

By Edward Vernon Esq. Vice Admiral
of the Blue, and Commander in Chief of
his Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the
West Indies.

You are hereby required and directed to use all possible
Diligence in getting your Ship ready for the Sea, and
compleating your Victualing to four Months Provisions
for your Complement at whole Allowance, and
Proceeding directly to Sea, putting in first at Blewfield
to compleat your Watering, and looking out carefully
in your way for any of the Enemies Privateers and
having compleated your Watering with all possible
Expedition, You are, in your way to your Station, to
endeavour to make the Grand Camanes, it being
reported, that some of the Enemies Privateers had
intended an Expedition to fetch off a Sloop that was
building there whom you are to use your best Endeavour
to Destroy, if you find them there; and if Mr Thompson
who says, he was building the said Sloop, and has Negroes
there, shall be ready to sail with you in any Embarcation
of his own, You are to give him Convoiy to the said
Islands of Grand Camanes

And from thence, You are to proceed directly
for your Station, to cruize off of the Tortuga's Banks
for the Intercepting all the Spanish Trade going to
the Savanna which I am inform'd is the best
Station for that purpose, as all Ships coming either from

La Vera Cruz or Cartagena and bound to the Havanna
choose to strike ground on the Soundings off the said
Tortuga Keys, for fear of not weathering the Collocado;
But you are not by these my Orders so Limited to the said
Station but that on meeting Intelligence, where you may
more probably Intercept any of the Spanish Traders,
you may govern your self according to the said
Intelligence, ~~as you may~~ ~~probably~~ ~~Intercept~~
~~any of the Spanish Traders,~~ ~~you may~~ ~~govern~~ ~~your~~ ~~self~~
~~according to the said Intelligence~~ And you are Continue
Cruizing in the said Station, or where you may have
more certain Intelligence of Success for the Space of
Forty days using your best Endeavours to Take, sink,
Burn or otherwise Destroy all Spanish Ships and
Vessels you shall meet or can come up with in
pursuance of his Majesty's Declaration of War
against Spain, and you are to take care to secure
the Papers of all your Prizes and to take all proper
Security for preventing Embezzlement and to send
them into this Port for their farther proceeded against
according to Law

And you are, before leaving your Station
to look into the Havanna, and endeavour to bring me the
best Intelligence you can, what Force the Enemy have
there, and what Disposition they are in, and if you
should meet any certain Intelligence of their being
going upon ^{any} Enterprize against Georgia, You are in
such cases to give the Governour their Intelligence

of

of it; or of their having any Views against this Islands
to make all possible Expedition, for giving me the
earliest Intelligence of it; And having compleated the
Term of your Cruize, or being sooner disabled from
continuing it, by Detachments on board Prizes, or taking
any considerable Prize that may require your care, or
or from any ill Accidents. You are to make the best
of your way to return to this Port for my farther Orders,
which I apprehend, you may Speediest do, by going
through the Gulph and Stretching to the Northward,
so as to Weather the Shoals and come down between
Porto Rico and Hispaniola but that is left to your

And you are to prevent
their being supply'd
with Goods of
Contrabande, by any
Nation.

Discretion, as you shall judge to be the most
expeditious For which this shall be your Warrant
Given under my Hand on board his Majestys Ship
Hampton Court in Port Royal Harbour this 31 Jan.

1739

E. Vernon,

To the Honble Captain Boscawen
Commander of his Majesty's Ship the
Shoreham

By Command of the Admiral,
W. Boscawen.

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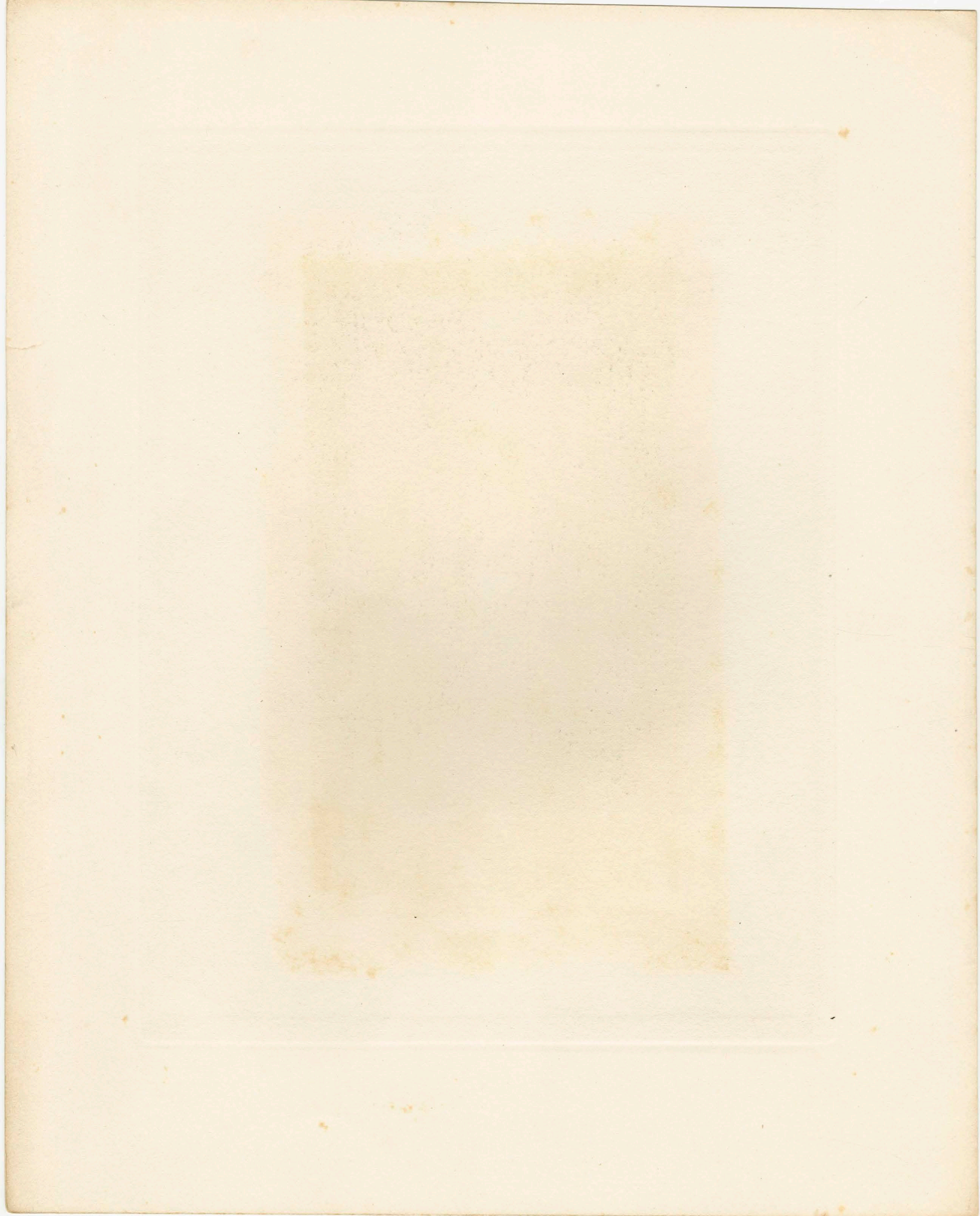
Thos. Gainsborough, R.A.

A. N. Sanders

Admiral Vernon.

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Monument of the late Admiral Vernon.

