

B.M. smale Craft there. Also we believe that be reason of the
Vol. 25. Privateers that come into that Govern^t that gives occasion to
their deserting here hoping great Matters by such Employ-
ment.

Nicholas Smith	Nath. Davis
William Cooper	Giles Wiggens
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[R. Snead to Gov. Nicholson.]

Philadelphia. May the 6th 1698.

S^r,

I received yo^r Hono^{rs} by Edward Randolph esq. who I have been at New York, and have sent home Agrievances under the Seal of Yorke to S^r Ben. Bathurst & coppys to some of the Lords Commission^{rs} I have received a letter from Coll. Quarry by which I find M^r Penn has found a way to make him his friend. I understand he has help^t him to most of Charles Saunders business; intrest blinds most men; he gives me to understand that M^r Penn's intrest is so great as if the King writes to him particularly from Flanders and satisfyes him of his proceedings there, as if he were of his Privy Councill. I suppose it is on purpose to make us desist from making our Cases known at home. I would have sent yo^r Hono^r a copy of his letter, but M^r Randolph has put me in hopes of seeing you this way. S^r, when at York I was to waite on Coll. Fletcher who told me th^t M^r Penn had writt to him to linger or hover (I know not w^{ch}) about these parts for some little time and he doubted not but gett him the Govern-ment of Maryland. If his intrest at Court be as he pretends I wish I were out of his Govern^t, here is no living for any th^t are not Quakers without it be altered, we had better live under the French King. I would gladly sell my Intrest for half the worth then stay if it Continues.

I pray God protect yo^r Hon^r you having him on your side need fear no Penns th^t can spake or write against you. S^r I have little news to acquaint yo^r Ex^{ncy} with, my Lord Belle-mount has caus'd Coll. Fletcher to give security for his answering to such matters as should be objected ag^t him at