

sion more difficulty to Us then anything has happened yet, Lib. H. D.
by reason we shall all want Provision, Nevertheless that none P. 39
may have Occasion to find fault I will prolong the time as
ffarr as possible, and if I can stay till the first of Aprill before
I sail from Kicquatan (where I purpose to make up the fleet)
I will, but I believe we shall find Provision Difficult to be got
here I hope to see your Ex^{ncy} before I saile that I may Return
thanks for all yo^r ffavours in the mean time rest yo^r Ex^{ncys} most
Obliged Humble Servant

Greenwich in York River

Cha: Wager

ffeb^{ry} the 16th 1696/7.

I believe a Vessel will be dispatcht away from hence that
the Reasons of our Stay may be known I shall send up a Boat
in ffew days which shall give yo^r Ex^{ncy} a further Acco^t of that.

On his ma^{ts} Service

To his Ex^{ncy} Coll: ffancis Nicholson

Cap^t Gen^l & Govern^r of Maryland.

these

The Como-
dores L^{re} to
the Severall
Mastrs of Ships
abt longer
time of Sayling.

Whereas I am Inform'd by Severall Letters
from Maryland that the Winter has been so hard
that it has been impossible for Ships, to Load, and
that they cannot be ready to sail by the first of
March. I do hereby Give Notice that notwithstanding
ing any former Ord^r I will prolong the time of Sayling as much
as possible; believing it for his Ma^{ts} Service as well as the benef-
fit of Trade that no Ship may lose the benefit of this p^rsent
Convoy; to which purpose I have Ordered Cap^t Daniell to
Continue in Maryland till the 25th of March by which time I
hope all Ships there will be ready to Sail with him to Joyne
the rest of the fleet, at Kicquatan; ffrom which place I do
purpose to sail God willing the first day of Aprill next.

Dated on Board his Ma^{ts} Ship

Cha: Wager

the Greenwich in York River

ffeb^{ruary} the 16th 1696/7.

Directed as followes, Viz^t

On his Ma^{ts} Service.

To the Com^{and}ers of the Severall Merch^t Ships in the Sev-
erall Rivers of Maryland.

S^r

Com^{rs} of the
Customs L^{re} to
his Ex^{ncy} abt
the Ship
Alexand^r of
Greenoake

Having Notice from our Agent in Scotland
That the Ship Alexand^r of Greenoake Rob^t
Johnson or Stuart master lately came directly
thither with a Lading of Tobacco from Petuxant
River in Maryland We desire you will please to
make Strict inquiry whether Bond was duly given before her