

to our most gracious Sovereign & His Royal Consort, I now take the Liberty
to congratulate Your Ld^{ty} also thereupon. I beg Your Lordship to accept my
Acknowledgments for Your promise to lay my Letters before His Majesty & for
the Information You are pleased to give me, & I hope Your Ld^{ty} will ever believe
that I am with the utmost Respect &

To Captain John Scaife Commander of His Majesty's Ship, Chesterfield. 20 feby 1762.

Sir
On behalf of the Gentlemen who will receive Advantage from Your giving me such
early Intelligence of Your Arrival in Virginia & Intention to return to England the 6th
of June, I return You Thanks for the Letter You were pleased to favour me with
the 13th Inst & will cause publick Notice to be given to the Merchants & Masters of
Ships in this Province of such Your Intention, that their Vessels may be at Hampton
by the time appointed in order to take the Benefit of Your Convooy I am Sir &

To Captain W^m Adams Commander of the Diana, Annapolis 21 feby 1762.

Sir
It hopes that You would think Yourself at Liberty to convoy them together
with the Virginia Ships to England, the Masters of such Vessels as were ready
to sail from this Province are I am informed already fallen down to Hampton
where I presume they will wait on You with a Petition requesting the favour of
You to take them under Your Convooy. As the Owners or Masters have not desired
me to You on their behalf presuming perhaps upon seeing the Advertisement
which was published in the Virg^o Gazette, that any such Application was unnecessary
I cannot take upon myself to write to the L^{ds} Commissioners of the Admiralty, espe-
cially as I am unacquainted with the Number of Vessels that have loaded in
this Province & are now ready to sail, but as I am persuaded You will rather
consider how beneficial it will be to the Trade of Great Britain & the Interest
of His Majesty's Subjects who have Property on board these Ships to be convoyed
by the Diana to Europe that after what manner the Application for that
Benefit