the forwarding the Loading of the Ship Edward and Dudley aforementioned pursuant to the Owners will & desire in th^t behalf, and upon the s^d Keeble or any of his Ships Company being refractory, or obstinately refusing so to do I do hereby in his Ma^{ts} Name Com^{and} the Sherriff of Prince Georges County forthwith apprehend & take into his Custody the party delinquents so th^t he have them before me at the port of Annapolis to Answer the p^rmises, with all possible Speed, as he will Answer the Contrary at his perill; for which this shall be Sufficient Warrant and Ord^r given under my hand & Seal this 11th day of febr^y in the Eighth year of his Ma^{ts} Reign &^{ca} Annoq Domini 1696.

To the Sherriff of Prince Georges County }
or others whom it may Concern. }
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Mem. there was a Clause inserted in the above Ord^r issued to the Sherriff th^t allowance should be made to the Seamen for their trouble, &^{ca}

Maryland ss Francis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l & Cheif Govern^r of his Ma^{ts} Province of Maryland & the Territoryes thereunto belonging and Vice Admirall of the Same &^{ca}

To all Persons to whom these p^rsents Shall Come.
Greeting.