

and the sailing of the said Vessels of
the said Province of Maryland
without obliging them to come to the Mouth of
James River to come via fleet or take Con-
voy and there to remain till the 15th of June
in Order to Saile, and forasmuch as all Ships
trading to and from the Province of Maryland
Must of Necessity pass between the Capes of
Virginia and so may be protected or engaged by
the Ships of War attending the Enemy.

Therefore by His Excellency and the Council
of State it is thought necessary for His Majesty's
Service to communicate the same unto His Excellency
Col. Blakiston the Governor of Maryland that
if he thinks fit he may give directions
for the March of Ships and Vessels in Maryland
to take the Opportunity of coming in y^e same
fleet or Convoy to defend them from Privateers
and also to desire him that for the
better guard and defence of the Coast he will
please to give Orders unto Capt Peter Causton
of His Majesty's Service Boat the Messenger that
Concomiency will permit the said Service Boat
may be down in the Mouth of J. R. V. I.
in y^e said Orders for His Majesty's Service
that from time to time he will be