Ships built in Maryland.

Maryland, Sct.

In obedience to an Ord[r] of his Exc[y] the Gov[r] and Council bearing date the 28th day of May 1697, Commanding the sever[ll] Sheriffs of this Province to make strict enquiry of what Shipps and Vessels trading to Sea have been built within their respective Countys since his Maj[tys] happy Reign, as also what Sloops and Shallops to the County belong, and what are now a building, together with the number of seafaring men.   Pursuant whereto they make their Returns, vizt.:

The Sheriff of Ann arund[ll] County.

The Brigantine George, built by Jno. Buck of Bytheford.
The Annapolis, built by Jno. Buck of Bytheford
The Ship Marygold, built by Jno. Davis of Bytheford
The Betty Brigantine purchased into this County by his Exc[cy] the Gov[r] etc. · Capt. Richard Hill, Capt. Wm. Holland, Capt. Richard Hill for Mr. Richard Johns, Mr. Wm. Cole, Sen[r], Mr. Sam[l] Chew, Mr. Richard Harrison, Mr. Nehemia Birckhead, Mr. Mordica Moore, and Commanded by Mr. Hen Hill.

The Adventure, purchased and owned by the same owners and commanded by Mr. Thomas ffrancis.
The Susannah Brigantine, built by Richard Beard, Commanded by Edw[d] Balter, bound to New England and lost att Cape May three years since.
One Brigandyne in building by Mr. Jno. Buck of Bytheford
One Vessel in Building by Thomas Hardin, Jno. Baldwin, Neal Clarke, Tho. Rutland, Rich[d] Snowden and some others who expect to be fitted to Sea by the Spring and design for Barbadoes.   Comanded by Tho. Goodwin, have shippt no men yet.   In all, 8 Sloops built within this County.
Ab[rm] Childs built one Sloop, w[ch] was lost in the Bay 3 or 4 years since.

Thomas Tench Esq[r]	1 Sloope	Nicho. Spurne	1 Sloope
Mordicah Moore	1 Sloope	Steph. ffrancis	1 Sloope
Ab[ra] Childs	1 Sloope		

Mr. Jeffries built 1 sloope and sold her to Thomas Beale and Rich[d] Bars last year.   Major John Hamond partly built a sloop and sold her on the stocks to Capt. Deane Cock last year.

Shallops belonging to this County

Samuel Chambers	1	Joshua Merricken	1
Gabriel Parrott	1	James Collins	1
David Macklefist	2	Rich[d] Kilbourne	1