

last with their provisions only for the Voyage, So that many P. R. O. people here are almost starke naked, which has occasioned Some to turne their hands to manufacture of Lynnen and Woollen, and if your Lordps in your wisdome do not find out Some Expedient to have the Necessity of the Country relieved, by obliging the Merch^{ts} to Send Suppl^ys; it may be of ill consequence to the Revenue arising on tob^o, which will be in Greate measure layd aside by Such who find they can have nothing for it.

My Lords I humbly presume to acquaint You that there neither is or hath been any Guardship at the Capes Mouth for these twelve Months So that her Ma^{ty}s Plantations of Virginia and Maryland are obnoxious to the Insult of any Rascally Pyrate or Privateer who may come and go & burne what Shipping happe[ns] to be in the Countrye at pleasure. And have this Day an Acco^t of a privateer lying off the Capes, which has taken Severall Vessells comeing into these Plantations and having unman'd himselfe to Secure them is retired in order to a fresh Expedition.

I hope Yo^r Lordps are by this tyme Satisfyed I have done what was incumbent on me, concerning the Prizes, & will in everything to the best of my Skill obey your Comānds; & am with the greatest Duty & Respect imaginable

My Lords

Your Lordships most obedient and
faithfull humble Serv^t

Maryland June 10, 1707

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My Lords.

Though I wrote to your Lordships very lately of the 18th of Novemb: by the way of New-Yorke, and of the tenth of Ian^y last by a Small Briganteen hence; Yet now having the Oportunity of the Catherine of London, a Ship of Good Countenance, I have herewith transmitted to your honourable Board the Laws and Journalls of our last Assembly: By which Your Lordships will See I have not faild in my Duty to lay her Ma^{ty}s Royall Comānds before the Generall Assembly, and with all the dilligence & Industry I was capable of, heartily to recomend them to their ready Compliance; But as there was not any person of liberall Education that appear'd there, it was too difficult a Taske for me, to graft good manners on so barren a Stock; So they have once more refus'd to do anything therein, Save the addressing her Ma^{tye}