

B. M. of His Majestys Colonies, wherein there are Atturnys General
Bdle. 55. already settled, and humbly Submitt our Opinion upon these
to Your Excellencies consideration.

Signed. J. Bridgewater.
Ph. Meadows.
John Pollexfen.
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May it please y^r Ex^{cy}

Amongst the number of those in this Province who are obliged to y^r Ex^{cy} for the favour & Justice for endeavouring to preserve our ships & goods from Privatiers & Pyrates particularly from Cap^t Day and his Crew I am sure noe man hath more reason to acknowledg the benefitt rec^d or was more Exposed to the Danger then my Self &^{ca} haveing a Ship fitting out here to load in Maryland wth Tob^a home wth the Fleet Part of whose men run away & others that were designed to ship themselves enticed on board the Privatier w^{ch} Privatier has Sundrey times endeav^d to entice those wee haue Left in the same manner by w^{ch} meanes wee are not only forced to pay them some 2 & 3 or 4 months wages beforehand but Contract wth them for such Extravigent wages as never was given in that place th^t Privateire incouraging them wth 300^{li} share to a man at Leaste in 3 or 4 months time w^{ch} by one meanes & other has damnified us at Least 300^{li} in one Shipp besides the feare of Looseing Shipp & all the Particulars of the whole refer you to the deposicion of sundry people w^{ch} shall send you by my Good freind Coll. Quarry in that hight of my vexation & Disappointm^t I applyed myself to Govern^r Markham & told him that by a Lett^r I had seen from Carolina Day was dishonest & ought to have clearances examined for had embezeled his owners Suggar &^{ca} and for a Cloak to his Roguery Entered his Brigantine for Bristoll Loaden wth Suggar from Carolina where as soone as he had so done fell down to Rebellion road out of Command & there sells his whole Cargoe & setts up for a Red Sea Voyage & came here to Victuall & Equip himself whereby I thought him seizeable and wth all that I had sustained much damage already by its being tollerated & feared much greater, where-