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This is the third time I have writ to you in Eight days, by three severall Messengers. The first was a Messengers written purporting an Excellent Letter, and not quite laden, the other two being full. Had my grace got home, but I have not so good an opinion of them as the first. Yesterday I received a Letter from Colonel Kingdon, who had not yett heard of the first flight, but is preparing as well as he can for the next exertion, he also informes me that the Affair is not so quiet as it seems, and that a Sumatra Privateer had taken a small Gunny man attainted prize and carried into Antagon his letter was dated the sixt of March. Colonel Kingdon also informes me that the Subbter Commander of the Swedish privateer was at Antagon, requiring the damage retaine from the French.

You may remember for that I told you at my leaving England that I carryed over with me Mr. Siddons a Lawyer with a designe to make him attorney Generall here at my Service. I gave him a Commission, and to me I thought to be Sitt in the Court, the first by being too good a Fellow, quietly quitted himself, and retired to Mr. Hoopes to his place, and made Mr. Tuleton (a Relation of the Duke of Salisbury) attorney Generall, both very ingenious men, and good Lawyers, and have both good Estates, the first of reasonable wealth, by the wife having a Mannor in the County of York, one of our great fortunes, they are very desirous to be known to you, as I designe to make them applications, as they ought, by the next flight, and I think you will be glad to see them by the next flight, to be of the Council, but if we do not receive any word of it, I shall never doubt to see them here long, for he is an mighty Lord, it is true, but what is it that will remove them from London. And thus my advice to make them Applications to you, as I suppose this may be done.

If you give for Standard with Mr. Mathews you all prosper, and I heartily thank you for the kind service of you have promised me to Mr. Mathews. I know a kind Representation of my Service may be advantageous to me; I have paid to Captain Stewart four hundred pound, for the service he has done the Kings Service during the time of his being and pursuing the Duke for the capture and sight by the Carpenter or Gunner, and Captain, I am also sending money to every Captain at sea? I have requested to take care of his matters, and pay some petty charges, for all which I designe to draw Bill upon the Company of the Navy by the next flight, which I think will be better paid than the last, because they will fall into the ordinary course of the Navy, and what money, if not, will be paid the Kings Service, and they must stand equally payable for a privateer, and I think that is best. I am also ordered of the Kings Service account of what I have sent you by the next flight. The last great prize we took, proved very profitable to the Navy, especially the Master that was in it, for had it not been for him, none of the Kings Service could have been made, how many till they had been supplied from a privateer, and without doubt the loss of that prize had been very prejudicial to the Service, for it was all the more of that had they not sent into the war, the Dutch, and the King, or that I have now by me, and by a more exact computation should be worth seven thousand pound, for many of the Officers and Soldiers, are too big for the Kings Service, and therefore I do designe to send them home, as soon as I have received the opinion of the Commissioners of the Admiralty to whom I have written several times. It troubles me much

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and some sort to treat Governor *Neilly*, that would make some matter for a fourth rate to make
for *Neilly*, but necessity must be submitted to. I am Sr

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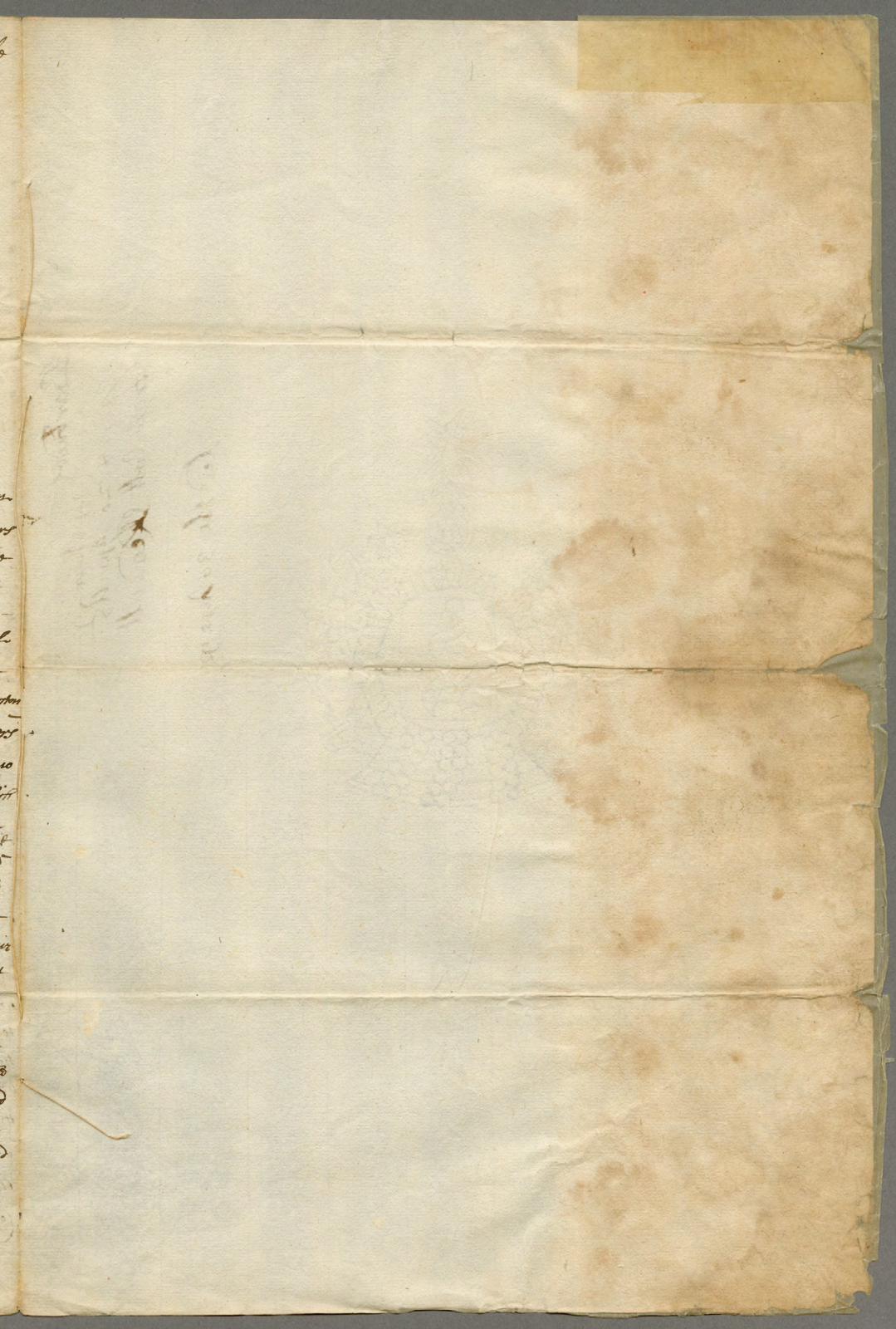
Sir
I am the writing the above Letter. Warr is dead and Dutty at *Edst* for
hundred to the command of the Squadron. I have lately received a Stage of News and fourteen Prisoners
from *St. Domingo* by which I am informed, that the said *St. Domingo* is a large men of War, that the
King's Ship is now the best Ship they have in those parts, the *Porphyry* being at *Martinico* almost
under water, by which means they have to the side of the *Porphyry* that they doth have for at least two
hundred men, so that I find the *Porphyry* are at present unusable, to ^{all} *Guiana*, and we are to send
our own ships being much more afflicted with the *Porphyry*, which is a great mortality;
I cannot yet inform you what *St. Domingo* do with the Squadron till I have heard from Colonel *Drummond*
to whom I have sent a true State of our Affairs, and have acquainted him with *St. Domingo* and Dutty's
Opinion, but considering the condition of our Squadron, and the weakness of the *Porphyry*, there is no
way left but to purchase the Instructions of *Warr* and send them to the Commissioners of the Admiralty, which
is to return in the Spring with the *Barbados* and *Martinico* Fleet, sending two Ships to the *Leeward*
Islands, one to stay there the other to convey them off to home, two to *Jamaica*, to do the same thing, and to
one to visit them, so that we shall have five men of War, and a *Porphyry*, to carry home the Fleet, which is the
only reasonable way I can think of disposing of them, considering how unlikely it is for us
to receive any more, so as to do any service here, unless we have a considerable supply from Europe; every year
I report to the Commissioners of the Admiralty, and by the next Voyage you shall receive a positive account
of my resolutions.

I don't doubt but you will assist *Mr. Thornburgh* in getting the *Porphyry* and *St. Domingo* already sent home
as well as that, I shall draw by your self upon the Commissioners of the Admiralty for the carrying and fitting the
King's Ship's crew, because I have not a yett notice of their *Maty* being to accept the last for *St. Domingo*
and I shall be sorry to borrow money for the men of War, for or have been taken up for the King's
Ship, I wish you would at least think of making some alteration in that matter, which would be of great Ease and
Advantage to me as well as to your self I am

Barbados April the 20th
1692

Your humble Servant

Handwritten signature



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Dear Madam
14 March 1792
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From Capt. [unclear] will

See Mr. 30 June 1792