

One other that has married the Govern<sup>r</sup> Daughter one James Browne that was in the ship Fancy but sayes he was a passenger in the s<sup>d</sup> ship declares that these three persons viz<sup>t</sup> Edmund Lassell, Rob<sup>t</sup> Clinton and Peter Claus was on board this ship Fancy Capt. Henry Every alias Bridgman was Command<sup>r</sup> as the Proclamation makes mention of and notwithstanding the Govern<sup>r</sup> is about to take baile for them, & has sent for me before him & the Council to know what I had to say against them, I told him when they were on a Tryall I would produce my Evidence th<sup>t</sup> was for the King before I thought it not material for fear of Corruption.

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S<sup>r</sup>, I beg pardon for this scribling. Perry being in fear of loosing his tide makes this haste. I will send the particulars to  
the Duty of

Rob<sup>t</sup> Snead.

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup>

S<sup>r</sup>, I writt by M<sup>r</sup> Perry but he being in hast was forst to Right imperfit. I seizing of some Pirates & confining them as in Duty bound having an Acco<sup>t</sup> of such inhuman Actions they have committed and that our factories are seiz'd, & one cutt off, thought it necessary not only to take up those as the proclamation makes mention of, but those that came in before, th<sup>t</sup> had committed the same crime, but Govern<sup>r</sup> Markham with others so violently opposed me that not only threatned to Committ me, but Encourage those Pyrates to affront me, that I fear violence every minnit by them. He is about to erect a Court on purpose to trye them, which I cannot see any ways to be done by Law, the intent is to cleare them before, or for fear of a power from yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup>, having believed you may have some Ord<sup>r</sup> from his Ma<sup>ty</sup> for the seizing them and their Estates, most of th<sup>m</sup> having made purchases here. I pray if yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> can by any means protect me here for serving my King, I pray it from you. I have done nothing but according to Law but expect dayly some violence either by imprisonm<sup>t</sup> or other ways. I made bold to trouble this worthy gentleman to deliver it to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncys</sup> hand which were it not for my Estate not being in order would heartily kiss this spring & pay my duty, but dare not for fear of some trick, the reason of my taking them up is for fear of their making over their estates, here being a report that there is a Power come to Seize them. All at present from

Yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncys</sup> most humble and  
most obedient Serv<sup>t</sup> to Command

Rob<sup>t</sup> Snead.

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