

disturbances, mischief or any attempts w^{ch} possibly may be made by the s^d privateers & Pyrates & the Inhabitants & seamen runing to them.

B. M.
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Signed p Ord^r Hen. Denton, Cl. Concl.

C. Coecill. July the 15th 1697.

M^r Henry Dentin: About three weeks agoe I happened to goe up to Philadelphia and in my stay there which was 5 days Charles Goss one of the Pyrates was stob'd by M^r James Martin a French merch^t the s^d Martin as it was related being much abused just before by the s^d Goss, and at the funerall of the s^d Goss, one Capt. Snead, one of the Justices of Philadelphia coming amongst them that were drinking told them that they should behave themselves Civilly or else goe their ways homewards; they being in drink gave him some Obrevious words and fell upon him, upon which he drew his sword and stob'd one of them, who it was I doe not know, I hear he is since recovered. The Pyrates were much alarm'd at that time, being as I was told occasioned by Capt. Thomas Robinson his coming up there then with some Commission to call them to account I doe not question but his Ex^{ncy} hath had a full Acco^t of the s^d Robbinson before now of what Ocured in his stay there, he being gone down last weeke to Virginia.

Whilst I was up at Philadelphia, one James Trent came up who had left his ship mounted with 36 guns below the town of N. Castle and brought in about 150 Scotts Serv^{ts} but little goods he did search for me understanding that I did live in Maryland and asked me whether I could not give him Encouragem^t to come to Maryland he wanted a loading of Tobacco, to whom made Answer that none or little was to be gott before the new Crops, upon which I doe believe he doth intend to make a voyage to Barbadoes, and so in the Fall to come there. I do suppose he doth serve in the same Employ with M^r James Coutts. This being the substance of what I doe know of the matter have thought my duty in Ord^r to his Ex^{ncy}'s Commands to acquaint you with and subscribe

Yo^r humble Servant

These are true Coppys.

Matt. Sheyden.

[signed:] Fr. Nicholson.

[Escape of Pirates]

The Information of Thomas Robinson Esq^r

This Informant saith

That upon the 16th of June (as he remembers) he came to Philadelphia where he th^t night waited upon Govern^r Markham