

Mem: Since their Lordships were satisfied from his Ex^{cys} B. M. accounts given them that the discouraging manufactures here Vol. 25. was the intrest of England. Quer: whether they ever saw the rest of that Memoriall containing many other advertisements of like nature. And quere what became of that Memoriall and how it came to pass that it was sent entire to the merchants or whether quer. brought back to the Lords or the King. Idem the inconveniencys of imparting anything but what only concerns such persons concern'd.

[Deserting Seamen.]

To his Ex^{ncy} Francis Nicholson esq^r Cap^t Gen^l & Gov^r in Chief in & over his Maj^{ty} Province of Maryland & Teretories thereto belonging & Vice Admir^l of the same

The humble Address & Representacon of the sever^l M^{rs} & Command^{rs} of Vessells whose names are hereunto subscribed

May itt please yo^r Ex^{ncy}

Since you have been pleased to require us to lay before you some proposall by w^t means the great & growing Evill w^{ch} dayly happens by seamen deserting their service & Vessels (to the great prejudice of his Maj^{ties} service & manifest discouragem^t of Trade) may be prevented

Wee give yo^r Ex^{ncy} hearty thanks for yo^r great Care & good Intentions therein & humbly beg lieve to address yo^r Ex^{ncy} that you will be favourably pleased to lay o^r following proposall before the next Assembly, vizt.

That a Law of this Country may be made Imposing a severe Penalty on such persons as shall entertain any deserting Seamen & that there may be a reward of fifty shill. allow'd out of such Seamens Wages to any person that shall take up & secure them to be paid upon Certificate under a Commiss^{rs} hand which said Certificate & Receipt from the party securing them may be by the said law declared to be in sufficient barr of the claime of any such Seamens wages.

And that at the present we humbly entreat yo^r Ex^{ncy} to Issue yo^r Proclamacion assuring any person securing deserting Seamen of a Reward of fifty shillings ster^l w^{ch} wee are willing to pay upon receiving them.

Wee doe further Represent to yo^r Ex^{ncy} that we are sencible our deserting saylers generally resort to the Governm^t of Pensilvania where they are not only Connived & winked att but are much encouraged with the specious promises of Excessive wages & being preferr'd to be Masters & Mates of