

Original Journal. The Councill then Adjourned till eight a Clock to morrow Morning

Fryday March the 28th 1707

The Councill in Assembly Sate Present as Yesterday with the Addition of honble Kenelm Cheseldyn Esq^r who came & took his Place at the Board.

The Petition of Marke Orde Master of the Pinck Reward of London now Riding in Putuxent River was Read, Viz. To his Ex^{ncy} John Seymour Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l & Gov^r of Maryland & her Majestys honble Councill

The humble Petition of Mark Orde Comander of the Pinck Reward of London now Riding in Putuxent River.

Sheweth. That Yo^r Pet^r being Comanded to carry Stores for her Ma^{ty} into Portugall tooke the same on board the 23^d of Feb^{ry} last was twelve months & Sayled from Graves End in England the 3^d of Aprill last for Lisbon and designed directly from thence hither in ord^r to take in Tob^{os} & sayle back for England with the last fleet and Convoy. That he could not proceed on his said Voyage so Expeditiously as he Proposed
 p. 9 being bound to weight her Majestys and Convoys Leisure which delayed him so that he could not Arrive here in time to Save the fleet; that he has now gott a good part of his Loading on board & the Rest ready to be taken in, soe that in less then a months time he shall be ready to sayl, having made an Extraordinary dispatch Since his Arrival here in hopes that being (as he humbly Conceives) within the Benefitt of her Majestys Instructions to Your Ex^{cy} in Reference to shippes designed to save the last Convoy but hind^{ed} therefrom by unavoidable Accidents he may be permitted to Sayle when Loaden. Wherefore he humbly prays Your Ex^{cy} and the honble Councill will be pleased to Consider the Circumstances & Intent of the said Voyage, and Grant him Liberty to sayle for England when Loaden his designe being to goe North about as the most Safe way & he being ready to depose upon oath that his designe when first sett out from Graves End was to Save the last Convoy which he very reasonably might have done had he not been Imbargoed & waited by order her Maj^{ty}s further Directions; And that your Ex^{ncy} & Hon^{rs} will further Consider that if Your Pet^r must Stay in this Province untill a Convoy Arrives and a fleet ready to sayle back with it his Voyage will be ruined and his owners brought in debt thereby farr more then the Value of his Shipp.

Mark Orde

And further the said Cap^t Orde Satisfyed his Ex^{ncy} that his said Shipp was Intended by the owners thereof to be ready