

Mr. Wm.

Boston 25th March 1771

I recd. your favour ~~of~~ 23rd Inst & post
note the contents, I am not a little surpris'd the
Officers of the Customs at Portsmouth shoud make the
least objection to deliver up the Coffee, after the Hon^{ble}
Board of Commissioners had recommended a Restoration
by their Letter last post

I waited on Mr. Paxton, Mr. Hallonell
at their Houses this morning, & acquainted them personally
that the Gent^l in the Customs at Portsmouth did not seem
disposed to deliver up the Coffee till hearing from the
Commissioners. again the Commissioners have
assured me that they wrote the Gent^l with you
to deliver it finding that I had paid the Dutys
very farthing. to the said hearing £21.14 Sterling
they are much surpris'd they tell ^{me} that these
Gent^l should make the least objection about the
matter as they desired it, As such the Commissioners
dont sett till to morrow, have desired me to wait
on them at the Board, will give further directi
concerning it, I am Determined to sett out early

Wednesday
~~Tuesday~~ Morning my self at Portsmouth, if
I find it necessary, therefore desire you to speak
to Mr. Ker not to do any thing in the matter
till I come. I expect to see you Sunday Noon
if nothing happens more then I know of otherwise

I had concluded to have set out
with Nolle in the morning, but Mr. Benj. Hallonell
advises me to wait till Wednesday Morning, as
the Commissioners will meet ^{to morrow} I give me further
order to receive the coffee

I am sorry to find there is such a
Quantity of coffee lately arriv'd, you plainly see
what a sufferer I am like to be, in case the coffee
is deliver'd to me again, when I was at portsmouth could
readily have obtain'd a pile of ten pound of more only
a shilling. I am a sufferer enough
already, to be kept in suspense so long as I have
I am for your humble Servant
Barnabas Clarke
To Mr. John Westworth

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Pleaso Lett Mr John Park know I expect
to be at post next week
have wrote him if I did not see
here at that time

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Mr Joshua Westworth

Newbury

Sr. Portsmouth

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W. H. 25th Nov

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