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By the Honourable James Gordon Esq. Chief Justice of the Court  
of Kings Bench and Common Pleas for the said Island

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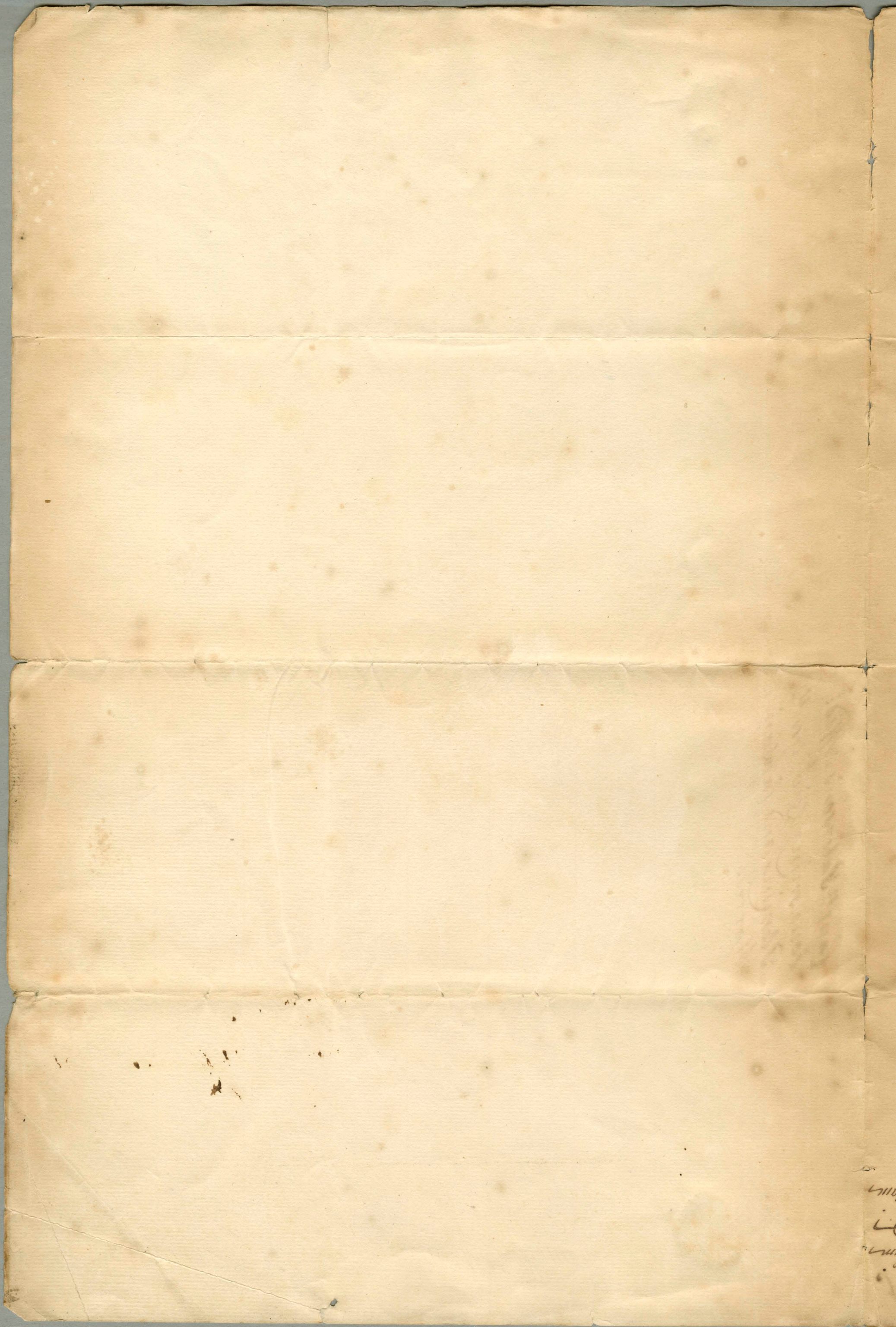
Personally appeared before me James Paterson Esq. Late a Captain in the Service of Her Majesty and voluntarily made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God That on Wednesday the Eighth Day of this instant July on the request of the Honble Gilbert Fleming Lieutenant General of His Majestys Leeward Charibbee Islands and then and now Commander in Chief of the said Island he went with him to Charles Fort and visited Captain Alexander De Lavaux then Confined there as a Prisoner of State, That soon after the said Lieutenant General went to Captain De Lavaux Captain John Harris waited on him in his white Jackett and said he had just receivd Orders from his Excellency the Generall to keep Captain Lavaux in closer confinement or to that Effect upon which the Lieutenant General said to him, by all means Oboy the Captain Generalls Orders, Captain Harris afterwards shewd the Lieutenant General the orders he had receivd on which the Lieutenant General said among other things that they left a discretionary power in him to use the Prisoner (Captain De Lavaux) well or to that purpose, and hoped he would do so considering he was his Brothers Officer, on which Captain Harris went away and very soon after came a file of Musquetiers, two of them planted themselves at the door of the house and the Room where the Lieutenant General was and the rest at the windows of the House On which the said Lieutenant General sent for Captain Harris and asked him if he intended that Honour for him and that if he did he would excuse it, or to that Effect to which Captain Harris Answerd that it was a Guard on Captain Lavaux the Lieutenant General askd him if he thought that he was not Security Enough for him while he was there to which Captain Harris said he must Oboy the Captain Generalls orders, But upon these and some other words he took off the Centrys, but with seeming reluctance, and retir'd himself. And this Deponent further saith that in the afternoon about three O'clock or after Captain Harris retir'd accompanied by Major Merton, and the Lieutenant General askd them in an obliging and friendly Manner to sitt down which they both did, That immediately after Captain Harris Entered on a Subject of Conversation which the Lieutenant General told him might Occasion Disputes and severall times in a good natur'd Manner desir'd him the said Captain Harris to waive it, but Captain Harris still going on with the same Subject the Lieutenant General call'd for his Horses upon which the said Captain Harris with most insolent gesture putting his hands on his hips and raising his voice told the Lieutenant General that he had sate in better company than his, and that he did not know any Difference betwixt them, and without the least Provocation from the Lieutenant General gave him more and very Unbecoming Language the words of which this Deponent did not charge his Memory with, After bearing this treatment for a long while with patience the Lieutenant General desir'd Captain Harris to go to his Chamber, but instead of obeying his Order As the said Captain Harris sate still, and told the Lieutenant General that he (Captain Harris) Commanded there, and that the Lieutenant General was not brought up in the Army and did not know his Duty to which the Lieutenant General answerd that he believ'd he Captain Harris had forgott his. Here upon this Deponent could not forbear asking Captain Harris (intending thereby to make him sensible of his Error) whether the Lieutenant General was not Commander in Chief on the Island and whether he (Captain Harris) would not Oboey a Orders from him (the Lieutenant General) to which he answerd that if he (Captain Harris) thought it proper he would otherwise he would not or to that Effect, and afterwards on this Deponents reasoning with him, he said the Lieutenant General here was not as a Lieutenant General in the Army, And this Deponent saith that the said Captain Harris behav'd towards the said Lieutenant General (who

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Stay'd for his Horses more than a Quarter of an hour after the Lieutenant Generall Orderd him  
to his Chamber and when he Captain Harris retir'd he told the Lieutenant Generall that he would  
write to the Captain Generall and tell him that he was Orderd to his room for obeying his the Captain  
Generalls Orders. And further this Depoent saith not. + + +

J. Paterfon

Sworn before me and Certified  
under my hand & seal this  
16<sup>th</sup> Jany 1741  
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Sturges and Captains  
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