Die Mercurij 3to 8bris

The Cabbin Boy of ye Ship did putt into my hands about twenty one peices of Eight to keep for him also the Master Cooner & offr Maryned did give me about Eighty three Gilders Hollandis Money to buy him some Linnen both this Summer & that of Aaron ye Englishman was made Ex of to ye Capt of ye Capers for ye Ships Acco: I desire that Mr Ralph Grant & James Bodkin may manage all my business in Virginia to my Last Voyage And whereas my Contract with my partners upon this voyage was but for Nine thousand Gilders & for ye Managem: of that I was to have for my paines one hundred & fifty pounds Sterl: So I desire to have Accordingly for ye whole Cargo which was afterwards upon sixteen thousand Gilders. In my Pocket is a List of ye debts I have due to me or made in Virginia & Maryland, for ye Keeping of mr J. Left a Lrd of attorney with Mr Benj: Fallis of Maryland Wch I desire may render acco: of ye Whole unto ye above Grant & Bodkin with ye other partners in this Cargo And that Every Man may have his Just due according to his Interest I left also a Copy of ye debts with Father Henry Warren in Maryland, And Whereas my Contract was to go only to New England but not finding goods nor a Markett there So I went away for Maryland & Virginia by wch ye Cargo was advanced & profitt about two or three thousand pounds, Also that for ye good & benefitt of the Whole Cargo I putt my self prisoner for a Ransome made with two Capers of this Town for a thousand pounds

Eodem die

Christ. I say for ye Redeeming of both Ships & Goods, all wch My good Friends desire that ye Continent in ye Ships & Cargoes may Fall upon my Back & Children Sure & Sumer as they thinke in Conscience they are obliged or that I may desire for ye Same being gott my debts thereby & to ye occasion thereof I desire that Mr Grant & Mr James Bodkin my Kinsman may Give all Satisfaction & Just acco: unto my partners in this Last voyage unto whom I do give ye Same power as if I Were Living my Self, hoping that ye Continent in ye Cargoes Will do: ye Same by my Constituted Friends as if I were Living my Self, my Will & desire & order is that ye Agreement made with Mr Jno: Owen & Jacq: Lebac for Nine thousand Lives for wch Summe I Gave their bills of Exchange upon Francis Rickford who I desire may be forthwith paid & discharged by ye proceeds of ye Cargoes as being for its Redemption, And I declare that this Ransome was made for Ships & ye Eight particularly & not for ye goods as not questioning but that ye goods would have been free brought up Rio being all my Will & desire, dated in Dunkirk this Ninth day of October 1674 about Nine of ye Clock att night in presence of Wm Wilmford & do Sign it with my hand & Seal Dom: Bodkin, in ye presence of Richard Goodwin, Francis Rickford, Jean Francis. To Whose I Lrd Pettimonall Will being Sick & Weake do Adjudge ye Pettiment to be Rightly made & Lawfully proved & declare ye Same to be Good & Valid to all Intents & purposes, And Admion of all & Singular ye goods & Chattels Rights & Credits in any manner concerning ye dec & his Pettiment With in our Said