

Original
Journal. Humbly Sheweth

That whereas yo^r Pet^{rs} the Subscribers being Ma^{rs} of Ships and traders into the Province, have been here a great while ready to Sayle, and nothing Else to do but wait your Ex^{ncies} Motion & Comānd to depart this Province, and considering that they lye at a Great Cost & Charge.

Yo^r Pet^{rs} humbly pray yo^r Ex^{ncy} that they may be licensed to Saile and be dispatch'd that they may Return for England, they presuming to your Ex^{ncy} that there is a Considerable ffleet which is now ready in this Province and Virg^a to sayl, which your pet^{rs} humbly Offer to your Ex^{ncies} Consideracōn. And your Pet^{rs} as in duty bound

Shall pray,
Joshua Whiting
Law. Swarbreck
Tho: Philip
W^m Giddy
Timothy Paine
Walter Power.

Which being read his Ex^{ncy} acquainted M^r Plater that he believ'd all those Masters Signing that Peticon were in his district therefor willed him to Satisfy the said Ma^{rs} whether they were stopt or obstructed by any Embargo, who does say that he had Received no Orders for the Stopping any Ship, but contrariwise that all might cleare giveing Bond to go down to joyne the Commandore in Virginia. The Severall Ma^{rs} and others being with drawn, his Ex^{ncy} was pleased to propose to the Board what was proper to be done in this Affair.

Who do offer that the whole matter be Recommended to the house of Burgesses for them to Represent the State of the same to the Comāndore, but wth all that such Ships as are Ready now be Cleared, upon giveing bond to go down to Kiquotan to joyne the Commandore there, and that all other Ships in like manner, be cleared as they get in Readiness.

May 16th 1695.

The Clark of this Board sent to the house of Burgesses to Communicate to them what the Board had done in Relation to the ffleets Sayling, Who returns again, being given in charge by the house to Acquaint his Ex^{ncy} Hon^{rs} that they will send their Result & opinion upon the same presently.

Brought from the house of Burgesses by M^r Tasker, M^r Clarke and M^r Frisby the following Message viz^t

To his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r in Councill &^{ca}

By the house of Burgesses May 16th 1695 :—

This house haveing heard the debate of the Councill Board