

Amos Gloucester Barbados

26 March 1723

My Lord

~~Amos Gloucester~~

A Merchant Ship (The Steadfast) is about to sail to day for Bristol, and as the Packet is not yet due and will not be seen a fortnight after her arrival, I sail myself of the occasion to send my Official Reports to the latest dates.

Your Lordship will perceive by these that the authorities of Porto Rico tho' yet without Orders from home as they aspect, are at length rousing, and resolve to do what is desired of them by to restrain their Privateers to simple Contraband of War, and to forbid their Courts proceeding in any other case against a Britis Ship. I shall be able to judge more fully of their disposition when I have Sir Tho. Cochrans final reports, but at present they are in Larnes and about to restore the Aurora which had

To The Right Honourable
Lord Viscount Melville K. G.

been condemned and sold for nothing
luckily Mr. Gage was delivered, it seems a
Case deserving strong remark, but I have heard
as yet but one side of the story

The arrival of the American Squadron
has caused them some uneasiness ^{and} ~~about~~
the unlucky accident by which the Lieutenant
of the Schooner lost his life adds ^{to} this
embarrassment. I do not understand the motion
with which they fix upon her, nor does Sir
Thomas Cochrane or can Captain Bick explain
it to me, but suppose an ill concealed jealousy
respecting them - There does not seem to have been
any previous communication between them and
I should have suspected the American of petulance
such as was shown by Captain Porter to the
Commander of the Albatross, Sir Thomas Cochrane
has managed that affair with good judgment
the Americans appeared ashamed of it, and that
that

that if we meet again it will be with altered feelings
on this part

I am very desirous that these circumstances
should be known to your Lordship as soon as
possible, and am still more so to have some
communication of your Lordship's further views
by which my Conduct may be regulated, in
another Week Sir Thomas Cochran will be
returning by that time I expect to hear from home
and likewise to receive some Communication
from Sir Chas. Bonley, which time has not allowed
me yet - I may then be able to decide whether
it will be better still to wait the orders of the
Admiralty here or take other measures -

It is evident that my arrival has excited jealousy
at Martinique and should support at Paris -
likewise judging from the reinforcement which
has arrived, for being Savac only it could have
no other end than protection from a Savac
Force. I will avoid as much as possible expressing
that feeling, but will occasionally give them my
attention

attention

I hope to find your Lordship thinks us
right in the course we have adopted, and I
rejoice to add we have no business in the Squadron
but what is so slight as not to be noticed elsewhere
and that the number on the Surgeons List is not
one half we should expect to have in England.

I will still attend to that essential point, and
hold the Squadron ready bringing the honor
to remain Your Lordships

Most obedient and

humble servant

J. M. B. Green

By Ed. Green

24. March 1823

March 24th 1823.

Proueste. Barbadoes.

Owner to Melville.

Authentic at P. R. altho'
without order from Home
endeavouring to carry
out ~~policy~~ policy
of condonation towards
British vessels. Restored
the Anna.

Incident between the Leuel
& American Schooner,
Leuel of the latter killed by
Leuel fire - Leuel killed.

Arrival of Proueste & Guad.
excited Leuel - ~~Leuel~~
resolution to remain
quiet.

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