

B. M. man about Sunday last was a sennight & th' at the s^d Gosses
Vol. 25. funerall one Capt. Snead a magistrate of th^t place had stab'd
a man as he was standing upon his guard and defending
himself from four or five men that assaulted him there.

That there lyes a great ship betwixt Upland and Philadel-
phia say'd to be mounted with thirty-six guns, w^{ch} this Inform-
ant says brought in a great many servants but very few Goods
for w^{ch} he had Cocquets as this Informant was told by M^r
Vanderheyden & some others who reported likewise that they
believed the s^d ship had brought in more Goods by reason she
stay'd some time below before she came up into those parts
where it is imagined she might put the same on shore.

The s^d Informant further sayth that he heard it credibly
reported there were a great many Privateers up and down
the Governm^t of Pensilvania & that two of them had lately
broke out of Philadelphia Goale, which were supposed to be
of Capt. Every's crew.

That as he travelled through Pensilvania & the Jerseys to
N. York great inquiry was made of him (understanding he
was sent by his Ex^{ncy} Sir Edm^d Andros his Ma^{tes} Govern^r of
Virg^a upon an Express) whether or noe he brought any orders
concerning the Privateers or if the Privateers were taken up
in Virg^a

Taken before his Ex^{ncy} the Gov- }
ern^r at the Port of Annapolis the } Hen. Denton, Cl. Concil.
first day of July, anno 1697. }

By his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r &^{ca} July the 1st 1697.

Upon credible Information this day rec'd how that a great
many Privateers and Pyrates lay sheltering up and down the
Province of Pennsylvania whereby Encouragem^t is not only
given to the looser sort of seamen and servants of the adja-
cent Governm^{ts} to run to them, but are also protected, har-
boured, aided & assisted by open force and violence among
them, as well seamen belonging to his Ma^{tes} men of warr as
merch^t men dayly committing severall violences and outrages
to the very great disservice of his Ma^{ty} and damage of his
subjects and forasmuch as it is supposed they may have some
design on foot so soon as an Opertunity offers to effect it,
whereby the frontier parts of this his Ma^{tes} Province lay
equally exposed to hazard with those of Pensilvania :

Ordered therefore that public and speedy notice be given
to all officers military and civill belonging to Cæcill County
within this Ma^t's Province of Maryland and all masters of
ships riding in those parts that they be upon their guard and
take particular care (more especially the Sheriff) to prevent