

Lib. X. Your Excellency may be pleased to perceive how kind this her Majestys Government has been in assisting & Supplying him for her Majestys Service also how civilly we have treated him in giving him due notice of some Actions at Law against him after which in Defiance of the Government when upon his refusal to comply with his Creditors the Sheriff was obliged
 p. 317 no Longer to forbear He drew his Sword in presence of the President swearing the Death of such as should lay hands upon him and betaking himself to her Majestys Advice Boat Boasted he would take the Queens Garrison nay further we are informed that he threatened he would Sacrifice the last Drop of Blood in his Ship before he would be taken thus he behaved himself upon his Going from Severn & notwithstanding the Restriction in his Orders given him upon impressing & the Caution in Council that he should not disable the Ships your Excellency may by the inclosed Depositions upon his coming to Anchor in South River see how despitefully & arbitrarily he hath Behaved himself to this her Majestys Government Alledging that his Commission would bear him out in those violent & unwarrantable Actions

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We hope your Excellency will receive this as intended a true Character of the said Captain Bostock & his Behaviour here which we hope may be of Service to you as for our parts we must Acknowledge to have been deceived in him therefore at present we will leave him & his proceedings here where we have no proper Force to supress him to your Excellencys most candid Opinion withal intreating your Excellency that so soon as your Government shall be supplied with another Guard Ship in the Room of the Southhampton & her Majestys Service may allow thereof you will be pleased to order him up to this her Majestys Government where he may be answerable for what he has committed here

We are Sir

Your Excellencys most obliged faithful
 humble Servants

Tho Tench President

John Hammond

James Sanders

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The honble President likewise acquainted the Board that with the advice of the said Colonel Hammond & M^r Sanders he went down to puttuxent where meeting with the said Captain Bostock upon his Obstinate Behaviour he had Committed him by the following Mittimus viz^t