

B. M. Notice of the Proclamation; he was very angry and upon that
Vol. 25. I left him; his wife and daughter (as I afterwards was told) heard what passed between the Gov^r & myself & went to Robert Chinton one of the Pyrates, and acquainted him of all th^t discourse, who went immediately and told the rest of the Pyrates of it, whereupon they were so impudent as to call me Informer as I pass^t the streets. I again went to the Gov^r and acquainted him of their Insolency, & th^t I believed some of his family had acquainted the Pyrates of our discourse about them. His wife and daughter (then being in the Room) said they did hear it & that I was no better than an Informer & deserv^d to be so called. I then told him what was discoursed in his house in private relateing to the publick ought not to be divulged, his answer that he gave me noe thanks for it, I then told him that I was resolved by the help of God to apprehend those Pyrates according to the Proclamation and that I would not be foresworne to Oblige him, and so left him.

I went immediately to Edw^d Shippen and Anthony Maurice two of my fellow Justices and acquainted them of the Proclamation & the Pyrates that were then in town, who seemed at first well pleased and willing to assist, but whilst I discours^d with Edw^d Shippen, Maurice (whose Kinswoman was married to Claus one of them) went to the Govern^r & when he return^d, Refused to act, pretending he had other Business, but upon my threatning to complaine of him at Whitehall, he then joyn^d with us. After I had seiz^d upon Edmond Lassell Robert Chinton & Peter Claus three of the afores^d Pyrates I caused them to be brought before us. We examined them, by w^{ch} it plainly appeared th^t they did all belong to the s^d ship Fancy. I was for committing them to close prison, but Edw^d Shippen & Anthony Maurice were for Bayling them. I sent for the Kings Att^y Gen^l to Inform them bett^r who told them Pyrates were not Baylable, notwithstanding they took bayle, one Pyrate being bound for another, which I protested against.

Some time after I had more Evidence and understanding the Pyrates had a Design to be gone, I took them up again upon the 15th of May following. One James Browne (who married the Govern^r's daughter) was a passenger in the s^d ship wth them (as he says) but being upon his oath did Confess that the s^d Lassell, Chinton & Claus were in the ship Fancy and had their shares in the Plunder as by the Examination n^o 1 taken and signed by David Lloyd the Kings Attorney does appear whereupon we ordered the Attorney Gen^l to write their Mittimus and committ them to close Imprisonm^t but soon after they were at liberty & went to their own Houses & into the Countrey for severall days together.