

his longer staying, one of their reasons is the running away of the Seamen, through the great encouragement that is given in Pensilvania; which petition was made publick in the Provinciall and County Courts, and generally subscribed to; a Copy of which I herewith transmit to Your Lordships in N^o 3 together with the Copies of severall Depositions &c concerning one Day a privateer, and the Depositions of one M^r Charles Hemsly concerning six run away seamen, which did belong to the Ship Richard and Sarah of London &c and the Copy of a Declaration of my own concerning privateers, and Run away seamen being harboured and entertained &c in Pensilvania which was approved of by the Iustices of the Provinciall and County Courts &c And also Copys of two Proclamations, one concerning seamen's being encouraged by people of Pensilvania to goe thither; in the other are enumerated the false pretences that are suggested to the people to make them leave this Countrey, and goe to the other places: But in the said proclamation the Inhabitants are dissuaded from believing of them. There is also the Copy of a paper concerning privateers and illegal trade, but the latter part is written by the Gentleman himself Coll^l Robert Quarrey the same person which I have humbly proposed to be of his Majesty's Honourable Councill here. I very much fear that if some course be not taken to prevent privateers and Pyrats being harboured and entertained in these parts of the World, as also run away seamen; That when please God, the next Virginia and Maryland Fleet shall arrive they will be much retarded in their loading, if some of them be not forced to stay in the Countrey, by reason of the seamens running away.

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This Province being long, full of Rivers, and Creeks, and but very thinly inhabited towards the Frontiers of Pensilvania, I think it almost impossible to prevent seamens running away thither And his Majesty hath no Naval Force in this province to prevent them: So I am in great hopes that his Majesty will be graciously pleased upon Your Lordships laying before him my most humble desire of having a small Vessell which may by turns cruise in this and Delaware Bay: And I shall be then in hopes that some stop may be putt to the privateers and pirats; for last summer notwithstanding that the 3 men of War and fire ship which were the Convoy to the Fleet, and the S^t Alban's Prize which attended the Government of Virginia were all there; yet the Privateer Day in his Brigantine came up within a few miles of this place, and himself with 10 or 12 more went on shore, and allarmed all that part (tho they did little or no mischief, but when he ran away out of Delaware River, he plundered some of the