

Liber K. offering them four or five of his Company should come on board provided they came thither with no other Design than to search as a Collector or Comptroller ought to doe; Your Petitioner having left with the Persons on board a Pass or Permit given by One of Your Majestys Collectors in Virginia which the said Payne might have seen, the same being offered him, but he resolving to take and seize the said Vessel, Guns were fired immediately on both sides, and the said Pain was killed, and two of the Persons on board the Vessel very dangerously wounded; sometime after this the Persons belonging to Your Petitioners Vessel were brought to a Tryal, and Three of them condemned, and (as Your Pet^r is informed) One of the three by Name Iohn Woodcock is executed, and Execution of the Other Two only deferred until Your Majesty's Pleasure shall be known therein; the Grand Jury there having found the Bill against Your Petitioner notwithstanding he was at the time of the said Action in his Bed at his own Plantation, as M^r John Coode and M^r Kenelm Cheseldyne Agents from the Convention in Maryland can testify if thereunto required by Your Majesty

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Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prayeth your Majesty that since there has been already One Person executed for the Death of the said Paine Your Majesty will extend your Grace and Mercy to the Other Two, and that likewise since the heats and Differences in Maryland are grown to that height now that your Petitioner without Your Majestys Especial Grace and Protection cannot hope to return and live peaceably with his Wife and Children, who are daily great Sufferers by Your Petitioners Absence from them & his Estate, that therefore Your Majesty would be graciously pleased to give your Protectⁿ to Your Petitioner that so he may be assured to live quietly with his Wife and Family there

And Your Pet^r as in Duty bound shall
ever pray &c

A true Copy

signed William Blathwayt

At the Court at Whitehall the 19th of
November 1691

Present

The Kings Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Upon reading the Petition of Nicholas Sewall, seting forth that being necessitated to return from Virginia to his own Plantation in Maryland, One M^r John Paine Comptroller under his late Maj^{ty} King James did on the third of January 1689