

Original Journal. within their Districts after the sixth day of June next without Obliging them to Come to the mouth of James' River to Join in a fleet or take Convoy and there to remaine till the 12th of June in Order to Saile and forasmuch as all Ships Trading to and from the Province of Maryland must of necessity pass between the Capes of Virginia and so may be protected or convoyed by the Ships of War attending this Colony

Therefore by his Excellency and the Councill of State it is thought Necessary for his Ma^{ty}s Service to Communicate the Same unto his Ex^{cy} Col^o Blakiston Governo^r of Maryland (so if he thinks fitt) he may give directions to the Merchants Ships and Vessels in Maryland to take the Oportunity of Joining in the same fleet or Convoy to defend them from Pyrates & Privateers and also to desire him for the better Guard and defence of the Coast he will please to give Orders unto Cap^t Peter Cood Comāder of his Ma^{ty}s Advice Boat the Messenger that as Conveniency will permitt, the said Advice Boat may be down in the mouth of James River to pursue such Orders for his Ma^{ty}s Service as shall from time to time be unto him given

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As also a Letter from the Secretary of the Admiralty giving Advice of his Ma^{ty}s Ship the Shoram will shortly be relieved by the Southampton and sent for home about the 12th of June which is as followeth viz:—

Sr. Admiralty Office 24th Jan^{ry} 1700

I send this to acquaint you that I have rec^d Your Letter of the 11th of Aprill and that Your other Letter of the 10th of June following to my Lords of the Admiralty Came Safe to hand and together with the box of Papers relating to the Pyrates taken by the Shoram off the Capes of Virginia their L^{dps} are very sencible of the Service done therein and the Zeale you shewed to your Country in that particular, and I doubt not but before this Arrives you will have had an Acc^t that many of those Pyratie Villians have rec^d their just Punishments which I hope will in a great Measure deterr others for the future

Their Lordships are very Well satisfied with what you write in the behalfe of Cap^t Aldred and notwithstanding the Occasion, you formerly had to represent him otherwise, than you do now, they are pleased in Consideracon of his good Service in taking the Pyrate Ship to Continue him in their favour

I have not yet heard from you relating to your receipt of the Passes Sent from hence for Securing the Ships of his