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Vol. 25.Philad. June 24<sup>th</sup> 1697May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup>

S<sup>r</sup>, I rec'd yours the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 1697 the day after I went with M<sup>r</sup> Robinson to Capt. Markham. I ask't him if he had received a letter from the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Privy Council he said noe, after some time pausing he said he had rec'd one from the Lords of the Trade of the Foreign Plantations. I told him I suppos'd it was from the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Privy Council, he seemed not to understand it was. He rec'd it the morning before and instead of publishing the proclamation as directed forthwith, the Pyrates had notice of it immediatly. M<sup>r</sup> Robinson the night before had desired him to order those 3 Pyrates that were in Prison to be better secured and a gaurd sett over them, but nothing was done that two of them made their Escapes that night. I had information where they were the next day, we desired him to issue out a Generall Warrant to raise a force and armes to take them, but there was nothing done to any purpose, that any might se there was liberty enough for them to make their escapes. I suppose M<sup>r</sup> Robinson will informe the whole matter and likewise of a Riote of about a hundred of Saylor, most of them has run away from Maryland and Virg<sup>a</sup>. We have narrowly inspected into all the Vessells here and cannot find they belong to any. We took eight of them. I would have sent them to Virg<sup>a</sup> on board the men of Warr, but the Deputy Gov<sup>r</sup> would not, we fin'd them five pounds apiece and imprisonment till they pay'd it, but the Gov<sup>r</sup> intends as I understand to sett them at liberty. Here is a sloop of 10 Guns from Carolina whose master was one of the Pyrates, that by all circumstances these Pyrates intend to make their escape in. Capt. Markham after much intreaty to grant a warrant to search her for those that broke prison (as they call it) but not a word of the other Pyrates that are as guilty as they, there is one of them taken, the Govern<sup>r</sup> seems concern'd at his being taken. I have writt to Coll. Quarry and given him an Acco<sup>t</sup> of what has happened since he went. M<sup>r</sup> More presents his most humble Service to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup>. If yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> pleases to Hono<sup>r</sup> me with yo<sup>r</sup> Commands in any respect I shall be ready to Execute them as yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup>'s

Most faithfull & most obedient Serv<sup>t</sup>Rob<sup>t</sup> Snead.Philadelphia 7<sup>br</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1697

S<sup>r</sup>, yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> was pleased to Hono<sup>r</sup> me, with a letter dated August the 16<sup>th</sup> last & what I writt yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> before concerning those Pyrates is truth and every tittle can be proved whenever it shall be questioned, as for those Sayl<sup>rs</sup> that we had in