

The petition of Severall Masters of Ships now in this Lib. C. B. province was Read as follows Viz.

Maryland ss

To his Excy John Seymour Esq her Majestys Gov<sup>r</sup> and Comānder in Chief of the province of Maryland &c. and the honble her Majestys Councill.

The humble petition of Severall Masters of Ships Trading p. 89  
from England to this province

Most humbly Sheweth

That your pet<sup>rs</sup> with their Severall Ships have Layne Some months under a Tedious Imbargoe, a Convoy from England which was advised to have been Ready to Sayle in Aprill last not being yett arrived or any the least assureance thereof, And now the winter Comeing on your peti<sup>rs</sup> are very apprehensive of hard & Dangerous passages and the most of them being of the out ports and under Charter partys the own<sup>rs</sup> of their Vessells not being Concerned in their Respective Ladings—if they are Detained here never so Long they can not Expect any other Satisfaction then their first Agreement w<sup>th</sup> the Respective Merchants, And if Yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>rs</sup> are not Admitted to Sayle but kept two months Longer they will not only Loose the Benefitt of the next Yeares Trade but Suffer far more than even when taken by the Comon Enemy Provided they could be Admitted to Ransom, thō Yo<sup>r</sup> Excys petio<sup>rs</sup> most of them being bound home North about are not any ways apprehensive of that Misfortune w<sup>ch</sup> really a Convoy to the Lands End would not prevent. And whereas it is daily Experienced that her Ma<sup>ty</sup> has been Graciously pleased to Indulge her Subjects upon Application with her Leave to returne at pleasure from these provinces without being Imbargoed or Stoped for Convoy Wee humbly Begg your Excy & the honble Councills favorable Consideration thereof and p. 90 that you will be pleased to Reflect on Such her Majestys kind Inclinations and prevent the Ruine of our Severall Interests and Voyage by giving Directions for our Clearance

And &<sup>ca</sup>

To which the Councill Say they are Sencible that the Substance of the petition is True & that their Case is very hard, Yet they will not Advise his Excy to Direct them to be Cleared unless the Trade in Virginia be also Admitted to Sayle thence, of which when his Excy is Certified they thinke it will not only be for her Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Interests but prevent the Ruin of the pet<sup>rs</sup> Severall Voyages that they be also Admitted to Clear.