

must be taken to prevent any Person not having Licence from
acting in that Capacity; If the Merch^{ts} would order all their
Captains to take none but Licensed Pilots where such are
to be had; or if a Policy of Insurance could ever be forfeited
by the Masters Refusal to take a Licensed Pilot where such
a one was to be procured we should find little Difficulty
in executing his Lds Instructions on this Head, but if that
be not Merchant Law & the Merch^{ts} will not comply with the
first Supposition, you will oblige me with your Opinion
& that of the Lawyers, whether His Ld^{ship} by his Prerogative
cannot forbid & prevent any Persons piloting without Licence,
for unless such a Prohibition can be laid, no person will apply
for, or accept any Licence at all; if this be determined as I
hope it will, you will be pleased also to acquaint me with
the Mode (that may be advised) or manner of prosecuting or
punishing such as shall continue to pilot in Opposition to His
Ld^{ship} Prohibition; & you may be assured there shall on my
part be no Delay in asserting his Ld^{ship} Right & Prerogative.

In my Letter dated last February I observed to you that
it had been found impracticable to dispose Persons of any
Surplusage Land, which they hold by Patents, in which
such Land is described by natural Boundaries, tho the Patents
should err considerably in the Number of Acres contained therein.
Many Persons that were willing to join to their Tract some
contiguous Land have taken out Warrant of Survey for
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