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Downing Street
9th Sep^r 1811.

Sir,

I herewith transmit to You the Copy
of a Letter from His Court Chetwynd,
dated the 4th inst. inclosing an Order of
His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in
Council of the 6th inst. for continuing
and extending with certain alterations
His Majesty's Orders in Council of the 13th
April and 16th of August 1810 and the 10th
January and 5th February 1811; and I
am to desire that the said Order, as well
as the further Instructions therein made
by the said Order may be duly observed in
the Colonies under your Government.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
G. Elliot

G. Elliot
To, your Council Office, Whitehall
9th September 1811.

Sir,

I herewith transmit to You an Order
of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent
in Council of the 6th inst. for continuing
and extending with certain alterations
His Majesty's Orders in Council of the
12th April and 16th of August 1810 and the

10th of January and 7th of February 1710,
and I am to desire that you will be
pleased to lay the said Order before
the Earl of Liverpool that His Lordship
may cause the same to be transmitted
to the Governour of His Majesty's said
Islands & Territories accordingly -

I have it further in Command
to desire that you will move His
Lordship to receive His Royal Highness's
Pleasur for instructing the said Governour
- now to permit the Importation of Dutch
Sugar, Sugar-canes, Sticks, &c. Masts,
Gunn, Bras-pieces, Staves, &c. Iron Boards,
Timber, Shingles and other Timber of any
sort, Boards, Plank, &c. Iron, Lead, Bed-stones,
Potatoes, Wheat, Rye, Oats, Barley, or
Grain of any sort, of whatever Country
such Articles may be the Produce from
any Island, or Territory in the West
Indies, or South America, belonging to
any European Sovereign or State
with His Majesty in British Possession.
The contents of the said Order
Council herewith transmitted of the
6th of this instant September according
to the authority vested in His Majesty's
said Governour by Sect. 11 of Stat. 28 Geo.
3. Chap. 6.

I am Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
Robert Ogle Esq. (Signed) Chetwode

West Indian Service

At the Court at York House, the 6th
of September 1710.
Present
His Royal Highness the Prince
Regent, in Council

Whereas by an Act made and passed
in the 1st year of His Majesty's
said Majesty in Council to
allow during the present War, and
for six Months after the Ratification
of a definitive Treaty of Peace, the
Importation and Exportation of
certain Goods and Commodities in
His Majesty's Colonies, into and from His
said Colonies in the West Indies
and Continent of South America;
It is enacted, that from and after the
passing of the said Act, it shall and
may be lawful for His Majesty, His
Heirs and Successors, by and with the
Advice of His and their Privy Council,
to prohibit, or to authorize the Governours
of the said Islands and Terri-
tories, in such Manner, and under
such Restrictions as to His Majesty,
by and with the Advice of their Privy
Council, shall seem fit, to prohibit
where the Necessity of the case shall
appear to His Majesty, with the Advice
of His Privy Council, to require it,

every Barrel of cured or pickled
Shads, Alewives, Mackerel or
Salmon, a proportionate Duty

current money of Jamaica

On Wheat Flour, per Barrel, not
weighing more than one hundred
pounds net weight } 0.. 6.. 8

On Flour of any other Grain per
Barrel, not weighing more
than one hundred pounds
net weight } 0.. 3.. 4

On Flour for every one hundred
pounds made from
Wheat or any other Grain
whatever, imported in Bags
or other Packages than Barrels,
weighing as aforesaid } 0.. 3..

On Flour or Meal made from
Rye, Beans, Peas, Indian
Corn or other Grain than
Wheat per Barrel, not weighing
more than one hundred
pounds net weight } 0.. 2.. 6

On Rice, Beans, Peas, Indian
Corn, Callowances or other
Grains per Bushel } 0.. 8.. 10

On Rice for every one hundred
pounds net weight } 0.. 3.. 4
And as in proportion for
a less or larger Quantity

On Stingles, called Boston Clipes,
not more than twelve Inches
in length, per thousand } 0.. 3.. 4

On Stingles being more than
twelve Inches in length, per
thousand } 0.. 6.. 8

For every hundred thousand
(commonly called one thousand
saves) of White Staves } 1.. --

For every hundred thousand
(commonly called one thousand
saves) of White Oak Staves } 1.. 15.. --

and for every one thousand
Pieces of Studding
for every one thousand feet
of white or yellow Pine Lumber } 0.. 15.. --

for all other kinds of Wood
Lumber not before mentioned } 0.. 15.. --

For every one thousand of
Wood Hoops } 0.. 5.. --

And in proportion for a less
or larger Quantity of all
and every the Article herein
mentioned

Horses, Neat Cattle or other
live Stock, for every one hun-
-dred Pounds of the Value } 10.. --
thereof, at the Port or place
of Importation.

And His Royal Highness, in the Name
and on the Behalf of His Majesty, and
by and with the advice aforesaid, is further
pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered,
that notwithstanding any thing herein
before contained, the said Permission and
authority to import and export shall
cease and determine, both current and
alter'd, before the Expiration of the above
mentioned Period of the 31st day of
December 1812, at the Expiration of six
Months after the Ratification in the
London Gazette of any Order of His Majesty
or of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent
in the Name and on the Behalf of His
Majesty, by and with the Advice of His
Majesty's Privy Council, for revoking
varying or altering such Permission
and Authority, or shall cease and
determine at the Expiration of six
Months after the Ratification of a definite
Treaty of Peace.

Et retrocedit.

For want of an Assembly no further
Business done: And His Honor the
President adjourned the Board to the 16th
instant.

At a Meeting of His Council this 16th
day of December 1811. -

Present
The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Little Esq^r President
The Hon^{ble} John Bullough Mills Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Rev^d Samuel Lynde
The Hon^{ble} James Walker Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r
For want of an Assembly no Business
done: And His Honor the President
adjourned the Board to Monday the 18th
instant.

At a Meeting of the General Council
this 18th day of December 1811. -

Present
The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Little Esq^r President
The Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Rev^d Samuel Lynde
The Hon^{ble} James Walker Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r
For want of an Assembly no Business
done: And His Honor the President and Council
adjourned the Board to the 19th instant.

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly,
We herewith send you a Letter from
Governor Elliott of the 13th of the instant
on the subject of the Prince Regent's Order
in Council together with the Lord Mayor's
thereon referred to. The tenor of the Order
in Council and of the Instructions com-
municated by the Excellency the Governor,
make it necessary to pass a Resolution in
conformance with the Act passed on the
6th instant upon this subject as directed.

recommended to your Houses to pass such Act without delay.

Council Chamber
18th December 1811.

By Command
of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
In the House the President & Council

We herewith send you a Bill intituled
"An Act for laying certain Duties & Im-
positions on the Importation of certain
Articles permitted by His Majesty's
Royal Order in Council made the sixth day of September in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and eleven to be brought into His
Majesty's Islands and Colonies in the West
Indian any Ships or Vessels belonging to the
Subjects of any State or Empire with His
Majesty and for indemnifying the
of the said Board for having demanded
and collected the Duties and Impositions
said and imposed by an Act of the said
intituled An Act for laying certain Duties
and Impositions on the Importation of
certain Articles permitted by His Majesty's
Royal Order in Council made the seventh
day of February in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and ten to be
brought into His Majesty's Islands and
Colonies in the West Indian any Ships
or Vessels belonging to the Subjects of any
State or Empire with His Majesty and for
repealing an Act to the same purpose

dated the eleventh day of January one
thousand eight hundred and ten

dated the tenth day of January one
thousand eight hundred and eleven
after the said Act has expired, which hath

passed this House
Assembly Room
18th December 1811

Wm Higginson
Speaker

Motion made by the Hon^{ble} James
Wether, seconded by the Hon^{ble} Walter

Hayes, that the said Bill be read a
first time, and it was read a first time

accordingly, and it was ordered
that the said Bill be read a second time

and it was read a second time accordingly
Motion made by the Hon^{ble} James Wether

and seconded by the Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence
that the said Bill be read a third time, and

it was read a third time accordingly,
and it passed the Board accordingly

His Honor the President and Council
In the Gentlemen of the Assembly

We beg to be informed if the Committee ap-
pointed on the 6th instant have laid any
Report before your House of the Progress they

have made in preparing the Returns specified
in the Resolutions of the House of Commons

The Bill for imposing a Duty on Articles
imported from the United States hath

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passed this Board.

Council Chamber
18th December 1811.

By Command
Rd Bradbelt
Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
In His Honor the President & Council

In answer to your last Message we
beg to inform your Board that the Committee
appointed on the 6th instant, have not
said any Report before this House of the progress
made in preparing the Returns specified in
the Resolutions of the House of Commons.

The Committee from this House will meet
that of your Board any day they will appoint
Assembly Room
18th Decem^r 1811.

His Honor the President & Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly

The Committee from this House appointed
on the 6th instant will meet the Com-
mittee from your House on Saturday

the 11th instant at the Council Chamber
at ten O'Clock of the forenoon; and His
Honor the President has named Saturday
the 20th instant for a Meeting of the Legisla-
ture for the express purpose of receiving
the Report of such Committee.

Council Chamber
18th December 1811.
By Command
Rd Bradbelt
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President & Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Your House is adjourned to

Saturday the 28th Decem^r 1811.
Council Chamber
18th Decem^r 1811.

At a Meeting of the Council
the day of Decem^r 1811. —

- Present
- The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Biddle Esq^r President
 - The Hon^{ble} Walter Maynard Esq^r
 - The Hon^{ble} John Colthour Esq^r
 - The Hon^{ble} James Vetch Esq^r
 - The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r

In want of an Assembly in business
done and His Honor the President
adjourned the Board to Thursday the
9th of January.

At a Meeting of the Council the 9th
day of January 1812.

- Present
- The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Biddle Esq^r President
 - The Hon^{ble} Walter Maynard Esq^r
 - The Hon^{ble} & Res^t Samuel Lysons
 - The Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esq^r
 - The Hon^{ble} Henry Karolins Esq^r

His Honor the President & Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen, We beg to be informed if the
Committee appointed on the 6th of last Month
have yet laid before your House any Report of
the progress they have made in preparing

Returns specified in the Resolutions
of the House of Commons - and required
of this Legislature by His Excellency the
Governor. -

Council Chamber
9th Jan^y 1812
By Command
Paul Brodbelt
Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
In the Honor the President of Council

In answer to your last Message
we beg to inform your Board that the Com-
mittee appointed on the 6th of last Month
have not yet laid any Report before this
House of the Progress they have made in
preparing the Returns specified in the
Resolutions of the House of Commons and
required of this Legislature by His Excellency
the Governor. -

Assembly Room
9th Jan^y 1812
Wm. Higgins
Speaker

His Honor the President in Council
In the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,
Your House is adjourned to
Thursday next the 16th instant. -

Council Chamber
9th Jan^y 1812. -
By Command
Paul Brodbelt
Clerk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 16th
day of January 1812. -

Present
The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
The Hon^{ble} John Samuel Lyons
The Hon^{ble} James Wecker Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Henry Rawlinson Esq^r
In witness whereof a Assembly - at the City of
the Honor the President of Council
for Board to Thursday next the 16th of the
instant.

At a Meeting of the Council this 22nd of Jan^y
1812. Present

The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
The Hon^{ble} John Colborne Miller Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lyons
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r
In presence of the Hon^{ble} John Colborne Miller Esq^r
joint Comrs the following Report of
Returns specified appointed to prepare
the House of Commons in the Resolutions of
July 1811, which now of the second of

We the Comrs do hereby report, as follows, that we have
into consideration the appointment to take
of the 9th of October, and having Elliot's Letter
the House of Commons in the Resolutions of
last, do report, as follows, that we have
of the 9th of October, and having Elliot's Letter

That the number of Caves now in the Island of Nevis, are, sum the same three hundred and seventy six as per Return made to the different Magistrates to the Secretary of the different Colonies to the Secretary of the Colonies to an Act of the Island.

That the total number of white Inhabitants in the said Island, are five hundred and one.

That the number of free Persons of Colour resident in the said Island are six hundred and three.

That the number of Clergy of the Church of England actually resident in the said Island are three - two holding two Livings each - and the other a single Living.

That the annual Value of the Parishes of Saint Paul, Charleston and Saint George Gingerland, is sixteen thousand weight of Sugar each - and the three Parishes - Saint Thomas Lowland, and Saint James's Windward, and Saint John's, is eighteen thousand weight of Sugar each.

That there are no resident Clergy in the said Parishes.

That the extent of the beneficed Clergy, in the respective Parishes, is computed at about sixteen thousand and twenty.

That the Parishes of Saint Paul is supposed to contain one thousand two hundred

square Acres, - and the other four Parishes four thousand one hundred and fifty square Acres each.

That the number of Souls in the Parishes of Saint Paul, - are as follows -

in the Parish of Saint Paul there are one hundred and sixty four Whites,

one hundred and eighty five free People of Colour, and one thousand one hundred

In the Parish of Saint Thomas, there are thirty three white People, seventy six free People of Colour, - and one thousand three hundred and ten Slaves.

In the Parish of Saint James, there are fifty seven white People, - fifty three free People of Colour, - and one thousand eight hundred and forty seven Slaves.

In the Parish of Saint George there are one hundred and two white People, - one hundred and twenty four free People of Colour, - and two thousand three hundred and two Slaves.

In the Parish of Saint John there are eighty five white People, - sixty five free People of Colour, - and two thousand two hundred and sixty seven Slaves.

That there are no dissenting Clergymen in the Island, - but one Methodist Preacher, who is supported by Contributions from the Inhabitants of all Colours and descriptions.

That there were account of the number

The names of Births and deaths
 in the Year 1810, - nor prior to 1800
 nor any other times of
 Convictions had, nor fines, or
 recoveries - nor any other
 seizures - nor any other
 judgments for such default for any
 offence against the Laws for the
 Protection of the Colonies
 at frequent Offices are determined
 before the Magistrates, who employ
 Clerks, nor keep any Records. - Both
 Whites and free Persons of Colour
 have been convicted, and in most
 Cases fine is given to the Slaves. -

That Copies of all Acts are regularly
 submitted to the Governor for the purpose
 being forwarded to His Majesty's
 That there are no by-Laws - nor any
 corporate Body within this Island
 to the Government, Instructions, Petitions
 or Representation of the Condition of
 nor are the Slaves ever restricted in
 religious Worship. -

That your Committee beg leave to
 state to your Board and House that they
 have used their best Endeavour to obtain
 the most correct Information to the
 Questions contained in the Resolution of
 the House of Commons, - and submit
 the same for your Consideration. -

Committee Room
 9th of January 1812
 John Colthour Mills
 Saml Lyons
 Sam Laurence
 Council

John Henry Clarke
 Will Slater
 Wm Pemberton
 John Stanley
 The Librarian
 Committee of Assembly

His Honor the President of Council
 to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
 Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to
 Tuesday next the thirtieth instant.
 Council Chamber
 17th Jan^y 1812. -

By Command
 Robt Rodbell
 Secy of Council

Meeting of the Council this 30th day of
 Jan^y 1812. -

Present
 The Honorable Thomas John Little Esq^r President
 The Honorable Walter Maynard Esq^r
 The Honorable John Colthour Mills Esq^r
 The Honorable & Rev^d Samuel Lyons
 The Honorable James Meke Esq^r
 The Honorable Henry Rawlinson Esq^r

He was of an Assembly - in Business
 one - and His Honor the President ad-
 journed the Board to Saturday week the
 eighth of February. -

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

We herewith send you a Letter
from His Excellency the Governor of the 13th
of March last. We also send you a Petition
from the Rev. Robert Pemberton addressed
to the Legislature praying to be permitted to
renew his term of five years married Betsey
and Niles for faithful services, which has
passed this Board.

By Command
R. S. Brodbeck
Ck of Council
Council Chamber
17th April 1812.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President & Council
We herewith send you the Speaker's Account
against the Public of this Island, amounting
to £48 Currency - and desire the consent
of your Board in requesting His Honor the
President will issue an Order thereon
to the Treasurer for the Payment thereof
in Cash.

W. Higgin
Speaker
Assembly Room
17th April 1812.
His Honor the President in Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your Honor is adjourned
to Friday next the 24th inst.

By Command
R. S. Brodbeck
Ck of Council
Council Chamber
17th April 1812.

at a Meeting of the Council this 24th day
of April 1812.

Present
His Honor ^{per} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
His Honor ^{per} Nathaniel Hayward Esq^r
His Honor ^{per} Rev. Samuel Jones
His Honor ^{per} James Weekes Esq^r
His Honor ^{per} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r
His Honor the President said before the
Board the following Letters &c.

Antigua 17th April 1812

Dear Sir
I have the honor to enclose a Leave
of Absence for Mr. Weekes, and also one for
Mr. Hayward, together with a Copy of
my Letter to him of this day's date.
When the Treasurer of an Island pro-
fits of a leave of Absence, it is, I believe,
the practice that the Person appointed to act
for him pro tempore should be approved
by the Authority by which the Treasurer
was originally empowered to fill that
Office. I therefore authorize you to
give my sanction to the appointment
of any Person to act for Mr. Hayward
during his absence, who may be approved
of by the Council and Assembly, and I
request that you will have the goodness to
settle this matter as expeditiously as possible
for Mr. Hayward.
I must at the same time, call your
attention to another circumstance -
In case the Absence of any Member,

soliciting for leave to depart the Island, should reduce the number of our fellow remaining upon it below that which is requisite to form a Board the leave of absence cannot be delivered until another Member has been called to the Council to replace the Vacancy.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedient
humble servant
Thomas J. Cottle Esq.
H. Elliot
Hc. Hc. Hc
Nevis

Antigua 17th April 1812

I inclose an Extract from the 37th Article of my Instructions to be communicated to the Board of Council, from which you will be pleased to observe that I cannot appoint any Person to be a Judge or Justice of the Peace, without the Advice and consent of the Majority of the Council. — Should you therefore conceive that the Appointment of such a Magistrate is now necessary at Nevis, I request you will take the advice of the Council upon the subject, and transmit to Me the name of the Person who may be honoured with the recommendation of that Board.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedient
humble servant
Thomas J. Cottle Esq.
H. Elliot
Hc. Hc. Hc
Nevis

Extract of the 37th Article of Governor Elliot's Instructions, dated the 25th November 1808.

"You shall not appoint any Person to be Judge or Justice of the Peace without the advice and consent of the Majority of the Council of each of our said Islands where the appointment is to take place, signified in Council."

For want of an Assembly no further Business done — and His Honor the President adjourned the Board to Thursday next the 30th instant.

At a Meeting of the Council this 30th day of April 1812.

Present

Hon^{ble} Tho^s John Cottle Esquire President
Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Lyons
Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esq^r
Hon^{ble} James Nekeu Esq^r

For want of another Member to form a Board, — no Business done.

At a meeting of the Council this 16th day of May 1812.

Present

Hon^{ble} Tho^s J. Cottle Esq^r President
Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Lyons
Hon^{ble} James Wecker Esq^r
Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r

For want of another Member to form a Board — no Business done.

At a Meeting of the Council this 22nd day of
May 1812.

Present

The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
The Hon^{ble} Walter Maynard Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Rev^d Samuel Syms
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Laurence Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Henry Rawlinson Esq^r
~~The Hon^{ble} President~~
~~and they were~~
~~accordingly~~

Richard Joseph Brodbelt produced a com-
mission under the Hands of the Commissioners
of His Majesty's Customs appointing him
Comptroller of His Majesty's Customs at this
Island - and by direction of His Honor the
President it was then read, and he took all
the Oaths of Government appointed by Law,
and subscribed the Oath.

In want of an Assembly no further
Business done

At a Meeting of the Council this 26th day
of June 1812.

Present

The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
The Hon^{ble} Rev^d Samuel Syms
The Hon^{ble} James Wecker Esq^r
In want of other members, no business done.

At a Meeting of the Council this 1st day
of September 1812.

Present

The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
The Hon^{ble} John Colthoun Mills Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Rev^d Samuel Syms
The Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} James Wecker Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Laurence Esq^r

His Majesty's writs having issued for the
election of a new Assembly, and being this day returned,
the following Gentlemen who were duly elected

John Richardson
William Slater } for the Parish of St. Paul
Tindal Nicholas }
William Laurence
John Henry Clarke } for the Parish of St. Thomas
Joseph Jones }
Edward Huggins } for the Parish of St. James
Edward Huggins }
John Harley }
William W. Wilkes } for the Parish of St. George
James Harley }
Thomas Sibson }
Edward Pemberton } for the Parish of St. John
William Pemberton }
Peter J. Huggins }

All the above Gentlemen (except William
Worthington Wilkes Esq^r) attended the Board,
and by direction of His Honor the President
took all the Oaths prescribed by Law, and

subscribed the Seal

William Burke and John Huggins Esq^r also attended the Board and took the Oaths of Government; - the former as Registrar General, and the latter as clerk of the Assembly

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

In His Honor the President and Council We have appointed the following standing Committees - for Public Accounts, William Lawrence, Sir Day Nicholson and Joseph Jones Esquire - and for Ports and Fortifications, Edward Huggins Jun^r, William Perrett and Edward Huggins Jun^r Esq^r to join such members of your Board as you shall think proper to appoint

John Richardson
Speaker

Assembly Room
1st Sept^r 1812

21 His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

We have appointed the Honorable John Colhoun Mills, and the Honorable James Weekes Esq^r to join William Lawrence, Sir Day Nicholson and Joseph Jones Esq^r as a Committee for Public Accounts. - And the Honorable Samuel Lawrence, and the Honorable Henry Rawlinson Esq^r to join Edward Huggins Jun^r, William Perrett and Edward Huggins Jun^r Esq^r as a Committee for Ports and Fortifications

We have also appointed the Hon^{ble}

John Colhoun Mills and the Hon^{ble} James Weekes Esq^r as a Committee from this Board to join such Members of your House as you shall think proper to appoint to carry into Effect the Engagements entered into by the Legislature on the 13th of September 1809, with M^r William Huggins for erecting the Public Buildings

Council Chamber
1st September 1812
By Command
Rich^d J. Brothell
Clk of Council

22 The Gentlemen of the Assembly
In His Honor the President and Council We have appointed Edward Huggins Jun^r, William Perrett and Joseph Jones Esq^r as a Committee from this House to join the Honorable John C. Mills and the Honorable James Weekes Esq^r from your Board to carry into effect the Engagements entered into by the Legislature on the 13th of Sept^r 1809 with M^r W^m Huggins for erecting the public Buildings

Assembly Room
1st Sep^r 1812 - } John Richardson
Speaker

His Honor the President in Council,
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

Your House is adjourned to Thursday the 10th instant

Council Chamber
1st September 1812
By Command
R^{ch} J. Brothell
Clk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 10th day of
September 1812

Present

The Honorable Thomas John Colledge Esq^r President

The Honorable John Colhoun Mills Esq^r

The Honorable Peter Jefferys Esq^r

The Honorable Wm Samuel Esq^r

The Honorable James Neekes Esq^r

The Honorable Samuel Laurence Esq^r

William Northington Wilkes Esq^r

attended the Board this day and took the Oath
of Government as a Member of the Assembly

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

This House having unanimously voted a
piece of Plate of the Value of one hundred
Guineas, to William Higgins Esq^r, the late
Speaker, as a Memorial of their approbation
of his eminent services, and of their esteem
for his meritorious conduct in the Chair,
and as a Member of this House, request
Your Concurrence thereto.

Assembly Room
10th Sept^r 1812.

John Richardson
Speaker

23 The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council
This House having taken into Considera-
tion the Report from the Committee of
the Council and Assembly for the Public
Buildings, is of Opinion, that the Committee
may be authorized to request His Honor the
President to aid and assist the Contractor
by an Order on the Treasury as far as to

show and Pounds in Money in compliance
with the Terms entered into between the for-
mer Committee of the Board and Howe with
the original Contractor, with which we
regularly concur.

John Richardson
Speaker
Assembly Room
10th Sept^r 1812.

24 That on the James Neekes laid before the Board
the following Report of the joint Committee
respecting the Public Buildings.

New S. September 10th 1812.

The Committee of the Council and Assembly
appointed to superintend the Building of the
Public Offices, have by Report to your Board
and House the Proceeding of their Meeting respect-
ing the Building in the City of Montreal, the Minutes
of which are copied on the other side, and to that
part of the Minutes which relate to the Estimate
your Committee think it right to refer your Board
and House to the report of the Committee dated
the 6th day of February 1811.

John Colhoun Mills
Chairman

25 New S. September 7th 1812

At a meeting of the Committee appointed by
the Council and Assembly to superintend the
Building of the Public Offices, present the Hon^{ble}
John Colhoun Mills and James Neekes Esq^r
Committee from the Council and Joseph
James Williams Perrebotton and Edward
Higgins Jun^r Esq^r Committee from the
Assembly and also present John Higgins and

Indestructible Suggins by on the part of the
Contractor.

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Com-
mittee that the wall of the capitol rising from
the floor should be built of the thickness of
23 inches, instead of 22 inches as expressed in
the Contract or undertaking of Mr. M.
Suggins, on the same will afford support
of not only 23 inches in thick wall for the
flooring beams, and not leave the upper
walls of sufficient substance.

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Committee
that the windows shutters of the front and of the
east and west ends of the upper story should be
brings to open inwards, and that the windows
shutters of the windows on the back or south
side should open outwards in the common
sense.

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Committee
that the decorations made by a Mr. John Suggins
at this meeting respecting the intended Colonnade
in front of the Building between the two wings
namely that he should expect the Country to
"pay for such Colonnade if it is made, independ-
ent of and over and above the price contracted
for" should be reported to the Legislature at
their next meeting.

Approved by all the Members of

25 His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly

We herewith send you a Report

of the report of the Committee appointed to examine
and the new Public Buildings, which has
been laid before the Board and it is the
opinion of the original Contract together
with the alterations that have been made
therein by the Committee with the Contract,
and that have been reported and sent with
the approbation of the Board and your
Honorable body, and carried into effect,
and particularly with respect to the Colonnade
agreed for by the Committee on the 6th January
1812, and concurred in by the Board and your
Honorable body the 9th following.

We think it proper to observe further to
your House that the agreement for the Col-
onnade was concluded before the first stone of
the Building was laid.

Council Chamber
10th Septemr 1812.

By Command
H. D. Bell
Clerk of Council

26 His Honor the President & Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

This Board feels a degree of embar-
rassment in hesitating to agree with the
Honorable body of your House that the Com-
mittee for the Public Buildings should be
authorized to call on the Treasurer to pre-
pare an Order on the Treasury for ten thousand
Dollars in Money to be paid to the Contract-
or, - one thousand Dollars in Money,
having been already advanced, and three
thousand Dollars being the whole sum.

contracted to be advanced in Money
But this Board is of Opinion, that upon
the Report of the Committee a sum further
sum be now advanced, and that sum
should be equal to one half of the sum
contracted to be paid for the Building,
it should be according to the Contract,
namely, one half in Money, and the other
half in Rum - in which case the sum
now required should be \$500 in Cash, and
\$1,500 in Rum - And this Board is of Opinion
that before such Advances is made, it should
be expressly understood that the Building
is to be completed with a Colonade according
to the Contract.

Council Chamber } By Command
10th Septem^r 1812. } Rich^d In. Probert

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

This Board unanimously concu-
r with your House in the Vote of a piece
of Plate of the value of one hundred Guineas
to William Higgins Esq^r for his
long continued and praiseworthy Conduct
as the Speaker of the Assembly of this Island,
and as a testimony of their Esteem of his
meritorious public Conduct.

Council Chamber } By Command
10th Septem^r 1812. } Rich^d In. Probert
Clt of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
to His Honor the President & Council
His Honor is of opinion that they agree
must

Agreement made by the joint Committee
of Board and House be carried into effect -
but as the Colonade has not been begun
at the time the progressive state of the
new Building would have been of the great-
est Advantage to the Contractor, and that
the deferring it at present will not impede
the body and remainder of the Building
getting forward and the completion thereof,
but accelerate the same, recommend the
Building to go forward without the Colonade
which does not appear to be necessary in
the present state of the Building.

Assembled Room } Tho^s Richardson
10th Sept^r 1812. } Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

This Board in reply to the last
page from your House respecting the erecti-
on of the Colonade, can only say that if the
Colonade was not begun at the time when it
might have been done with the greatest Advan-
tage to the Contractor, he is himself only cul-
pable, and the Public should not suffer from his
delay, or neglect - But as the Building has proce-
ed so far that it will be no more injurious to the
Contractor to complete the Colonade after the rest
of the Building is finished than had it not been
This Board agree with you that the Contractor
may delay building the Colonade till the Body
of the Building is completed, it being clearly
understood between the Parties that the

Contractor acknowledges himself bound to complete the Colonnade in as little time as possible after the rest of the Building is completed.

Council Chamber
11th Sept^r 1812.

By Command
Wm. Pitt Rivers
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President in Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

Your House is adjourned to
Thursday next the 17th instant.

Council Chamber
11th Sept^r 1812.

By Command
Wm. Pitt Rivers
Clerk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 17th day
of September 1812.

Present:

The Honorable Thomas John Little Esq^r President
The Honorable & Rev^d Samuel Lyons
The Honorable Peter Jefferys Esq^r
The Honorable James Daniell Esq^r
The Honorable James Necker Esq^r
The Honorable James Necker laid before the
Board a Petition from M^r Brodie and
Wife to manumit five Slaves, which he
moved should be read and granted, and
which was seconded by the Honorable James
Daniell, and granted accordingly.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council
We herewith send you a Report from the

Captain Gurnea of Charles Fort of the State
of said Fort and of the Balance of Powder now
remaining in the Magazine of said Fort - and
this House is of Opinion that six thousand
Pounds of said Powder should be disposed of for
Money to be paid into the Public Treasury to
defray such Expenses as may be considered
necessary for the Forts and Fortifications of this
Island and for other Public Purposes.

Assembly Room
17th Sept^r 1812.

John Richardson
Speaker

The General Acc^t of Fort Charles follows
on the other side.

Guns fired in Fort Charles Weight of Metal Powder Shot &

Date	In what Occasion	Weight of Metal & Powder
1811	In the Fort this Day	balance from last Quarter
Jan. 1	Fired a Royal Salute	See enclosure Birth Day kept
Feb. 3	Fired on a Alarm	from South Hill
4	Discharging the Alarm	
17	Discharging a Salute	from Ship King David
17	The Tonnage Duty of Ship Swain	
12	Fired at a Day Sailing	without sending Paper to the Fort
1	In priming & unpriming 24 Guns	Fired 4 lb drawing cleaning &c

2	In the Fort this Day	balance from last Quarter
2	The Tonnage Duty of Ship Protestonia	found Commuted in
13	The do.	of Ship Edward
21	The do.	of Ship John t. Sarah 2 guns commuted
21	Fired at a Day Sailing	without papers
	do. at a ship do.	
May 7	The Tonnage Duty of Ship King David	
July 4	Fired a Royal Salute	His Majesty's Birth day
	blewing a Damaged iron	powder
12	Receiving a Salute	from Ship Elizabeth J. Drew
16	Fired at a ship getting under weigh	without sending to the Fort
21	Receiving a Salute	from Ship Swain R. Drew
26	Delivered for use of Black Arch.	Fort by Order of King of Swain
27	The Tonnage Duty of Ship William	2 Guns commuted to 16 lb
	of a ship Charleston	
28	Fired ten shots at a schooner	chomus sailing without papers
29	Fired a Salute to the Honble.	Walter M. Magnard Esq. departing
Aug 1	In priming & unpriming 24 Guns	Fired 4 lb drawing cleaning &c

	In the Fort this Day	balance from last Quarter
2	Fired at a ship chomus	found fired upon by a British crew of 60
25	The Tonnage Duty of Ship Swain	
Aug 12	Fired a Royal Salute	His Royal Highness the Prince Regent Birth
	Delivered for use of 600 traps	in honor of an American War
25	Fired at a ship private schooner	sailing without Orders but passing by

Errors Excepted
In Witness Whereof
4. Sept. 1812

Funds received as per order of Delinquent from 1st January 1812

Matters brought before the Court	No. of Appeals					Prods	Shot						Total	
	1 st	2 ^d	3 ^d	4 th	5 th		1 st	2 ^d	3 ^d	4 th	5 th	6 th		
Attorneys fees &c	21	4	13	2	2	4800	50	77	39	1				42
Sealer's balance this Quarter	1					470	6							4
Total	22	4	13	2	2	4800	56	77	39	1				46
Exp. 1 st						218								
Total						4422	56	77	39	1				46
						262								3
						253								
						256								
	1		1				6							
	1		1				6							2
	21	4	13	2	2	270	138							
	1	1					4							
	3		5				31							
	1		1				6							1
	5		5				30							
							36							12
							257							
	2		2				12							4
	7		5	1	1		37							2
Total	44	5	23	3	3	6268	450	80	77	39	1			55
Exp. 1 st						450								
Total						5818	450	80	77	39	1			55
	2		2				12							2
	21	4	13	2	2	470								4
	3	1	3											12
Total	26	5	17	2	2	4800	450	80	77	39	1			55
Exp. 1 st						450								
Total						4800	450	80	77	39	1			55

temporary one - the Magazine Barracks
 Cistern and Gate require to be immediately
 repaired - the Roof of the Magazine is leaky
 and the Powder and Iron therein are in immin-
 ent danger of being spoilt or damaged, and
 the Barracks are not habitable - there are no
 signal flags nor bustles to make them up for
 exchanging the Island signals with His
 Majesty's Ships, and those, together with a full
 sized Fort flag, flag staff, Salyards, Carriages
 for all the Guns except four, Iron spikes,
 Sheep skins and sacks for the Spunge Heads,
 Side Arms for the heavy Guns, oil and Paint
 for the Guns and Carriages, sheet lead for
 Apeiron, new locks for the Magazine, &c.
 New Ropes, a new Gate, Sutter, Holes
 Glasses, old Junk for wadding, Cartridges
 Paper and sundry other necessary Articles
 are much wanted.

In: Peterborough
 Nov 4th Sept: 1812.

(See the next Page in relation)

Account of Goods liable to the Tollage Duty of
 Private Barracks, which have been cleared for the
 same since 1st Jan^y 1812.

Dates	Vessels	Tollage Duty			Remarks
		Wine	Wine	Wine	
1812					
Sept 10	Ship	478	4		
Oct 2	Ship	307	268	3	to funds & being partially loaded quantity taken for balance
17	Ship	385	385		
21	Ship	226	256	2	to funds. 30 Pounds in lieu thereof
	Ship	275	275	2	
	Ship	227	257	2	to funds. 30 Pounds in lieu thereof
	Ship	515	000	0	about 1/2 quantity taken in lieu quantity for duty
	Ship	411	411	4	
	Ship	91	000	0	to funds quantity taken
	Ship	478	478	4	
	Ship	191	130	1	no funds, partially loaded. quantity taken for balance

In: Peterborough
 Nov 4th Sept: 1812.

His Honor the President and Council
 to the Gentlemen of the Assembly.

We herewith send you a Petition of
 Adam and Ann Brodie praying leave to manumit
 five of their children named Alexander, Mary,
 & Ann, John & William being the children of
 William Norman married Peter Taylor, the Property
 of the Petitioners, which has been granted by this
 Council.

By Command
 George Chamberlain
 17th Sept: 1812.

Wm. Brobbell
 Clk of Council.

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

This Board of Opinion that the
Powder now in the Dock should be retained in
case of Emergency - the number of American
Privateers and the war in these Seas making it
hazardous to part with any of the Powder.

From the Report of the Capt. Gannett
appears to be due near three thousand
weight of Powder from several Vessels, who
have not paid their Dockage Duty.

This Board concurs in opinion with
the House that the Parties liable to pay such
may contribute, and in lieu thereof,
into the Treasury such sums of Money
Powder so committed may amount to

This Board recommends that the State of
Fort be referred to the Committee of Forts
Fortifications - that they be desired to examine
into the same, and report the state thereof
of the Artillery and Buildings, and their
Opinion of the best mode to be adopted for
putting the same in a proper state of
Defense.

By Command
Council Chamber
17th Sept. 1812.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council
This Board concurs that a State of the
referred to the Committee of Forts and Fortifications
and that they be desired to examine into the same
and report the state thereof and of the Artillery

and Buildings and their Opinions of the best mode
to be adopted for putting the same into a proper
state of Defense.

This Board consider the ruinous state of the Magazine,
the loss of force to be expected from the Dock in case
of Attack by a public Enemy, and the want of
Money in the Treasury for public Emergency, to be
strong reasons for turning the superfluous Powder
into iron a most useful and necessary for the
Use of the Colony, and therefore continues to hope the
quantity of Powder recommended by our last Meeting
will receive your consent to be disposed of - We
request a return to this House of the Report next
your Board from the Captain Gannett

Respectfully Requested
1812 - } *John Richardson*
Speaker

His Honor the President in Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Your House is adjourned to Thursday
next the 24th instant.
Council Chamber
to the Capt. 1812

By Command
John D. Birtwell
Clerk of Council

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At a Meeting of the Council this 24th
September 1812.

Present

- The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
 - The Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Lysons
 - The Hon^{ble} James Darnell Esq^r
 - The Hon^{ble} James Necker Esq^r
 - The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r
 - The Hon^{ble} Henry Karllins Esq^r
- His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

On reconsidering the Report
received from your House on the 17th respecting
the quantity of Powder now in the Forts
the disposal of 6000 ^{lb} thereof, and the amount
from this Board, and your subsequent Report
thereon, beg leave to state, that there does
appear to be more than 6404 ^{lb} of Powder in these
Forts and due thereto, exclusive of the Powder
to be received from the Carward, and that there
is no prospect of that quantity being added
less than six Months. - We therefore think it
advisable to await the report of the Committee
of Forts and Fortifications before we come to
any Resolution respecting the disposal
of any part thereof. -

We herewith return you the state of the
Fort &c. -
By Command
Rich^d. De. Boddell
Clerk of Council

Council Chamber
24th September 1812.

His Honor the President laid before the
Board the following Letter from the late Speaker
of the Assembly.

New 18th Septem^r: 1812.

Sir,
I received your communication of the
resolution of the Honorable Board of Council,
passed the 10th instant, - and I beg Sir, you will
do me the favour to accept your vote, and to make
to the members of your Board, my grateful and
sincere acknowledgements for the very great
honour conferred on me by their Vote, as a
testimony of their sense of my general
conduct: - Thus favoured by their Majesty's
Council of New, I shall feel to the last moment
of my existence peculiar satisfaction for so valuable
a proof of their approbation.

In great respect and regard I am
Sir, your Honor's
faithful and
obedient servant,
Wm. Staggard

J. D. Cottle Esq^r
President of the Council
New

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
to His Honor the President and Council
in the alarming state of the Country in the
West of Provinces, and the general distress of the
lower Classes of the Inhabitants requiring the
interference of the Legislature to alleviate as far
as Council and Assembly can such public
distress: - This House has come to the following
Resolution. -
Resolved. that this House do take into its
serious consideration the state of the Country
in the declining scarcity of Provisions, and

that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of purchasing Provisions for the relief of the Inhabitants and that the Money in the Treasury of this Island be appropriated to that purpose. -

Resolved that the Provisions so purchased be distributed one day in each Week in equal proportion to the number of Negroes in each Plantation under the authority of a Committee of both Houses of Legislature at the Costs and Charges of the same upon payment being made or delivery either in Money, or upon Bills of Exchange, -

and request your Concurrence thereto, and that a Committee of both Houses may be appointed to carry the same into full effect, - and we do appoint William Laurence, Joseph Jones, William Pemberton John St. Clarke and William Slater Esquires Members of this House to join such Members of your Board as you shall appoint for such purpose

This House requests the concurrence of your Board to a joint application to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs, that he would furnish an authenticated copy of all Entries at several Custom House where the Duties on Articles imported and the Tonnage on Vessels are now concerned in the Island cases to us from the first day of January 1810 to the present time that the same may be submitted for consideration and report of the Council of Council and Assembly for Public Account

Expended by Henry
24th Sept. 1812. -

Motion by the Hon^{ble} James Daniell, and seconded by the Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Lyon that the Resolution of the Assembly be carried into Effect. -

The Hon^{ble} James Wickham moved the following Resolutions in addition to the Resolutions of the Assembly, which were agreed to by the Board. -

That the Committee be authorized also to distribute the Provisions which shall be so purchased, among the free poor Inhabitants of the Island, and to take for the same such Payment or Security for Payment, as in the judgment of such Committee shall be sufficient for the same. - That the Committee be authorized to make Purchases beyond the sum actually in the Treasury, if Opportunities shall offer for their doing so, and the necessities of the Country continue to require the supply. -

This House the President and Council to the Gentlemen of the Assembly. -
Gentlemen,

This Board fully aware of the distress of the Colony from the scarcity of Provisions agree in the Resolutions entered into by your House with the following Amendment -

That the Committee be authorized also to distribute the Provisions which shall be so purchased, among the free poor Inhabitants of the Island, and to take for the same such Payment or Security for Payment, as in the judgment of such Committee shall be sufficient for the same. - That the Committee be authorized to make Purchases beyond the sum actually in the Treasury, if Opportunities shall offer for

their doing so, and the respect of the County
continued to receive the supply.

We have appointed the Honorable James
Dunell, Samuel Lawrence and Hon.
Rowland Esquire a Committee of this House
your Will in a manner Joseph Jones, William
Pemberton, John Strong, Charles and William
Kater Esquires the bondsmen of your House.

We also agree with your House that joint
Applications be made to the Collector for an
authenticated List of all Ships, their Tonnage
and Crews that are in any way concerned
with the Island Taxes, or liable to duty on their
Importation thence from the 1st day of January
1810 to the present day, that the same may
be submitted to the Consideration of the joint
Committee for public Accounts, and reported
on by them.

By Command
of the House
22nd September 1812.
Rth In Woodhull
Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

We have with send you a Bill intituled "An
Act for settling and regulating the Trial of
Criminal Cases by Jury" which hath been
read twice in this House.

Assembly Room
23rd September 1812.
John Richardson
Speaker

A Motion made by the Honorable James Wood
and seconded by Joseph Lawrence that the said Bill
be read a third time as follows.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council
The House to encourage further Jennings

to exert himself and more fully to do the duty
confided to him as Public Officer and Constable
and prevent the depredations committed on
the Harbour, Outdays and about the Beach of the
Island agree to allow him an addition of one
hundred Pounds a Year to be paid quarterly to pay
with a proper Boat with sufficient Hands to visit
search, and seize Ships, Tack or any kind of Property
illegally carried from the Island, and to take
the same before a Magistrate to be dealt with
according to Law, and request your concurrence
thereto.

John Richardson
Speaker
Assembly Room
24th Sept 1812.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council
This House agree to your amendment as
mentioned in your last Message.

Assembly Room
25th Sept 1812.
John Richardson
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to meet
day next, the 1st of October.

Council Chamber
24th September 1812.
By Command
of the House
Rth In Woodhull
Clerk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 22nd day of
September 1812.

Present
His Honor & Rev^d Samuel Lynd.

In want of other Members, we Draw up
down.

At a Meeting of the Council this 9th October
1812. - Present

The Hon^{ble} James John Little Esq^r President
The Hon^{ble} John Jeffery Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} James Samuel Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} James Daville Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Henry Karoline Esq^r

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

This Board agrees with your
House that additional Encouragement be
given to Thomas Jennings to enable him to
extend his services by furnishing a Boat with
sufficient stores to visit, search and seize
Slaves, Stock, or any kind of Property illegally
carried from the Island, and that he be allowed
an additional hundred Pounds a Year
payable quarterly to enable him to do so.

Council Chambers
9th October 1812.

By Command
R^o J. C. Bridwell
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President in Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to
Thursday next the 15th instant.

Council Chambers
9th October 1812.

By Command
R^o J. C. Bridwell
Clerk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 15th day of
October 1812. - Present

The Hon^{ble} James John Little Esq^r President
The Hon^{ble} John Colman Mills Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} James Samuel Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} James McKee Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Henry Karoline Esq^r

The Collector of the Custom in consequence
of the application of the Council and Assembly
for that purpose, herewith laid before the Legisla-
-ture are authenticated Lists of all Vessels and
their Cargoes that are liable to Duty on the
Importation thereof from the 1st day of January
1810 to the 24th day of September 1812.

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

We send you herewith the List of
Vessels and Cargoes liable to pay Duty, prepared
by the Collector of the Custom in consequence of
the joint application to him made for that
purpose by the Legislature.

Council Chambers
15th October 1812.

By Command
R^o J. C. Bridwell
Clerk of Council

The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence laid before
the Board the following Report of the Committee
appointed to take into Consideration the present
distressed State of the Colony.

Nov 15th October 1812.

We the Committee appointed to take into
Consideration the present distressed State of

The Inhabitants of the Island from the great scarcity of Provisions have this day met and do report, that upon application to the Committee of Public Accounts, are informed that it appears by the Treasurer's Accounts that the sum of £3700 or thereabouts ought to be in the Treasury; but that the Treasurer has stated that £2000 of the above sum has been applied to the use of the Public Buildings & the further sum of £1310 remains uncollected.

Jam. Laurence } Committee of Council
 Henry Rawlinson }
 Wm. Laurence }
 Wm. Pemberton } Committee of Assembly
 Joseph Jones }
 Wm. Slater }

His Honor the President and Council
 To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
 Gentlemen,

This Board beg leave to acquaint your Honor that they are of Opinion a meeting of the Committee of both Houses for the Public Accounts should be had and a Report from them obtained before any further Proceeding is adopted on the Report of the joint Committee for providing relief for the Public Distresses of the Colony.

By Command
 Council Chamber
 15th October 1812. R. Brodbelt
 Secy of Council

His Honor the President in Council
 To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
 Gentlemen,

Your Honor is adjourned to Tuesday next the Twentieth instant.

Council Chamber
 15th October 1812. By Command
 R. Brodbelt
 Secy of Council

At a Meeting of the Council the 21st day of October 1812.

Present
 His Honor the Hon. John Colborne Esq. President
 The Hon. John Colborne Mills Esq.
 The Hon. Peter Jefferys Esq.
 The Hon. Peter Warriner Esq.
 The Hon. James Wake Esq.
 The Hon. Samuel Laurence Esq.

The Honorable John Colborne Mills laid before the Board the Report of the Committee appointed for Public Accounts respecting the Treasury.

The Hon. Peter Jefferys moved that the said Report be read, which was seconded by the Hon. Peter Warriner, and was accordingly in the following words.

New - 16th October 1812. The Committee of the Council and Assembly to whom it had been referred to examine the Public Accounts and to Report the Amount of the Public Monies in the Treasurer's Hands do Report to the Board of Council and House of Assembly that they have been attended by the Deputy Treasurer and that upon Examination of the Accounts laid by him before them it appeared that on the first day of October instant the sum of £3630. 14th CURRENCY was due to the Public from the Treasurer in Cash and the sum of £332. 19. 7 in Receipt.

But your Committee beg leave to observe that in the Treasurer's Accounts there appears to be two several Charges of £72. for work done at the Court House, and £297. 5. 8 as so much paid to Cap^t. Drew for Marble Pavement Stone for the same Building without any Public Order for the Payment thereof and therefore your Committee submit the Propriety thereof to the Consideration of your Board and House and the Committee beg leave further to observe that upon a Comparison of the Treasurer's Accounts of the Duties collected under the Courage and Duty Act with

with the Returns of the Entries at the
Custom House, there appears in several
instances a Variance between the amount
of the Dutiable Articles imported and the
Amount of such Articles paid for at the
Treasury.

In. Colborn Mills
James Mackie
Joseph Jones
Wm. Lawrence

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

We herewith send you the Report
of the Committee of Public Accounts, which
has been laid before this Board, and recommend
the same to the serious attention of your House.

Council Chamber
27th October 1812

By Command
Rich^d. S. Burdett
Clerk of Council

Motion made by the Honorable James
Mackie, and seconded by the Honorable John
Colborn Mills that the Bill intituled
"An Act for settling and regulating the trial
of Criminal Slaves by Jury", be read a
second time, which was done accordingly.

The Bill was then committed, and amended.

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

We herewith send you a Bill
intituled "An Act for settling and regulating
the trial of Criminal Slaves by Jury", which
has been twice read at this Board and
amended. - To which Amendments we
request the Concurrence of your House.

Council Chamber
27th October 1812

By Command
Rich^d. S. Burdett

29 The Gentlemen of the Assembly -
to His Honor the President and Council

We adopt your Message of the 10th September to al-
low the Contractor for the Public Building the sum
of one thousand five hundred Pounds payable in
Rum, and the sum of five hundred Pounds in
Money, making with the former Payments a
Sum of two thousand Pounds to be paid for the
Contract. - From the uncommon scarcity of
Money this House is willing to concede to the Charge
of the Contractor for the Public Building to suffer
the one thousand five hundred Pounds due in Rum
to be paid in Money or a deduction in favor of the
Public of 20 Percent.

We also adopt your Message of the 17th September
last as to three thousand Pounds of Green Paper to
be disposed of for the benefit of the Public and the
Amount it may sell for to be applied with
twelve hundred Pounds now in the hands of the
Treasurer to such Orders as may be given by the
Joint Committee for providing relief for the Public
Distresses of the Colony under the description of the
Message of the 24th September last.

Assembly Room
21st October 1812

Richardson

30 His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

This Board having been attended by
Mr. John Huggins on the part of the Contractor
for the Public Building, and being assured that
it is the intention of the Contractor to build a
Colonnade in front of the Building in the man-
ner proposed by the Committee, readily agreed

with your House that the further sum of two
thousand pounds, viz. £1,500 in Russia, and
£500 in Cash, making in the whole one half
of the sum contributed for should be advanced
to Mess^{rs} Muggins in the manner proposed
by the Message from your House of this date,
and that the Committee be authorized to
call on the President for an Order on the
Treasurer to the amount proposed.

The Message from this Board of the 27th of
September, to which your Message of the
10th day refers, proceeded from a misconception
of the amount of the Order duty then
uncollected, and not from any opinion
existing at this Board of the propriety of
selling any part of the Order in the
first place. This Board began to refer your House
to a Message from this Board to your House
on the 24th of the same month, which corrected
that misconception.

Council Chamber
28th October 1812

By Command
Rich^d. In Brodbelt
Clt of Council

His Honor the President in Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,
Your House is adjourned to
Tuesday next the 27th instant.

Council Chamber
21st October 1812

By Command
Rich^d. In Brodbelt
Clt of Council

At a meet^g of the Council this 27th day of
October 1812.

Present
The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
The Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Lysons
The Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} James Necker Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r

In want of an Assembly, no Business done
and His Honor the President adjourned the Board
to Tuesday next the 3rd November 1812.

At a meet^g of the Council this 2nd day of
November 1812.

Present
Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Lysons
Hon^{ble} James Necker Esquire
Hon^{ble} Henry Karolich Esquire
In want of another Member, no Business
done.

At a meet^g of the Council this 17th day of
November 1812.

Present
The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
The Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Lysons
The Hon^{ble} James Necker Esquire
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esquire
In want of another Member - no Business
done.

At a meet^g of the Council this 25th day of
November 1812.

Present
The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
The Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Lysons
The Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} James Necker Esquire
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esquire
His Honor the President laid before the Board

The following letter from His Excellency the
Governor -
Friday 18th December 1812.

Some language you wish to be inserted
in the expedient of granting Commissions for
certain Districts of the Islands of Nevis and
also for the appointment of an Assistant
Judge.

I request you will be pleased to forward
to Me the Commission for the Comorral
drawn up in the form usually observed for
that purpose at Nevis, and that you will insert
in each Commission the name of the Person
you recommend for that Office.

With respect to the appointment of an Assistant
Judge my Instructions do not admit of my
appointing any Person in the Capacity of
Judge or Magistrate without a previous
recommendation by a majority of the Council
in that favor. I request therefore that you will
be pleased to submit this matter to the Board
of Council and to acquaint me with the
names of the Person upon whose
choice may fall for my approbation, and
that you will then send me a Commission
properly drawn up for my signature in
which this matter is to be inserted.

I have the honor to be

Dear Sir
Your most obedient
humble servant
H. Elliot

In want of an Assembly - no further business
done, and His Honor the President adjourned
the Board to Saturday the 5th of December

At a meeting of the Council this 5th day of
December 1812.

Present
The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
The Hon^{ble} John Colthoun Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lyons Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} James Wake Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Laurence Esq^r
His Honor the President laid before the Board
the following letter from His Excellency the
Governor.

Sir

Friday 18th December 1812.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a
Commission of the Peace and three Commissions
for Comorral, which I have forwarded
with the Instructions to the Privy Council of the 25th
day of November last, and of your recommendation
of three Gentlemen to fill the situation of
Comorral.

With respect to my application for a renewal
of the Commission granted on the 31st of October
last for the importation of Provisional and
Lumber in Swedish or Danish Vessels from the
Islands of Saint Paul, St. Thomas or elsewhere, I
request you will take the proper measures for
the benefit of that description being extended
to the Islands of Nevis, during the course of the
present month of December and no longer.

The late Importation of Provisional and other
Articles into the Islands from detained
American Vessels being a safe prospect that
the scarcity of such goods for Comorral may be
relieved by Importations from thence without
having recourse to measures which can only be
justified by extreme necessity.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir
Your most obedient
humble servant
H. Elliot

In want of an Assembly - no further business
done, and His Honor the President adjourned the
Board to Thursday next the 10th instant.

At a meeting of the Council this 10th day of
December 1812.

Present
The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
The Hon^{ble} John Colthoun Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lyons Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} James Wake Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Laurence Esq^r
John Peterson, William and Sirley
Nicholas Esquires attended the Board, and by
direction of His Honor the President took all the
Oaths of Government as Justices of the Peace
and subscribed the List.

Done

Adam Buddie and John Brooks also attended
the Board, and by direction of the Honour the
President took all the bills of Government
as Coopers for the said Island, and subscribed
the rest.

His Honour the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

This Board strongly impressed
with the necessity of some colonial force for
the protection of the Island at a time which
presents a new and various state of things
with an active and neighbouring enemy
and at the same time considering that the
reduced state of the Population will render
some alteration in the usual form of a
Militia Law necessary, it is opinioned that
subject should be immediately considered
and a Bill prepared by a Committee of the
House, and request that your House will
such a Committee as you may think proper
meet the Honourable John Colthour Mills
James Wecker Esquires as a Committee from
this Board for the essential purpose.

By Command
R. S. Buddie
Clerk of Council
10th December 1812.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly,

His Honour the President and Council
for the great and important purpose
of the Island, this House appoints Will
Murray Esq. W. M. W. Williams Esq. and
William Corbett Esq. to be a Com
to join the Honourable John Colthour Mills
and the Honourable James Wecker Esquires from
your Board.

John Richardson
Speaker
of Assembly Room
11th Decem^r 1812.

His Honour the President in Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly.

His Honour the House is adjourned to
Saturday the 12th Decem^r 1812.
By Command
R. S. Buddie
Clerk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 19th December
1812.

Present
The Hon^{ble} John Colthour Mills Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Rev^d Samuel Lyons
In want of other Members to form a Board
no Business done.

At a Meeting of the Council this 7th day of
January 1813.

Present
The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President.
The Hon^{ble} John Colthour Mills Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Rev^d Samuel Lyons
The Hon^{ble} James Wecker Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Henry Harcourt Esq^r

The Hon^{ble} John Colthour Mills laid
before the Board the following Report of the
Committee appointed to consider of and
frame a Militia Act, which he moved
should be read, and which was seconded by
the Hon^{ble} James Wecker and read accordingly.

Nov 27th December 1812.

At a Meeting of the Committee appointed to
consider of and frame a Militia Act.

It was resolved as follows viz:
That it is the opinion of this Committee that
the reduced state of the Population of this
Island renders it absolutely necessary to reduce
the Number of Companies which have usually
formed a Militia Regiment in this Island
and that upon a Calculation of the Number

of Inhabitants now resident in the Colony
such reduction should be by making a Militia
Regiment of two Companies only, and that
such Companies should be posted out of the
several Parishes and to meet in the several
districts following, that is to say, The one
Company to be denominated the Windward
Company to consist of all the effective Male
Inhabitants of the several Parishes of Saint
James Windward and Saint George yingerland
to meet on Alarms at

and to be officered by a Captain
Lieutenant and Ensign, And the other
Company to be denominated the Seeward
Company to consist of all the effective Male
Inhabitants of the several Parishes of Saint
Thomas Lowland Saint Paul Charleston
and Saint John Tiptree to meet on Alarm
in the Town of Charleston and to be
officered in like manner, And Resolved
also that it is the Opinion of the Committee
that a Company of Artillery should also be
formed in like manner as the same was
formed under the late Militia Act.

Resolved that the Resolutions be reported
to the Board of Council and House of
Assembly before the Committee proceed to
further detail of the intended Militia Act.

In: Colborn Mills
James Wickes
Wm. Worthington Wilkes
Jm. Lawrence
Wm. Pemberton

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
So Ordered the President and Council

This House request the Consent of your Board
that a joint Committee of both Houses be appointed
to make a particular and correct report and
state of all the Books and other Papers of Public
Record which now are in the Secretary's Office - that
the Inventory thereof may be signed by said
Committee in the manner hitherto customary
on the change of the Officers in charge of the
Public Records.

We appoint Edward Pemberton, Peter Stuyvesant,
William Lawrence, William Slater, and Joseph
Jones Esquires - to join such Gentlemen as your
Board may be pleased to select for this purpose.

Complaint being made in this House that
the Fees demanded for Recording Deeds and
other Papers in the Secretary's Office far exceed
the Fees allowed by Law - The Committee now
appointed may be requested to inform the Secretary
that all excess of charge made by him in future
will be Prosecuted by order of the two Houses.

Assembly Room
Jan^y 18th 1753

John Richardson
Speaker

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
So Ordered the President and Council

We herewith send you a Bill Intituled
"An Act for settling and regulating the
Trial of Criminal Cases by Jury which

South Capitol New House

Assembly Room
7th Jan^y 1813

John Richardson
Speaker

Motion made by the Honorable James Wake
and seconded by the Honorable Peter Jefferys that the
said Bill be read a third time, and it was read
a third time accordingly.

His Honor the President then put to vote
whether the said Bill should pass into a Law,
and it passed the Board as such.

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly

We herewith send you a Report
from the Committee appointed to consider of and
frame a Militia Act to which We beg leave to
call your immediate attention.

Council Chamber
7th Jan^y 1813

By Command
R. J. Brodbeck
Clk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council

This House approve of the Report of the
Committee on the proposed Militia Bill, and
recommend a Bill to be prepared to be passed
into a Law as soon as conveniently may be.

The necessary Armes, Uniforms, and all other
matters requisite for the appointment of the
Militia will also require the consideration
of both Houses.

Assembly Room
7th Jan^y 1813

John Richardson
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

The Board agrees with your House
that a joint Committee be appointed to make a particu-
-lar and correct Report and State of all the Books
and other Papers of Public Record which now are
in the Secretary's Office, that the Inventory thereof
may be signed by the said Committee in the
manner hitherto customary, on the change of the
Officer in charge of the Public Record.

And we have appointed the Honorable Peter
Jefferys Samuel Lawrence and this Reverend
Samuel Lyons a Committee from this Board
to join Edward Pemberton Peter Huggins
William Lawrence William Cate and
Joseph Jones Equies for this purpose; - And that
the said Committee be requested to inform the
Secretary that all excesses Charge for Recording
Deeds and other Papers will be provided by
order of the two Houses.

Council Chamber
7th Jan^y 1813

By Command
R. J. Brodbeck
Clk of Council

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen We herewith send you the Bill in the
-led, "An Act for settling and regulating the Trial
of Slaves by Jury," which has been read and
passed at this Board.

Council Chamber
7th Jan^y 1813

By Command
R. J. Brodbeck
Clk of Council

His Honor the President in Council
 To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
 Gentlemen, Your Honor is adjourned
 to Thursday next the 14th without
 By Command
 R. J. Doddwell
 Clk of Council
 Council Chamber
 7th Jan^y 1813

At a Meeting of the Council this 14th
 day of January 1812.
 Present
 His Honor the Hon^{ble} John Cottle Esq^r President
 His Honor the Hon^{ble} John Colthour Esq^r M^{rs} Esq^r
 His Honor the Hon^{ble} Rev^d Samuel Lyon
 His Honor the Hon^{ble} James Necker Esq^r
 His Honor the Hon^{ble} Samuel Laurence Esq^r

The Hon^{ble} Samuel Laurence Esq^r laid
 before the Board the following Report of the Com-
 mittee for Fortification, and moved that it
 should be read - which being seconded by the
 Hon^{ble} James Necker, was read accordingly.

The Committee of Council and Assembly
 for Fort and Fortifications having met this day
 at Fort Charles for inspecting the same, do report
 as follows -

That there are in said Fort
 Guns
 1 ditto 24 } Carriages very bad
 1 ditto 18 }
 1 ditto 12 }
 4 new 12 Good Carriages
 3 ditto 12 bad
 1 ditto 12 without a Carriage.

2 old 9 Bad Carriages
 2 ditto (long) 9 Ditto
 4 Barrels Powder 448
 91 half lbs ditto 5096
 5544

2 ditto are used
 55 - Newkets and 49 Bayonets
 That the Magazine is greatly out of repair
 and by no means safe.

The Barracks and Kitchen wanting
 repair -
 a new Gate wanting - the Frame good
 Ditto Flag Staff
 Signal Flag, Sarsaparilla, Wadding & Cartridge
 Cannon, Cannon Balls, Cannon
 Edwards, Fuggin, Gun
 Wm. Kimberline

Nevis 23rd Oct^r 1812.
 His Honor the President laid before the
 Board the following Report of the Captain
 Gunner, which was voted to be read.

Nevis. State of Fort Charles
 1813.
 Iron Ordnance

1 long heavy double fortified 24 Pounder - Old, the vent
 when to nearly 1/4 inch diameter upon a bad
 Carriage -
 1 d^o d^o 18 Pounder - In the same state as the
 above, the carriage half decayed & disabled
 2 d^o d^o In the same state as the above
 but dismounted & stored
 4 long light 12 Pounder, new & upon excellent
 new Hardwood Carriages

3 d. d. the same as the above, but upon Carriages half decayed, and damaged. —
 1 d. d. the same as the above, but entirely without a Carriage
 1 short heavy double fortified 3. Art. old but serviceable Gun, upon a disabled Carriage
 2 d. d. 9 Pounders the same as the last and the Carriages in the same state. —
 2 very long light 3 pounders, very old Guns, long pointed & the Kites worn to nearly an Inch diameter, upon bad Carriages. —

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Side Arms. —

1 comparable with a Staff. — 3 without Staves. — 12 Pounders
 1 Leadhook or worm with a Staff & hammer head. d. —
 1 d. d. 18 Pounder
 2 Leadhook or worm without Staves
 12 Pounder
 2 Spunges with Wreath and Staves
 4 Rammers with Staves & spunge heads do.
 1 Rammer with a Staff and Spunge Head 9 Pounder
 5 10 and 3 new Handspikes. — 3 priming Horns with wires
 Powder & Shot.
 4. 24 Pounder — 39. 18 Pounder
 735. 12 Pounder — 76. 9 Pounder
 Powder
 55 1/4 weight in 4 Barrels and 91 half Barrels.
 405 1/2 in use, in Cartridges ready filled, Guns
 1659 1/2 Loaded, drawn from Guns & saved to. —
 Small Arms
 56 Muskets

Laboratory & other stores.

5 Packets of Powder Ball Cartridges
 30 Empty Cannon Cartridges of Paper
 4 Irons for Cannon Cartridges
 1 small Iron Flag
 1 pair of old Halberds
 1 Quiver
 3 small Boxes & other small Articles belonging to the Field Piece of the Militia Artillery
 6 Matropes at £6. 12. 6 worth each
 Joseph Alvarez
 William Davis
 Dan. Currie
 John Men
 J. Robt. Wick
 Wm. Sampson
 J. Maynard
 J. Robt. Wick
 full men & Colours

178. The Conditions of the Magazine Buildings be and the general wants of the Fort remain the same as per last Report.

In. Peterwar Capt
 & Master General

His Honor the President and Council
 In the Gentlemen of the Assembly
 Gentlemen

We herewith send you the Report of the Committee of Fortifications upon the Subjects particularly recommended to their Consideration on the 17 Sep. last & call your Attention to the necessity of immediately building a Magazine, mending the other four twelve Pounders, erecting a Flag Staff and providing Materials for signal Flags: and request your Honor to concur with the Board in authorizing the said Committee to receive Proposals for the above Purposes, and that they be desired to lay the same

before the two Houses at their next Meeting

We also beg to call the attention of
your Honors to the increased security of the
Shipping in the Harbour by anchoring
and requiring the Gunners of Black Rock
Fort to employ such number of Artificers
as may be requisite to work two Guns
on that Battery, and if the Carriages
shall appear in Exarrication to be
in want of repair that they be also
included in the above Petitionals

Council Chamber
14th Jan^y 1813.

By Command
R. J. Brodbelt
Clk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council

We herewith send you a Bill Intituled
An Act for laying certain Duties and
Impositions on the Importations of certain
Articles permitted by His Royal Highness
the Prince Regent's Royal order in Council
made the twenty sixth day of October in
the year of our Lord One thousand eight
hundred and twelve which hath passed
Your House.

Assembly Room
14th Jan^y 1813.

John Richardson
Speaker

Motion made by the Hon^{ble} John
Colborne M^{br} of C^o and seconded by the
Hon^{ble} R. J. Brodbelt Esq^r that the said
Bill be read a first time, and it was
read a first time accordingly.

Motion made by the Hon^{ble} James
Weiker, and seconded by the

Hon^{ble} John Colborne M^{br} that the said
Bill be read a second time, and it was
read a second time accordingly.

Motion made by the Hon^{ble} James
Weiker, and seconded by the Hon^{ble} John
Colborne M^{br} that the said Bill be read
a third time, and it was read a third time
accordingly.

His Honor the President then put to the
Assembly whether the said Bill should pass into a Law
and it passed the Board accordingly.

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

We return you the Bill intituled
an Act for laying certain Duties
and Impositions on the Importations
of certain Articles permitted by His Royal Highness the
Prince Regent's Royal order in Council
made the 26th day of October in the
year of our Lord 1812, which has
passed this Board.

Council Chamber
14th Jan^y 1813.

By Command
R. J. Brodbelt
Clk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President & Council

This House concurs with your Board
that the Committee for Forts and Fortifi-
cations be desired to advertize for propo-
sals for Building a Stone Magazine
sufficiently large for the reception of the
Powder and Am^o required for the use

of the Colony, and for furnishing the
 Gun Carriages and such other Articles
 as said Committee may consider necessary
 for the use and defence of the Colony of
 Tort and Black Rock, reporting such
 proposals they may receive to both Houses -
 Assembly Room,
 14th Jan^y 1813. John Richardson
 Speaker

His Honor the President in Council
 To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
 Gentlemen,
 Your House is adjourned
 Council Chamber By Command
 14th Jan^y 1813. R. M. Prodbell
 Clerk of Council

at a Meeting of the Council this
 19th day of Feb^r 1813. -
 Present
 His Honor Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
 In want of other Members, - no Business
 done.
 The Hon^{ble} William Lawrence Esq^r
 was this day sworn in Chief Judge

At a Meeting of the Council this 25th Feb^r 1813
 Present
 The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
 The Hon^{ble} John Cottle Esq^r Member Esq^r
 The Hon^{ble} Rev. Samuel Lyons
 The Hon^{ble} Peter Jeffery Esq^r
 The Hon^{ble} James Weeks Esq^r
 The Hon^{ble} William Lawrence Esq^r
 Lockhart Gordon Esq^r attended the Board
 this day and took the Oath of Government as
 Collector of His Majesty's Excise
 as Chairman of the Committee
 appointed to draw up and prepare a Bill
 to be laid before the Board and to take
 into consideration, which
 he had a first time, and being seconded by
 the Hon^{ble} Rev. Samuel Lyons was read a
 first time accordingly.

His Honor the President laid before the
 Board the following Letter from the Captain
 General.

Antigua 24th January 1813.
 Sir
 Having been informed that it is in
 contemplation to sell part of the powder
 at present in store at New, I beg leave to
 observe that according to my Ideas upon
 the subject, none of the powder belonging
 to the Public can be disposed of without
 my previous sanction as Head of the
 Government.
 Should it appear upon
 investigation, that the quantity of powder
 now in store is greater than what
 the service of the Colony requires, so

sale might to take place in the present
conjuncture without great caution, - as
it otherwise might come into the
hands of the Enemy, for the use of their
Privateers.

The Island of Montserrat
being without any supply of Powder
I have acquainted Mr. President Herbert
that it is not precisely a certain quantity
- might be disposed of at Nevis -
and I have therefore requested him to
submit the particulars of that circum-
-stances to both branches of the Legisla-
-ture of Montserrat with the view
of their furnishing the means for
the purchase of any quantity which
may be deemed superfluous at Nevis.

To the Hon^{ble}

Thomas J. Cottle Esq^r
President of the Council
Nevis

I have the Honor to be

Sir

your most obedient
humble servant
N. Elliot

Montserrat Jan^y. 26th 1815.

Sir
I have the Honor to address you in
consequence of a Letter from His Excellency
Governor Elliot.

It is on the subject of
Gunpowder which His Excellency wants
and the Governor acquaints me that there
is a great quantity of that Article in the
Magazine at Nevis and that probably
the Island may be supplied from

thence - His Excellency further says that He
will write to you on the subject -

I have the Honor in requesting the favour
of you to acquaint me whether the Legisla-
-ture of the Island may be furnished
with Powder from Nevis should they be
disposed to apply and what quantity could
be spared and the cost of it -

My Letter as you see is a Provisionary
sort of application merely to gain Infor-
-mation for I am not sure if the Island
will make any application.

I have the Honor to be

To the Honor

J. J. Cottle Esq^r
President
Nevis

Sir

your most obedient
humble servant
Joseph Herbert.

Antigua 3rd February 1815.

Sir,

I have the Honor to return two Acts
which were transmitted to me from Nevis
the one entitled "An Act for settling and
"regulating the Trial of Criminal Slaves by
"Jury" the other entitled "An Act for laying
"certain Duties and Impositions on the
"Importation of certain Articles permitted
"by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's
"Royal order in Council made the twenty
"fifth day of October in the year of our Lord
"one thousand eight hundred and twelve"
which Acts I have passed in the usual
form - and affixed to them the Great
Seal and my signature -

I have

I have the Honor to be
To the Hon^{ble} Sir
S. J. Cottle Esq^r your most obedient
President of the Hon^{ble} Council, &c. &c. &c.
W. Elliot

Antigua 4th February 1813

Sir,
I have received your letter of the 14th
January enclosing the Recommendation
of the Board of Council of William Lawrence
Esquire one of the Assistant Justices to fill
the vacant situation of Chief Justice, in
consequence of which I have the Honor to
incline herewith his Commission as
Chief Justice.

I have the Honor to be
The Hon^{ble} Sir
S. J. Cottle Esq^r your most obedient
President of H. M. Council &c. &c. &c.
W. Elliot

Demerary Carlisle Bay
Barbadoes 5th Feb^r 1813

Sir, I have the Honor to acquaint you
for the information of the Merchants
and Shippers of the Islands under your
Honors Government, that the Convoy
for the present year, will be arranged
to sail from Nevis, as follows
29th April - 24th of June - 26th of July -
on which days I shall cause a vessel of
War to call at Nevis for the purpose of
convoying the Trade to the General
Revolutions.

In making New Communications, will
your Honor be pleased also to acquaint the
Merchants and Shippers of Nevis, that in
consequence of recent arrangements for
the protection of the Homeward bound
fleet from the Leeward Islands, it will
be out of my Power to defer the Period esta-
-blished for their Departure from hence,
and the extent of Force appropriated for the
Protection of such will prevent the possibility
of my granting any extra Convoy.

I have the Honor to be
To the Hon^{ble} Sir
The President your Honor's
Nevis most obedient
W. Elliot

For want of any Appearable or other
Business, and His Honor the President
adjourned the Board to Thursday next
the fourth of March.

At a Meeting of the Council this 4th day of
March 1813.

Present

Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esquire President
Hon^{ble} John Colhoun Miles Esq^r
Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esq^r
Hon^{ble} and Joseph Samuel Lyons
Hon^{ble} James Mathes Esq^r
Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r

Motion made by the Hon^{ble} James Mathes
and seconded by the Hon^{ble} John C. Miles
that the Bill intitled "An Act to raise and
embody a militia," be read a second time.

and it was read a second time accordingly
For want of an Assembly no other Business
done - and his Honor the President ordered
the Board to Saturday Week next the
instant -

at a Meeting of the Council this 13th
March 1813.

Present

- The Hon^{ble} Thomas Wm. Clarke Esq^r ^{President}
- Hon^{ble} Wm. Colclough Esq^r ^{Member}
- Hon^{ble} Peter Jeffrey Esq^r ^{Member}
- Hon^{ble} Wm. Samuel Lyons Esq^r ^{Member}
- Hon^{ble} James McKim Esq^r ^{Member}
- Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r ^{Member}
- Hon^{ble} Henry Rawlins Esq^r ^{Member}

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

We herewith send you a Bill
intituled, "An Act to raise and embody a
Militia laid before this Board by the Committee
appointed to prepare the same, which has
been twice read at this Board. -

Council Chamber
15th March 1813.
By Command
of His Honor the President
of the Council
R. J. Birdsell

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
His Honor the President and Council

We herewith send you a Bill intituled, "An
Act for the further protection of the Slaves within
the Island of New York and exceptive
Provisions contained in an Act of the
Parliament of Great Britain dated in the 13th of the said
the

twenty first day of April one thousand
seven hundred and ninety eight intituled
"An Act more effectually to provide for the
support and extend certain regulations for
the protection of the Slaves to promote and
encourage their increase and generally to
ameliorate their condition" which hath
been read twice in this House.

Assembly Room
13th March 1813
John Richardson
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

The Committee for superintending
the Public Building having recommended
the Advantage of durability and neatness to
the Roof and other exposed Woodwork of the Court
House by painting the same, and an offer
having been made for exchanging a quantity
of Linseed Oil and White Lead or the Residue
for Gunpowder, which we are satisfied will
be safely disposed of - We request the Concur-
rence of your Honor to the above Exchange,
and that the President be authorized to give
an Order for the delivery of so much of the
Gunpowder now on hand as the Committee
shall deem sufficient.

Council Chamber
13th March 1813
By Command
of His Honor the President
of the Council
R. J. Birdsell

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

We herewith send you several
Letters from His Excellency the Governor,

Dear Admiral Sir Francis Laforey,
and from the President of Montserrat,
which have been received and laid before
this Board since the last Meeting of your
House.

Council Chamber By Command
13th March 1813. R. S. Pittbell
Ck of Council

Motion made by the Hon^{ble} Mr. New
annual Report, and seconded by the Hon^{ble}
James Welch that the Bill, intituled "An
Act for the further protection of the Slaves
within the Island of Nevis from cruel and
excessive Punishment, and for altering and
amending certain Provisions contained
in an Act of the Steward Islands dated in
St. Christopher's the twenty first day of
April one thousand seven hundred and
ninety eight, intituled "An Act more effectu-
ally to provide for the support and exten-
sion of regulations for the protection of
Slaves, to promote and encourage their
Increase, and generally to meliorate their
Conditions" be read a first time, and it
was read a first time accordingly.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council
This House concurs with your Board as to
the Utility of painting the Roof and
Wood Work of the Court House now building
and of the Advantage to be derived to the
Public from the Discharge of Powder for
Cannon, Oil, and Gunpowder - and we recom-
mend the necessary alterations to be

directed immediately by the joint Com-
mittee for the Public Building, and that the
Committee be authorized to agree with pro-
per Persons for the needful Labour in such
manner as they may judge most proper.

Assembly Room John Richardson
13th March 1813. Speaker

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council
We recommend that the Surplus of Mont-
serrat should be supplied from the surplus
Powder now in the Magazine of this
Island with such quantity thereof as the
President may conceive may be disposed
without prejudice to the Services and
wants of this Colony - and that the President
be authorized to furnish such Orders for
Montserrat on such terms of Price and
Payment most advantageous to the Public of
this Island.

Assembly Room John Richardson
13th March 1813. Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your House was adjourned to
Saturday next the 21st
Council Chamber By Command
13th March 1813. R. S. Pittbell
Ck of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 20th day
of March 1813.

Present

The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Collins Esq^r President

The Hon^{ble} John Colclough Esq^r Member

The Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esq^r

The Hon^{ble} John Samuel Esq^r

The Hon^{ble} James Necker Esq^r

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

In His Honor the President and Council

This House is of opinion that a case may
be made to advantage of a quantity of
which now is useless in the magazines of the
Island and subject to accident and waste
and such powder is wanted for the use of
Privateers fitted and fitting out against the
Public Enemies and for the supply of the
Shipping now loading in the Road of this
Island. We request your concurrence that
five thousand Pounds may be disposed of
under the Authority of the joint Committee
for Forts and Fortifications and the amount
so sold be paid to the Treasurer for the
Public Services of the Island

Assembly Room
20th March 1813

John Richardson
Speaker

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

In His Honor the President and Council

This House being informed by a member
one of the Committees to carry into effect
the Completion of the Court House, that there
are several alterations necessary to be made
from the original contract as in the Plan

case to the upper Room and some Casings - is desirous
to confer the Authority to the joint Committee
that it may direct alterations as further required to be
done to finish the building and to make arrange-
ments with the Contractor for extraordinary or
additional Labour and to ascertain and fix
all expences which may arise in consequence of
such deviations and variation from the plan
first agreed to this Considered the House is
satisfied is due to the great zeal and attention
of the Committee and will have the effect of
satisfying the Contractor and be a strong
inducement to him to proceed and finish his
undertaking. - your Concurrence is required.
Assembly Room
20th March 1813

John Richardson
Speaker

In His Honor the President and Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen,

We agree with your House that a case of
Powder would be advantageous to assist in defraying
the heavy expences of the Colony at this period of
Distress and Pressure and suggest that a letter from
the President and Speaker should be written to
acquaint his Excellency the Governor therewith.

It is the opinion of this Board that 2500 lbs of
Gunpowder is required for the Public Services of
the Island and that so much at least should
be retained. - We agree with your House
that the joint Committee for Forts and For-
tifications be authorized to dispose of the surplus
Powder and to pay the Amount of such

Sale into the Treasury for the Public Service
of the Island and that the President be autho-
rized to direct the Captain Gunner to deliver
the same accordingly.

Council Chamber By Command
20th March 1813. R. S. Brodbelt
Clt of Council

32 His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly -
Gentlemen

This Board concurs with your
House in Conspiring to the joint Committee
for the Public Weidring the power of making
such Deviations from the Original Contract
and such Arrangements with the Contractor
for all extraordinary and additional labour
and expence as may arise in consequence
of such Alterations and are happy in bear-
ing their full Testimony to the zeal and
Attention of the joint Committee.

Council Chamber By Command
20th March 1813. R. S. Brodbelt
Clt of Council

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

Our House is adjourned to
Saturday next the 27th Instant.
Council Chamber By Command
20th March 1813. R. S. Brodbelt
Clt of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 27th day of
March 1813.

Present
The Hon^{ble} John Colledge Esq^r President
The Hon^{ble} John Colthour Mills Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} and Hon^{ble} Samuel Lyons
The Hon^{ble} James Necker Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r
The Hon^{ble} Henry Rawlins Esq^r

Motion made by the Hon^{ble} James Necker and
seconded by the Hon^{ble} John Colthour Mills that
the Bill, intituled "An Act for the further pro-
tection of the Slaves within the Island of Nevis
from cruel and excessive Punishment, and for
altering and amending certain Provisions
contained in an Act of the Leeward Islands
dated in the Christian the twenty first day of
April one thousand seven hundred and ninety
eight," intituled "An Act more effectually to provide
for the support and extend certain Regulations
for the protection of Slaves to promote and
increase and generally to multiply their
encourage their Condition" be read a second
time and it was read a second time accordingly.

His Honor the President laid before the Board
the following Report of the Captain Gunner,
as appeared in the next Page.

The Gentlemen of our Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council
Their House having ever in view the reputation
and Welfare of the Colony, cannot but notice
with the greatest regret the injuries now
existing of Justice, necessary for the Public
business, in the Courts of Magistrates and
Common Pleas; - and while it deprecates
the Calumny and misrepresentations, which
the Public functionaries have had with equal
liberality and injustice heaped on their
Characters, - inducing some to resign, and
other Gentlemen to refuse public situations,
from fear of unjust infamous reproach -
the House feels the necessity of urging the
Public interests - and to hope that Public
Spirit, will be found to repel, unmerited
Censure, and to show to the world, the just
contempt, in which Persons so misrepresenting
the Public proceedings are held -

The greatest good to a Country is
equal and impartial justice - The greatest
evil is a neglect of the Laws - The first entails
us to the respect of the virtuous Inhabitants
of all Countries - The second points out irrepara-
ble disgrace, and certain ruin -

To encourage the administration of Justice
to avert the misfortunes which ever arise from
a neglect of the Laws - to furnish the best
breath of this Standard - and to support, the
well earned fame of Public functionaries, will
always be the pride of this Assembly - and we

are
fully conscious that your Board, participates in
their sentiments, and with anxiety to remedy
the cause of grievances -

And as Public business has mentioned
several Letters which have been written to His
Excellency the Captain General unjustly reflect-
ing on some Public Functionaries in this Island,
and making improper remarks on the Public
Proceedings, request your consent to a joint applica-
tion from your Board and this House, to His
Excellency the Governor General, requesting that
such Letters may be submitted to the honorable
of the Legislature for their information -
Respectfully Comd
27th March 1815 } John Richardson,
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

This Board cannot contemplate the
present unprotected state of this Colony, and
the consequences which may be daily experienced
- from the Activity of the Enemy's Cruisers
in these Seas without an increasing anxiety to dis-
-charge those duties which induced their presence
to your House as long since as the 10th of December
last respecting a Militia force, - and referring
to the zeal and readiness with which your House
concurred with this Board in appointing a
Committee to frame a Militia Law, they are
satisfied that your House will take with your
earliest consideration the Bill now before
you in order that the same when corrected

may be passed into a law without further delay. This Board further wishes to call to the Attention of your House the present useless state of the Gunboat Black Loch Dock, and as the Situation of that Dock is such as may afford very effectual Protection to the Harbour in case of an attack by the Enemy if the Guns are rendered serviceable. This Board requests the Concurrence of your House in directing that the Carriages of such Guns be immediately put into Repair.

Council Chamber
27th March 1813. —
By Command
R. J. Roddelt.
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

This Board concurs with your House in the necessity of a joint application to His Excellency the Governor to endeavour to prevail on His Excellency to submit to the Inspection of the Legislature the Letters which Captain Rumour has stated to have been written to him reflecting on some of our Public Functionaries, and on the Proceedings of the Island.

Council Chamber
27th March 1813. —
By Command
R. J. Roddelt.
Clerk of Council

The Honorable John Colhoun Mills laid before the Board the following Leave of Absence from the Governor of Antigua —
By His Excellency Hugh Elliot Esquire, Captain General and

Governor in Chief in and over all His Majesty's leeward Charibbee Islands of America, Chancellor, Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the same &c &c &c.

His Majesty having been graciously pleased to signify His Pleasure that if any of the Members of His respective Councils should hereafter absent themselves from their respective Islands and be absent above the space of twelve Months together without leave from Me first obtained under my hand and Seal, that the place of such Member of the said Council should immediately hereupon become void, And the Honorable John Colhoun Mills Esquire one of the Members of His Majesty's Council for the Island of Nevis having applied to Me to dispense with his being absent to attend his private Affairs in Europe I have thought fit hereby to grant unto him my leave of absence to continue for the space of twelve Months to be computed from the time of his departure from the said Island And this licence is to be presented to the President in Council within three Months after the date hereof to be entered on the Minutes.

Given under my hand and Seal at Antigua
at Antigua this fifth day of March in the
fifty third year of His Majesty's Reign.
By His Excellency's Command
H. Elliot
Secy

His Honor the President in Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to Saturday
the third of April
Council Chamber
27th March 1813.

By Command
R. J. Beadwell
Ck of Council

A Meeting of the Council this 8th day of
April 1813.

Present
The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq. President
The Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Lyons
The Hon^{ble} James Daniel Esq.

For want of other Members, no business
done.

At a Meeting of the Council this 10th day
of April 1813.

Present
The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq. President
The Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Lyons
The Hon^{ble} James Daniel Esq.

For want of other Members, no business
done.

At a Meeting of the Council this 8th day of
May 1813

Present
The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq. President
The Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esq.
The Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Lyons
The Hon^{ble} James Daniel Esq.

For want of another member to make a Quorum
no business done

At a Meeting of the Council the 12th day
of May 1813

Present
The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq. President
The Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Lyons
The Hon^{ble} James Daniel Esq.
The Hon^{ble} James Wether Esq.
The Hon^{ble} James Laurence Esq.
The Hon^{ble} Henry Rawlins Esq.
No Business done

His Honor the President in Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned till
Wednesday next the 19th Instant

By Command
Council Chamber
12th May 1813
J. H. Clarke
R. J. Beadwell
Dep: Secy

At a Meeting of the Council the 19th day
of May 1813

Present
The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq. President
The Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esq.
The Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Lyons
The Hon^{ble} James Daniel Esq.
The Hon^{ble} Henry Rawlins Esq.
No Business done for want of an Assembly and the
Honor the President adjourns the Board till Sat^{day}

The 29th of May Instant

At a meeting of the Council this 29 day of May 1813.

Present

- Hon^{ble} The Hon^{ble} John Cottle Esq^r President
- Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esq^r
- Hon^{ble} The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lysons
- Hon^{ble} James Wickes

For want of another Member no Business done

At a meeting of the Council this 2nd June 1813.

Present

- The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
- The Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Lysons
- The Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esq^r
- The Hon^{ble} James Wickes Esq^r
- The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council -
 We beg leave to inform you that in pursuance of the various Accounts against the Public of this Island We have allowed one hundred Pounds Sterling to Paul Horsford Esquire - the Solicitor General for his attendance and Prosecutions at the suit of the King of Edward Staggins James Esquire and we request an Order may be given by the President or the Treasurer for payment thereof.

Assembly Room
 2nd June 1813
 John Richardson
 Secretary

His Honor the President and Council
 To the Gentlemen of the Assembly -
 Gentlemen,

We agree with your Honor that an Order be given by the President or the Treasurer for the payment of one hundred Pounds Sterling to the Hon^{ble} Paul Horsford the Solicitor General for his attendances and Prosecutions at the suit of the King of Edward Staggins James Esquire
 Council Chamber
 2nd June 1813. -

By Command
 P. J. Prodbelt
 Clerk of Council

His Honor the President and Council
 To the Gentlemen of the Assembly -
 Gentlemen,

Letters have been received from His Excellency the Governor accompanying a Communication from Lord Bathurst calling for repayment of the Security or Debt imported from West India America which the Legislature of the Island resolved at the time should be repaid when required -

This Board requests your Honor to consent that directions be given to the Treasurer to remit immediately to the proper officers the sum demanded -

Council Chamber
 2nd June 1813. -

By Command
 P. J. Prodbelt
 Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
In His Honor the President and Council

This House is desirous to appoint a Committee
to investigate the amount of the Bounty on
Fish imported from British America, & when
such Report is made by a joint Committee
if you think proper to adopt such investigation
this House readily concurs that directions
shall be given to the Treasurer to remit to the
Person appointed the sum received as Bounty
by the Importers of such Fish into this
Island - And we appoint Sirley Nicholson
Francis Jones, and William Carter Esquires
a Committee from this House to join such
Gentlemen from your Board as you may be
pleas'd to direct for this purpose. -

Wm. B. H. H. H.
2nd June 1813

John Richardson
Speaker

At a Meet^g of the Council this 9th June
1813. -

Present

Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esq^r
Hon^{ble} Rev. Samuel Lyons
Hon^{ble} James Neekes Esq^r
Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r

For want of an Assembly, no business
done - And His Honor the President ad-
-journ'd the Board to Wednesday next the
16th instant. -

At a Meeting of the Council this 16th June 1813. -

Present

Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esquire President

Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esq^r

Hon^{ble} James Dandell Esq^r

Hon^{ble} Rev. Samuel Lyons

Hon^{ble} James Neekes Esq^r

Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esq^r

His Honor the President read before the Board
the following Letters. -

Antigua 27th April 1813. -

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 24th
Instant respecting the Dispatch from the
Earl of Bathurst to me of the 6th February
1813 relative to the payments made for the
Bounties on Fish imported into the Island
of Nevis. -

As I do not understand that dispatch
in the same light in which it seems to have
struck you, I beg leave to suggest that it might
be expedient to defer applying to the two Branches
of the Legislature at Nevis upon the sub-
-ject, till further explanations have taken
place between us - As my time is at present
entirely engrossed in preparing my dispatches
to be sent by the Packet - and also on account
of the Departure of the Fleet in the course of
tomorrow, a period of eight or ten days will
elapse before I can resume the perusal of this letter.

To the Hon^{ble}
Thomas J. Cottle Esq^r
Esq^r &c &c

I have the Honor to be

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
H. Elliot

Antigua 15th May 1813. —

Sir,

Having learnt that there are at present several vacant Seats upon the Bench of Judges at St. John, I think it incumbent upon me to point out the urgent necessity that such vacancies should be filled up with as little delay as possible in the usual and regular manner. — Should, however, any obstacles have occurred to prevent the furtherance of this important object, I trust that you will send me such a statement of those obstacles, as may enable me to take the most expedient steps within the limits of my authority, for the remedying of so great an evil, until I shall have had an opportunity of submitting this subject to the consideration of His Prince Regent's Government. —

To the Hon^{ble}
Thomas J. Cottle Esq^r
President of H. M.
Council &c. &c.

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
J. Elliot

Antigua 15th May 1813. —

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 24th April acknowledging the receipt of a letter from me of the 8th April inclosing the Copy of a Dispatch from the Earl of Bathurst to me of the 6th February together with an account annexed thereto. —

You are pleased to state that no

threat whatever has been applied by the Legislature at St. John for the repealment of the Bounty on the importation of British American Fish into that Island, the idea prevalent in the Country at the time it was granted, being, that the Bounty was intended as a Broom to the Southern & Colonial Colonies, — and a hindrance to the West India Islands. —

I shall not fail to transmit this suggestion to the Care of Bathurst, together with our observations on my part, that I have no Authority to determine in how far your Ideas may be well founded, or not, I conceive that in the mean time it will not be necessary to take any further steps in this matter until I shall have been honored with His Lordship's further directions concerning it. —

To the Hon^{ble}
Tho^s. J. Cottle Esq^r
President of H. M. Council
&c. &c. &c.

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant

Antigua 25th May 1813. —

Sir,

Since I addressed to you my letter of the 15th Inst^o respecting the Bounty on British American Fish imported into St. John, I have applied to the Honorable Thomas Norbury Kerby, the Treasurer here, for any information with which he could furnish me concerning the Proceedings which

might have taken place at Antigua relative to the same subject.

I have now the satisfaction to enclose a Copy of a letter from Mr. Kerly to me of the 24th Inst. which fully explains the manner in which the business was settled at Antigua - and which will hereafter I have no doubt be considered by you as sufficiently explicit to regulate your conduct upon a similar principle & without waiting as I had previously suggested, for the Earl of Bathurst's further directions.

To the Hon^{ble}
J. Cottle Esq^r
President of H. M. C.
Council 9th 9th 9th

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
your most obedient
Humble Servant
H. Elliot

Copy
Treasurers Office Saint Johns
May 24th 1813 -

Sir,
I beg leave to state that in compliance with your Excellency's Instructions, I have examined into the proceedings of the Council and Assembly respecting the plan laid down for providing a fund for the County, which was directed to be allowed by His Majesty on the Importation of pickled and dried Fish, from British America into the West India Islands; and I find that the Council and Assembly did enter into Resolutions for providing a proper Fund for making good whatever sums might be

required but it however became unnecessary to raise any Tax on the Inhabitants of this Island for that purpose in consequence of His Majesty having been graciously pleased to declare that it was his Will and pleasure that the Money arising from the Tonnage and Fish Duty as well as from the Duties imposed on other Articles imported into this Island from the United States in America under certain Acts directed to be so paid, should be applied to the use of the Colony. The sum which had therefore been advanced by the Collector of the Customs on account of Bribes on Fish imported, was repaid out of the Money which had come to his Hands arising from the Tonnage and Fish Duty before any Money whatever was paid into the Treasury.

So His Excellency
H. Elliot Esq^r
9th 9th 9th

I am with respect
your Excellency
Most obedient servant
Signed Thomas Morbury Kerby
Treasurer

The President recommended to the Board the nomination of Lockhart Gordon Esquire to His Excellency the Governor to fill the situation of Assistant Justice of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench and Common Pleas, to which the Board unanimously assented. For want of an Assize no further business done and His Honor the President adjourned the Board to Wednesday next the 25th instant.

At a Meet^g of the Council this 23rd day of
June 1813.

Present

- Hon^{ble} Mr Thomas John Collett Esq^r President
- Hon^{ble} Mr Peter Jeffrey Esq^r
- Hon^{ble} Mr James Daniell Esq^r
- Hon^{ble} Mr Robert Saml^l George
- Hon^{ble} Mr James Weeks Esq^r
- Hon^{ble} Mr Saml^l Laurence Esq^r

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen, We herewith send you the
different Letters referred to in our Message
to your House of the 2nd instant.

Council Chamber
23rd June 1813.

By Command
W. Probbell
Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

In His Honor the President and Council

The Committee from this House appointed
to investigate the Bounty actually due for the
importation of Sugar from British America
report verbally that it appears to them that
on the last importation into this Island the
Bounty amounts to £112, 3, 3 Sterling and that
all former Bounties were settled by the
Collector of His Majesty's Customs of this
Island.

This House is therefore of Opinion that
the repayment of the sum of £112, 3, 3 St^g
ought to be made to Government as demanded
by Lord Bathurst, and that an Order should
be given on the Treasury of this Island

for that purpose
Assembly Room
23rd June 1813.

John Richardson
Speaker

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council

This House referring to the Message from
your Board of the 27th March last in answer
to a Message from this House concerning the
causes which operated here on the Minds
of many Gentlemen, inducing resignation
of Offices of great consequence to the welfare and
security of the Inhabitants of this Island, and
the motives which hindered other Gentlemen
from accepting of Employments absolutely
necessary for the happiness of the Colony; is
of Opinion that the best method of performing
His Excellency the Captain General as to these
causes will be best expressed by a joint address
of the two Branches of the Legislature to the
Governor - for which purpose we appoint
William W. Wilkes, Edward Pemberton
and John Stanley Esq^r to join any Members
from your Board you may select for this pur-
pose.

John Richardson
Speaker

Assembly Room
23rd June 1813.

His Honor the President and Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

This Board having requested His
Honor the President to acquaint it with the
Reasons for not forwarding to His Excellency,
the Governor the import of the Message of
the 27th March, he has this before them a
Letter which was intended to communicate

with

such a message, which Letter is dated
the 31st March - And His Board being
of Opinion from the terms of such
Letter and the general object required
by the Message, that the mode of convey-
ing to His Excellency the sentiments
of the Legislature ought still to be
adopted: they therefore hope that
Your House will still concur in the
propriety of forwarding the Message by
a joint Letter from the President and
Speaker without at present going into
the Committee

Council Chamber
23rd June 1813

By Command
of R. J. Broadbent
Clt of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council
We agree that the Letter which was intended
to communicate the Message of the 27th
March to the Captain General as written
on the 30th of that Month by the President
and Speaker conveying the sentiments of the
Legislature be forwarded as then intended -
although we still conceive a joint address
ought to be preferred -

Assembly Room
23rd June 1813

John Richardson
Speaker

His Honor the President in Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

Your House is adjourned

to Wednesday next the 30th instant -

By Command
of R. J. Broadbent
Clt of Council

His Honor the President not having laid
before the Board the following Letter on the
29th May last directed that they should be
inserted in the Minutes of this day

Sir,

Antigua 8th April 1813

I enclose the Copy of a Dispatch from
Lord Bathurst to me of the 6th February together
with an Account annexed thereto -

Having no knowledge of the subject to which
it relates, they leave to recommend the Earl of
Bathurst's directions to your early attention,
and that you will be pleased to forward to me
such information upon the subject, as it may
be in your power to furnish.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours

Robt. J. Coffee Esq^r
Secy to the Gov^r

Your most obedient
humble Servant

H. Elliot

Downing Street, 6th February 1813

Sir, Having received from the Lord Commis-
sioner of the Treasury an Account (a Copy of
which is herewith enclosed) of payments made
for the Duties on ~~the~~ imported into the
Islands of Antigua, I am to desire that if the
Legislature of that Island has made any
Provision for the payment thereof, you will
as speedily as possible remit the Amount

To the Lords Commissioners
 Having the Honor to be

Your most obedient
 humble servant
 (signed) Deane

To
 Governor Elliot
 &c. &c. &c.

An Account of the sum paid to the following persons for American Bibles & tracts
 with the amount of the sum again paid to the said persons which have been approved by the Lords Comrs. of the Treasury

Name	Amount	Day	Month	Year	Particulars
Mr. Sturges	27s	10th	July	1813	for Bibles
Mr. Sturges	94.11.6	10th	July	1813	for Bibles
Mr. Sturges	7.7.3	10th	July	1813	for Bibles
Mr. Sturges	112.3.3	10th	July	1813	for Bibles
Mr. Sturges	11.11.6	10th	July	1813	for Bibles

Sent to the Capt. General
 15th October 1813

At a Meeting of the Council this 1st day of July 1813

Present
 The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esquire President
 The Hon^{ble} and Reverend Samuel Syms
 The Hon^{ble} James Meekes Esquire
 The Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esquire
 or want of another Member to be nominated

At a Meeting of the Council this 5th day of
 October 1813.

Present
 The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esquire President
 Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esquire
 Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esquire
 Hon^{ble} Rev. Samuel Syms
 Hon^{ble} James Meekes Esquire
 Hon^{ble} Henry Parsons Esquire
 His Majesty's Writs for the Election of a new
 Assembly having issued, and being this day
 returned it appeared that the following Gentle-
 men were duly elected

John Richardson
 Sir Lay Nicholson } for Parishes of Saint Paul
 Joseph Jones
 John Henry Clarke
 Peter Thomas Muggins
 and William Borwin } Parishes Saint Thomas
 and John Parsley
 Esquire had also an
 equal number of
 Votes.

& Magnus Weston } Parish Saint James
 Edward Huggins Junr }
 Edward Huggins Junr }
 Will^d W. Wilkes }
 James Parley } Parish Saint George
 Thomas Sheld }
 Edward Pemberton }
 William Pemberton } Parish Saint John
 William Lawrence }

All the above Gentlemen (except Magnus Weston
 John Broad Clarke, William Northington Wilkes
 and John Parley and William Brown) Esquires
 attended the Board and by direction
 of His Honor the President took all the Oaths
 prescribed by Law, and subscribed the Test. -

William Burke and John Huggins Esquires
 also attended the Board and took the Oaths and
 subscribed the Test, the former as Sergeant at
 Arms, and the latter as Clerk of the Assembly.

His Honor the President adjourned the Board
 to Tuesday next the 12th instant. -

At a Meeting of the Council this 12th day of October 1813

- Present
- The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esquire President
 - Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esquire
 - Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esquire
 - Hon^{ble} and Reverend Samuel Syon
 - Hon^{ble} Henry Parolins Esquire

The Members of Assembly who did not attend at
 the last Meeting appeared this day and were
 sworn in. -

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
 In His Honor the President and Council
 We have appointed the following standing Committees
 for Public Accounts William Lawrence Esquire
 Nicholas and Joseph Jones Esquires and for Forts
 and Fortifications Edward Huggins Junr. William
 Pemberton and Edward Huggins Junr. Esquires
 to join such Members of your Board as you
 shall think proper to appoint. -
 Magnus Weston
 Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
 To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
 Gentlemen,

We have appointed the Honorable James
 McKee and Samuel Lawrence Esquires to join
 William Lawrence Esquire Sirley & Nicholas and Joseph
 Jones Esquires as a Committee for Public Accounts
 and the Honorable John Colbourne Miles and
 Henry Parolins Esquires to join Edward Huggins
 Junr. William Pemberton and Edward Huggins
 Junr. Esquires as a Committee for Forts and Forti-
 fications. -

By Command
 Council Chamber
 W. J. Broadbelt
 Clk of Council
 12 October 1813. -

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
 In His Honor the President and Council
 This House is of Opinion that as the Rooms prepared
 for the Accommodation of the Public Records of the
 Island is now completely ready - That a Committee
 be appointed to superintend the removal of the Books

and Superintending the same, and to arrange them
with regularity and order, And a Complaint has
been made in this House that the papers intended
for Recording Deeds and other papers in the Secretary's
Office very far exceed the provision by Law: The
Committee now appointed may be requested to
examine into such charges and make their
Report on the same, for which purpose we have
appointed Edward Pemberton Joseph Jones William
Lawrence Peter Storrass Huggins and John
Henry Clarke Esquires to join such Gentlemen
of your Board may substitute.

This House is also of opinion that a proper Person
should be appointed to take charge of the Public
Court House, so that its safety from Fire should
be insured, and that it should on all occasions
be in a proper state to receive the different Public
Bodies and beg leave to recommend W. Mary
Smith as a fit and proper Person for that purpose
And hope for the Concurrence of your Board.
Assembly Room
12th Oct. 1813. }
Magnum Morton
Speaker

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council
This House is of opinion that in addition to the
Committee already named to your Board that
a Committee be appointed for Public Buildings
for which purpose we have named Edward
Huggins Serjt. William Pemberton and Joseph
Jones Esquires to act with such Members of your
Board as you may please to appoint.
Assembly Room
12th Oct. 1813. }
Magnum Morton
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,
This Board concurs with your House in the
appointment of a Committee to superintend the removal
of the Books and Papers from the Room at present
occupied as the Secretary's Office and has nominated
the Honorable and Reverend Samuel Lyons James
Webster and Samuel Lawrence to join Edward
Pemberton Joseph Jones William Lawrence Peter
Storrass Huggins and John Henry Clarke Esquires
to form such joint Committee and they are required
to charge the Committee to examine and report upon
the Charges made for Recording Deeds and other
Papers in the Secretary's Office.
Council Chamber
12 October 1813. - }
By Command
R. J. Woodwell
Ck of Council

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,
This Board had been considering the
Necessity of appointing a proper Person to take charge
of the Court House, of the Salary to be assigned to
such appointment and of the Advantage of putting
up a small House of two Rooms in the Yard adjoining
for the Residence of such House Keeper and as it
is in their Opinion indispensable that the Person
in Charge should personally attend to superintend
shut the Doors and Windows and upon all occasions
They had unanimously agreed on recommending
ing W. Daniel Levy to your acceptance for such
Duty, They do not point out, but feel satisfied

Your House will on reconsideration be led to proceed
The variety of reasons why a duty is not so eligible
as the Post we have recommended to you -
This Board has appointed the Honorable James
Daniel and James Nichol to your Edward Higgins
Senr. William Perceutors and Joseph Jones Esquires
as a Committee for Public Buildings. -

Council Chamber
12th October 1813. -

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

This House having duly considered the reasons which
induce your Board to prefer the appointment of
Mr. Daniel Sevy to Mr. Mary Smith, are of
opinion that as you properly state the Person
so appointed should personally attend to do the
Duties of his Office - that Mr. Salome disqualifies
Mr. Daniel Sevy from holding the situation, he
being often off the Island and has actually
to day been obliged to appoint a Deputy to officiate
for him as directed by His Honor the President. -

Assembly Room
12th Oct. 1813. -

Magrus Morton
Speaker

His Honor the President in Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Your House is adjourned to Saturday
the 26th Instant. -

Council Chamber
12th Oct. 1813. -

By Command
R. S. Pembell
Clerk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 23rd day of October 1813.

Present

The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esquire President

The Hon^{ble} and Reverend Samuel Syms

The Hon^{ble} Peter Jeffery Esquire

The Hon^{ble} James Nichol Esquire

The Hon^{ble} Henry Parolles Esquire

William Bondur Esquire being the Member made
choice of by the Assembly to represent the Parish
of Saint Thomas on the double return, attended
the Board this day and was sworn in. -

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

This House is of opinion that His Honor the President
be requested to join the speaker in making such
a Representation to His Excellency the Captain
General as may induce him to open the Port
of this Island to all Neutral flags. -

Assembly Room
23rd Oct. 1813. -

Magrus Morton
Speaker

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

Resolved that as it is the opinion both of this House
and your Board that two thousand five hundred
Pounds of Gun Powder is a quantity fully sufficient
to be retained for the use of the Fort and other
Military purposes agreeable to your Message of
the 20th of March last - We beg leave to solicit the
conconcurrence of your Board to authorize the
Committee of Fort and Fortifications to proceed
in the sale of such quantities as may exceed that
above mentioned. - That as far as one thousand

found a cash creditor may have the option of taking
his debt in Queen Pounds at such price as may be
agreed between the said creditor and the Com-
mittee for Duties and Satisfaction. —

Assembled at the House of Representatives
23rd Oct. 1813. —

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

We herewith send you a letter from
His Excellency the Governor enclosing a letter
from Earl Bathurst. —

By Command
of Council
23rd October 1813.
H. J. B. B. B.

(General) Government House 13th October 1813.
Sir

I enclose you will submit to the Board of
Council and to the House of Assembly for their
consideration the enclosed Circular of the 14th August
1813 addressed to me by the Earl of Bathurst, Secretary
of State for War and Colonies, and that you will
convey to both branches of the Legislature my
earnest solicitations that they will be pleased
to adopt such measures as in their wisdom may
appear to them most expedient for enabling
me to fulfil the Commands of the Prince
Regent, respecting the different points alluded
to in the Earl of Bathurst's Circular of the
14th August 1813. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
H. Elliot

Copy. — Downing Street 14th August 1813. —
Sir,

In consequence of an address from the House of
Commons to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent,
I am commanded by His Royal Highness's Command
you to cause to be prepared and transmitted to
this Department, a List containing the titles of
all the Acts which have been passed by the
Legislatures of the several Islands under your
Government specifying the Dates thereof, respec-
tively, and distinguishing those which have
expired, and those which still continue in force.

You are also to obtain and transmit to this
Department a complete collection of all the said
Acts as far as the same have been printed in
the respective Islands taking care that the same
may be completed where deficient by manuscript
Copies. —

I am further to desire that you will take
the most effectual measures that all Acts here-
after to be passed by the Legislatures of the several
Islands under your Government be printed &
within six Weeks from the time when such Acts
shall receive the consent of the Governor for the
time being — and you will take care, that in
addition to the usual written Copies required to
be officially transmitted, my Copies of all the
said Acts when so printed be transmitted by
the first convenient opportunity to this Department.

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
Earl Bathurst

In Honor the Recorder when laid before the Board
the following letters

Antigua 26th July 1815. -

Sir,
I have received your Letter of the 31st June,
in which you state that the quantity of Gun Powder
in the Magazine being large, and the Expenses of
the Colony very considerable, the Legislature had
determined on disposing of the surplus
quantity to a profit in defraying there, - reserving
about three thousand Pounds weight for the defence
and protection of the Island. -

Having taken this subject into mature con-
sideration, I beg leave to trouble you with the fol-
lowing observations. -

You are pleased to term the two Branches
of the Legislature, the Legislature, which I appre-
hend to be incorrect. - In as much as nothing
can be considered as an Act of the Legislature, which
has not been sanctioned by the head of the Government.
According to the acknowledged constitution of the British
Colonies the authority of the Council and Assembly
does not extend to those branches of the administra-
tion which are committed to the Executive. -

His Majesty's instructions to the Governor
respecting Powder and Ordnance Stores appears to
me to militate against the principle of their being
at the disposal of the other two branches of the
Legislature. I perceive therefore, that if in the
wisdom of those bodies, it is judged that there is
too great a quantity of Powder in Store, and that
it would be beneficial to the Interest of the
Colony that a proportion of that Powder should

be sold, the regular mode of proceeding would be to apply
the Captain General upon the subject. He would
then give his directions to the subordinate Officer in
whose hands the Powder is lodged to deliver over the
quantity which it might be deemed proper to sell,
to a Committee of both branches of the Legislature
named for that purpose or he would have recourse
to any other mode which might be equally satisfac-
tory to the Colony. - But I cannot possibly observe
that the Powder Officers, or Storekeepers, would in
my opinion, be acting contrary to his duty, were
he to deliver up the Stores committed to his charge
without a special order for that purpose, from
the head of the Government. -

Should this matter again come
under the consideration of the two branches of the
Legislature you will be pleased to state that in
the present circumstances of the times the quantity
of Powder in Store ought not, according to my
Judgment, to be less than five thousand Pounds
weight. -

The Honorable
J. J. Coote Esq
G. G. G.

I have the Honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient
Humble Servant

W. Elliot

Antigua July 27th 1815. -

Gentlemen,

I had not the Honor to receive your
first Letter of the 30th March until the 4th of
July, a circumstance for which I cannot account,
but which will, I trust, serve as a sufficient apology
for my not having sent an earlier answer to you.

I had flattered myself with the hopes that the subject to which it alluded would not have been again agitated, as I shall ever feel regret when I think it my duty to decline acquiescing in any application made to me by the direction of such respectable bodies as the two branches of the Legislature of New.

The purport of the resolutions entered into is to request that I would deliver up several Letters, State more no better authority than common report to have been written to me reflecting upon some Public Functionaries, and particularly, as I infer from your joint Letter upon the Character of the Judges of New.

That since my arrival in this Government I have received various Letters, not only from the Island of New, but from every other situation of the Government, in which some Gentlemen have been pleased to praise themselves, and find fault with the conduct of their neighbours. - I readily admit, and that in the course of forty years Public Service I have ever found this to be the propensity of human nature in every country where I have resided, either in Europe or elsewhere. - But I can by no means allow that such casual communications are to be considered, in any shape, as documents fit to be submitted to public discussion, - or to carry any weight with them. I have however, no difficulty in assuring you, Gentlemen, for the Information of both branches of the Legislature of New, that I am not in possession of, nor do I recollect ever to have been in possession of, any Letter from any individual, arraigning the conduct of the Judges at New upon a late trial. -

The most pointed and serious upon any public Functionary in this Government which I have come to my knowledge have been upon myself, and addressed to me, - but were not of a nature which in my opinion require Public investigation, as I considered them either to have arisen from an error in judgment or from the irritation of the moment. -

The Honorable
The President of the
Council & Speaker
of the Assembly at New
G^c & C^c

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
W. Elliot

Circular Government House September 6th 1813. -
Sir,

I enclose herewith the Antigua Journal of this day's date, containing a Proclamation issued by me respecting the arrival of any vessel from the Mediterranean, - and I request you will take the necessary steps for putting in force the measures recommended, for securing the Island of New from all risk of infection. -

The Honorable
F. J. Leslie Esq^r
G^c & C^c

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
W. Elliot

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

The President has this day laid before the Board a Letter from His Excellency the Governor, of the 26th July last respecting the Order in the Fort which he had hitherto been prevented

Saying before the two Houses from there having been no meeting since that letter was received.

It is now sent down for the consideration of your House - We send you down two other letters also received since the last meeting of the former Assembly for your perusal.

Council Chamber

23rd October 1813

By Command

R. S. Brodbelt

Clk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

Resolved that it is the opinion of this House that a proper Agent should be appointed to act for the general Interests of this Island in the Mother Country and that Patrick Colquhoun Esq^r be selected for that situation with a salary of one hundred Pounds Sterling - to which we request the concurrence of your Board.

Assembly Room

23rd Oct. 1813

Magrus Weston

Speaker

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

Resolved that in answer to His Excellency's dispatch of the 26th of July, a joint address be presented to His Excellency on the subject of the disposition of the Gun Powder in the Fort and that the President and Speaker in the name of the two branches of the Legislature should point out agreeable to the joint preamble, the mode in which they require the said Powder to be disposed of.

Assembly Room

23rd Oct. 1813

Magrus Weston

Speaker

His Honor the President and Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen, This Board agree with your House in the propriety of an immediate Application to His Excellency the Governor to induce him to allow the importation of Provisional G^o in vessels under neutral flags - and it is the intention of this Board to request His Honor the President to form a Privy Council at the earliest period to enable him to address the Captain General in the form usual on such occasions.

Council Chamber

23rd Oct. 1813

By Command

R. S. Brodbelt

Clk of Council

His Honor the President in Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen, your House is adjourned to the 3rd Nov^r Council Chamber

23rd Oct. 1813

By Command

R. S. Brodbelt

At a Meet^g of the Council this 30th day of Oct^r 1813

Present
Hon^{ble} Gen^l John Cottle Esq^r President

Hon^{ble} Gen^l Samuel Lyons

Hon^{ble} James Wickes Esq^r

Hon^{ble} Henry Rarlin Esq^r

For want of another Member, he being absent.

At a Meeting of the Council this 25th day of November 1813.

Present

The Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President

The Hon^{ble} Gen^l Samuel Lyons

The Hon^{ble} Gen^l Peter Jefferys Esq^r

The Hon^{ble} Gen^l James Wickes Esq^r

The Hon^{ble} Gen^l Samuel Lawrence Esq^r

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14th Nov. for the President and Board the following
letter

(Circular)

Great Court Street 25th November 1813

I have the honor to acquaint you that in consequence
of the departure of His Excellency Governor Elliot from
St. Thomas on the 12th Instant for Europe, the
Temporary Commissioner of His Majesty's Customs
Island has devolved on me; and I have received the
Seals, and have taken the Oaths necessary to qualify
me to enter upon the duties of this office.

It is most anxious that you will be pleased to cause to be
published in the Island of Nevis; and I beg leave to
express your readiness to co-operate with you, upon
all occasions, in promoting the welfare and prosperity
of that Island.

To the Honorable
The President of His
Majesty's Council

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most obedient
Humble Servant
In Obedience

Motion by the Honorable James Daniell for leave
to bring in a Bill, intituled, "An Act for further supplying
the want of fines and recoveries in this Island and for making
any Decree or Decree duly executed and acknowledged as
hereinafter mentioned equivalent in force and effect to
a fine and recovery or fines and recoveries duly and
regularly levied suffered and perfected in His Majesty's
Court of Common Pleas at Westminster", which
was granted.

Motion by the Honorable James Daniell, and
seconded by the Honorable Rev. Samuel Syms

that the said Bill be read a first time, and it was
read a first time accordingly.

Motion by the Honorable Samuel Lawrence and
seconded by the Honorable James Daniell that the
said Bill be read a second time, and it was read a
second time accordingly.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

Having taken into Consideration the Message from your
Board of the 25th of October containing My Lord Bathurst's
Letter requiring a Copy of the Acts of this Island Do
resolve That in obedience to the Wishes of said Royal
Highness the Prince Regent as expressed in my Lord
Bathurst's Letter to His Excellency Governor Elliot dated
14th August in this Year - That a List containing the
Titles of all the Acts which have been passed by the
Legislature specifying the dates thereof respectively
and distinguishing those which have expired, and those
which still continue in force; and also a Collection of
all the said Acts as far as the same has been printed,
filling up the series by Manuscript Copies be immedi-
ately made the subject of our Consideration, and in
order that such an Arrangement may be made in the
most complete manner Do appoint William Lawrence,
William W. Wilkes, Joseph Jones, Joseph Richardson, and
Sir Lay Nicholson Esquires as a Committee to super-
-intend the Execution of the same and to meet such
Committee as your Board may select.

Assembled in Council
25th Nov. 1813

Magistrate Norton
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

We herewith send you two letters, one from

His late Excellency Governor Elliot taking his departure
from the Government in June and the other persons
of the following description his temporary suspension of
the Government -

We also send you a Bill intituled An Act
for farther supplying the want of fines and recoveries
in this Island and for making any Deed or Deeds duly
executed and acknowledged as hereinafter mentioned
equivalent in force and effect to a fine and recovery
or fines and recoveries duly and regularly levied suffered
and perfected in His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas
at Westminster which has been twice read at this
Board -

Council Chamber
25th November 1815

By Command
R. J. Broadbent
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen,

In Concurrence with the Resolution
of your House contained in your Message of this Day
We appoint the Honorable and Reverend Samuel Hayes
and James Weches Esquire to meet William Lawrence
William Northington Wilkes Joseph Jones John Richardson
and Sir Isaac Nicholson Esquires and form a joint
Committee to fulfil the Commissions of His Royal
Highness the Prince Regent conveyed to us by Lord
Bathurst's Letter to His Excellency Governor Elliot
of the 14th August last -

Council Chamber
25 November 1815

By Command
R. J. Broadbent
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen, We by leave to call the attention of your House
to the appointment of a salary to be paid to some person
for the care of the public Buildings and the
nomination of a proper person to be intrusted with
the care thereof. - Should it meet the approbation of
your House we would nominate Mr John Brooks
to do such duty -

Council Chamber
25th November 1815

By Command
R. J. Broadbent
Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council

His House are happy to concur with your Board in
the appointment of Mr John Brooks as a proper person
to take charge of the Public Buildings, but as they con-
ceive that it is essentially necessary for the convenience
of this House to have ably and skilful persons to
attend as a Porter at each sitting of the Legislature, they
beg leave to suggest the propriety of making such a pro-
posal and for which this House are ready to attach
a salary of sixty six Pounds Current Money per Annum.

It having been made apparet to this House that it is of
the utmost importance to the Island to have the office of
Clerk lately held by Mr Horner Jennings, filled up by a
person competent to fulfill its duties; this House have
accordingly nominated Mr W^m R. Solis with a salary of
one hundred Pounds Currency per Annum to which
they request the Concurrence of your Board -

Assembly Room
25th Nov^r 1815 -

Magrus Morton
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen,
We are of opinion that the Meetings of the
Legislature could be more punctually attended if
particular days were appointed for that purpose.

Subject to intermediate Meetings should Occur
stances require them, And they recommend those
regular Meetings should take place on the first and
third Thursdays in every Month in future, and
trust this Arrangement will meet the Approbation
and Concurrence of your House.

Council Chamber
5th November 1813

By Command
R. J. Brodbelt
Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council

Your House are happy to concur with your Board in
the appointment of certain fixed days for the Meeting
of the Legislature and fully approve of the first and
third Thursdays as proper Periods for that purpose.

Assembly Room
25th Nov^r 1813

Magnus Morton
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

This Board having considered the nature
of the duties which will devolve on Mr. Brooks as the
Person proposed to take charge of the Public Buildings,
and the propriety of giving as much respectability as
is consistent with the means of the Country to a
Person who will not only have the common duty of
attending to the Building on Public occasions but

who will in a great measure be considered as a general
guard over a property which contains the Public
Records, and considering also the expense which he will
be at in providing a Porter for constant attendance
he pleads to recommend to your House the augmentation
of the salary to one hundred Pounds Per Annum,
and with this further charge on Mr. Brooks that the
Person employed by him as a Porter should be in
attendance as a right watch in the Court Yard.

We agree with your House in the propriety and
advantage of appointing a Person to fill the Office
lately held by Mr. Horner Jennings and in the nomi-
nation of Mr. William R. Bates to the situation with
the salary of one hundred Pounds Currency Per
Annum.

Council Chamber
25th November 1813

By Command
R. J. Brodbelt
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President in Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to Thursday next
the second day of December.

Council Chamber
25th November 1813

By Command
R. J. Brodbelt
Clerk of Council

Generally concluded from the personal knowledge of the
Islands of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, - The Commercial
Association, has been already the object for the Island
of St. Vincent, and that having expressed a
pleading to undertake the duty for this Island that
Justice & the Equity was made these Accounts the
Gentlemen that would have been unanimous approved
of by your Honor, and the hope for these reasons that
your Honor will concur in the opinion that such
a man as Mr. Aches will most benefit the Colony
as its Agent. -

Council Chamber
2nd December 1815 -

By Command
P. J. Broadbent
Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council
This House is always desirous of paying a deference
to the suggestions of your Board, but having taken
into consideration the propriety of their appointment
of Mr. Patrie Colquhoun as an Agent for this
Island; they can see no reason to alter their opinion
as expressed in their message to your Board of the 25th
of October. -

Assembly Chamber
2nd Decr. 1815 -

Magnus Alton
Speaker

To His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

This Board having had frequent
occasion to regret the delays of Public business in
consequence of the want of some positive regulations
with regard to the Meetings of the Committees
from time to time appointed by the two branches

of the Legislature and upon consideration of the
Subject being of opinion that the Resolution which is
are herewith sent for the consideration of your Honor
will be likely in a great degree to remedy these complaints
and conduce to the furtherance of the Public service
beg leave to solicit the concurrence of your Honor in
such Resolutions so that they may be made hereafter
the standing Regulation of their several Committees
Council Chamber
2nd December 1815 -

By Command
P. J. Broadbent
Clerk of Council

Resolved that to remedy the delays of Public
Business submitted to Committees, it is the opinion
of this Board, that the Chairman of each Committee
be required to summon in writing the Members of
the Committee from time to time and at such
times and places as he may deem expedient for the
purpose of proceeding on the Public Business, in
conformance with the Legislative directions, and that
such Chairmen be allowed out of the Public
Treasury the sum of nine Shillings for Portage of
such Summons, and also that the sum of eighteen
Shillings Per Diem be allowed in like manner to
each Member attending such Committees, - And
Resolved also that every Member of such Committees
so summoned and not attending shall forfeit the
sum of three Pounds Six Shillings in the same manner
as fines for non attendance at the Legislative Meetings -

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council
This House feel equal regret with your Board at
the want of punctuality in the attendances of the
Committees of both branches of the Legislature

It appears to avoid any decisions from established
 Customs have entered into the following resolution
 Resolved that to expedite the Public Business
 submitted to Committees it is the opinion of this
 House that the Chairmen of each Committee be
 required to summon in writing the Members of the
 Committee from time to time as he may deem
 expedient for the purpose of proceeding with the Public
 Business in compliance with the Legislative
 directions, and that such Chairmen be allowed
 out of the Public Treasury the sum of nine Shillings
 for Protection of such Chairmen - and also that the
 sum of seven Shillings and six pence be allowed
 per diem to each Member of such Committees.

Assembled 2nd Dec^r 1813. - J
 Magnus Morton
 Speaker
 Notice by W. Weeks that he intends at the next
 Meeting to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act intitled
 an Act for regulating the manumission of Slaves.

His Honor the President in Council
 To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
 Gentlemen,
 Your House is adjourned to Thursday the
 16th inst. at
 Council Chamber
 2nd December 1813. J

By Command
 R. S. Brodbelt
 Clk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 16th day of Decem^r 1813
 Present

- Hon^{ble} Thomas John Castle Esquire President
- Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esquire
- Hon^{ble} Rev^d Samuel Lyons
- Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esquire
- Hon^{ble} James Weeks Esquire
- Hon^{ble} Samuel Laurence Esquire
- Hon^{ble} Henry Rawlinson Esquire

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
 To His Honor the President and Council
 This House begs leave to present for the consideration of
 your Board an Act intitled "An Act to repeal an Act
 intitled an Act for settling and regulating the trial of
 criminal Slaves by Jury and for repealing so much
 as such parts of the several Acts of this kind as appoint
 the trial of Slaves charged with capital offences to be
 had before Justices of the Peace only and for altering the
 mode of such trials," which has been read twice.

Assembled 16 Decem^r 1813. J
 Magnus Morton
 Speaker

Motion made by the Hon^{ble} James Daniell and
 seconded by the Hon^{ble} Rev^d Samuel Lyons that the
 said Bill be read a first time and it was read a first
 time accordingly.

His Honor the President and Council
 To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
 Gentlemen

This Board referring to the Resolutions
 and message from your House of the 2nd instant in
 consequence of their message and Resolutions of
 the same date respecting the most efficacious mode
 of forwarding the business referred to Committees,

And being desirous of adopting any mode for the
perthurbance of so desirable an object in which your
House is disposed to concur, recour'd to much of their
former Resolutions as will make them conformable
to the Resolutions of your House.

Council Chamber
16th Decem^r 1813.

By Command
Rich^d J. Burdett
Ck of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

So His Honor the President and Council

This House beg leave to return to your Board an
Act, intituled, "An Act for farther supplying the
want of fines and recoveries in this Island and for
making any Decree or Deeds duly executed and acknow-
ledged as hereinafter mentioned equivalent in force
and effect to a fine and recovery, or fines and recoveries
duly and regularly levied, suffered and perfected in
His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas at Westminster,"
which has had three readings and passed accordingly
in Assembly Room
16th Decem^r 1813.

Magnus Motion
Speaker

Motion made by the Hon^{ble} James Daniell and
seconded by the Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Syms that
the said Bill be read a third time, and it was
read a third time accordingly.

His Honor the President then put to Vote whether
the said Bill should pass into a Law, and it
passed the Board accordingly.

His Honor the President in Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen your House is adjourned to Thursday
the 6th January 1814. —
Council Chamber
16th Decem^r 1813. —

By Command
Rich^d J. Burdett
Ck of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 6th day of January 1814

Present

Hon^{ble} Thomas John Gottle Esquire President

Hon^{ble} Peter George Esquire

Hon^{ble} John Samuel Esquire

Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esquire

Hon^{ble} James Wesley Esquire

Hon^{ble} Samuel Laurence Esquire

Motion made by the Hon^{ble} James Wesley and second-
ed by the Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Syms that the
Bill intituled an Act to repeal an Act intituled an
Act to regulate the Manumission of Slaves should be
read a first time and it was read a first time accordingly.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

So His Honor the President and Council

This House having taken into consideration the propriety
of furnishing the Public Building in such manner
as may be suitable to the purposes intended, and also
to fit up the Assembly Room as a Court of Justice,
request your concurrence with the following resolutions
Resolved that the Treasurer or his Deputy be
instructed to procure the following articles and that this
House do pledge themselves to make good all the expenses
attendant thereon —

5 Dozen Arm Chairs — with a Chair and Desk for the
Speaker — A sufficient quantity of Green Baize for the
Tables — 2 Pair of Brass Chandeliers — each having
12 lamps with spare Glasses — 1 large Globe Lamp for
the passage. — 100 Gallons of Stiffed Oil — 2 Cwt of
Paint prepared for Door & Windows, ground in oil
5 Cwt of white Paint 5 Cwt of prepared French
green paint Ground in oil a Bench for the Justices
suitable to the Room, with proper materials for the

Opening of the Books - at ten o'clock
Assembly Room
Jan 11 1814

Magistrate
Speaker

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council

This Board being desirous of making the situation of the Public Buildings as complete as possible, beg leave to suggest to your Board the propriety of having the Prison properly fenced in by a good stone Wall with Gates at convenient intervals, and also that a proper cover should be erected for the protection of the two pieces of Artillery within this enclosure - And as Mr. John Stiggers has offered to enter into a Contract for these purposes, they request your concurrence to authorize the respective Committees to enter into such contract, and to report the same accordingly

Assembly Room
Jan 11 1814

Magistrate
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

This Board concurs with your House in the propriety of suitably furnishing the public Buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature and of fitting up the Assembly Room for the purposes of holding the Courts for the Administration of Justice therein, and that the Articles included in your Message and resolutions be provided, and submit to you the propriety of leaving to the discretion of the Committee for public Buildings the description of Articles to be procured, to contract with workmen to carry the same into execution, and also leaving it to the Committee to call upon the President for his order on the Treasurer or his careful deputy for such sums as shall be agreed by

the House to be necessary for the above purposes - And as this Board also agrees in the same House that the Council be further authorized to contract for a good stone Wall with Gates at convenient intervals to fence in the public Buildings and to erect within the enclosure a proper covering for the two pieces of Artillery - And further suggest that the Committee be required to lay before the two Houses at their next meeting an estimate of the probable expence likely to be incurred by carrying the above resolutions into execution.

And that ^{the said} James Danville Esq. be requested to resign his situation as one of the Committee for the public Buildings, and appointed ^{in his stead} the said James Danville Esq. to be appointed ^{in his stead} the said James Danville Esq. to be appointed ^{in his stead} the said James Danville Esq.

Council Chamber
Jan 11 1814

By Command
P. S. Boddett
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President laid before the Board the following Letter and Report from the Capt. Gurnee of Fort Charles.

Sir

New Fort Charles 14 Decy. 1814

I enclose as usual the Quarterly Post account to the 1st Instant, and have the Honor to be

Sir

Your obedient humble Servant
John C. Gurnee Capt.

His Honor
The President

Amounts used in Fort Charles Weight of actual Powder shot and

Dates	For what Reasons	Weight of actual ^{to}
		Quantity of Powder allotted for each Gun

1813 Oct 1	In the Fort this Day Balance from last Quarter	
5	Delivered C. J. Higgins Esq. for use of High Ways of Genl	
29	Found an Alarm taken from Saddle Hill	
31	Discharged 2 ships passing to be coming to a new foundland Signal	
	Delivered Genl for use of Highways of Grenada 12 th Powder	
Nov 27	do do for use of Roads in Neoland Parish 25 th do	
Dec 1	Found at a strange vessel approaching the Roads last night	
3	Delivered Genl for the use of the way to and from Neoland Parish 25 th Powder	
4	do do to etc. etc. Esq. for use of Highways in Parish of Grenada 12 th do	
16	Found an Alarm in sight of part of a Fleet	
17	Found yesterday Evening at a suspicious ship approaching the Shipping	
18	Discharging the Alarm	
	Delivered Genl for use of Roads in Neoland Parish 25 th Powder	
29	Found an Alarm taken from Saddle Hill	
31	Discharging do	
1814 Jan 1	In passing & repairing 12 Guns fired for discharging & scaling the Guns	

Balance in the Fort this day carried to next Quarter

In 94 half lbs @ 58 each 5464
 4 barrels @ 111 each 448
 In use, Cartridges filled, Guns loaded & 13 lbs. damaged } 2547
 Lt 5966

Amounts used & expended in Delivered from October 1st 1813

No of Guns fired	No of Powder	No of Powder	No of Powder	No of Powder	Powder				Shot used to				Shot expended to				Funds		
					in 12 lbs	in 14 lbs	in 16 lbs	in 18 lbs	in 12 lbs	in 14 lbs	in 16 lbs	in 18 lbs	in 12 lbs	in 14 lbs	in 16 lbs	in 18 lbs	in 12 lbs	in 14 lbs	
					677 1/2					72	713	40	24						73
										12									
	2	1	1							18									
	1			1						12									
										12									
										25									
	1	1								6									1
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	2	1	1							18									
	2	2								12									2
	1			1						12									
										20									
	2	1	1							18									
	1			1						12									
										91									
	Total	12	6	6					127 1/2	315	72	713	40	24					3
	Delivered to								315										
									546 1/2		72	710	40	24					73

Besides 4 half barrels Powder Deposited from Ship Hope
 Care and Consumption excepted
 John Peterson Capt
 Jan 1st January 1814

His Honor the President in Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen Your Honor is appointed Thursday
the 20th day of January 1814
By Command
W. Bennett
Clerk of Council

Council Chamber
6th Jan^y 1814

At a Meeting of the Council this 20th day of
Jan^y 1814
Present

Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
Hon^{ble} Rev^d Samuel Lynde

For want of other members to form a Board
no business done.

At a Meeting of the Council this 3rd Feb^r 1814
Present

Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esquire President
Hon^{ble} John Colthoun Mills Esquire
Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esquire
Hon^{ble} Rev^d Samuel Lynde
Hon^{ble} James Daniel Esquire
Hon^{ble} James Wecker Esquire
Hon^{ble} Samuel Laurence Esquire
Hon^{ble} Henry Rawlins Esquire

His Honor the President laid before the Board
the following Letter from W. Berkeley

St. Kitts 1st Feb^r 1814

In consequence of the Death of W^{illiam} J^{ohn} D^{aniel} Smith the late Deputy Provost & Marshal of your
Island, I have appointed Mr. George Hobson to that
situation, who will have the honor of delivering this
Letter. The security required by the Colony for
the faithful discharge of that office Mr. Hobson is pro-
vided with, and which I have no doubt will be

perfectly satisfactory to your Honor and to the
Board of Council.

I have the Honor to be Sir
Your most ob^d
humble Serv^t

Thomas Cottle Esq^r Tho^s Berkeley Esq^r by his att^y
Geo. Berkeley

Motion made by the Hon^{ble} James Wecker
and seconded by the Hon^{ble} John Colthoun Mills
that the Bill, intituled "An Act to repeal an Act
intituled an Act to regulate the Mannering
of Slaves," be read a second Time, and it was read
a second time accordingly.

George Hobson Esquire attended the Board
and by direction of His Honor the President took
all the Oaths as Deputy Provost & Marshal, sub-
scribed the Oath, and entered into the following
Bond.

Weis Know all Men by these Presents that We George
Hobson of the said Island of St. Kitts Esquire and the
Honorable Henry Rawlins of the said Island Esquire
are jointly and severally held and jointly bound unto
our Sovereign Lord the King in the Summe of nine
thousand Pounds Sterling Money of Great Brittain
to be paid to His Majesty his Heirs and Successors
the which payment we do bind ourselves our Heirs
Executors and Administrators firmly by these
Presents Sealed with our Seals and sealed this
third day of February in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and fourteen

The Condition of the above Obligation is such
that if the above bound George Hobson shall

to behave himself in the Office of Deputy Sheriff
& Marshal according to the Force of an Act
entitled An Act for establishing the Courts of
King's Bench and Common Pleas and setting
the method for the Administration of Justice
in the Island of Nevis. Where this obligation
to be void otherwise to remain in full force
and virtue.

Read and delivered by
in the presence of
Geo. Hobson Esq.
Henry Rawlinson Esq.
Rich^d Brodbelt

His Honor the President laid before the Board the
following Petition from W. Pickwood -
To the Honorable the President and the Board of
Council and the Honorable the Speaker and Gentlemen
of the Assembly of the Island of Nevis the Petition
of Robert Williams Pickwood of the Island of St.
Christopher
Sheweth

That sometimes during the Year 1812 a negro
Man Slave by the name of Sarty but calling himself
John or Thomas, and belonging to your Petitioner
absconded from the Plantation of your Petitioner,
that as your Petitioner hath been informed, the
said Slave was apprehended & lodged, during the
time by Law required in such cases, in the common
jail of the Island of Nevis, & that at the
expiration of the said time he was sold at
Marshal's sale for the sum of one hundred
and twenty pounds current Money, of which as
it appears, the sum of twenty two Pounds five
Shillings has been paid into the public &

treasury of the said Island of Nevis, upon the account
of the owner of the said Slave as your Petitioner
hath been advised - Your Petitioner therefore
prays that the said sum of twenty two Pounds five
Shillings may be paid to him according to the
Act of the Island for that purpose provided
& your Petitioner shall ever pray

W. Pickwood
Dated at St. Christopher this 17th day of Jan^y A. D. 1814
His Honor the President in Council
Do the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,
Your House is adjourned to Thursday the
19th instant
Council Chambers
5th February 1814.
By Command
Rich^d Brodbelt
Clerk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 17th February 1814.
Present
Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esquire President
Hon^{ble} John Colhour & Mills Esquire
Hon^{ble} Rev^d Samuel Lyon
Hon^{ble} James Darrell Esquire
Hon^{ble} James Necker Esquire
Hon^{ble} Samuel Laurence Esquire
Hon^{ble} Henry Rawlinson Esquire
The Honorable John Colhour & Mills laid before the
Board the following report.
Nevis 12th February 1814.

At a Meeting of the joint Committee appointed to
take into consideration the Resolutions of the two
Houses of the 6th of January last referring it to the

Committee the procuring furniture for, and otherwise fitting up the Public Court House and also for the purpose of inclosing the Public Land & resolved that it is the opinion of this Committee that the articles of furniture enumerated in the said Resolutions should be of the following description and as nearly as can be estimated of the following amounts vizt -

Two Dy: Arm Chairs to be made of any substantial wood with plain wood seats and backs having a medallion on the back of each upon which the word **NEVIS** to be painted - the Cost of each Chair not to exceed 30/- - Two pair of Chandeliers to carry 12 lights each and suited to a room West India Room of 14 feet high, each light to have a shifting glass shades and shade - the quality of the Chandelier to be of brass or other metal or of Glass according to the expense which might not exceed 20 Guineas 10/- pair -

Fifteen yards of 9 quarter wide Green baize & supposed Cost 10/- 10/- yards - one large Globe lamp with a Patent burner and long Iron chair to hang in the center of the staircase supposed cost 5 Guineas -

Two hundred weight of prepared brown paint for Doors & Windows - Cost Five hundred weight of white leads at 60/- 10/- Cost Five hundred weight of prepared french Gray paint at 60/- 10/- Cost 100 Gallons paint oil @ 40/- - 5 dozen of Painters assorted brushes 50/-

The Committee having viewed and examined the lot of Grounds to the Southward of the Building are of opinion that it may be contracted

for all the useful purposes of the public by a better Wall running in a line across the land from the corner of the in Mr Brooks yard to a divide 132 feet on the Westward of the line and that the land from this boundary wall to the Boys may be disposed of for the public benefit -

That upon the bound Wall to be built a roof may be placed to answer the purposes of a stable Pig - and place of security for the Gun -

The Committee have not been able to procure any estimate of the expense of building this bound Wall, but they mean to advertise the same for Contract -

The Committee are informed that there are for sale in St. Kitts a pair of Iron gates which they recommend the Legislature to purchase for the purpose of making a respectable entrance to the Building on the Eastward side -

The Committee have proposed a plan for the fitting up the Court House for the Court and are prepared an estimate of the expense which they will lay before the Board and House as soon as they receive the same -

Jm^o Coolhouse Mills
Chairman Committee

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council
This House having taken into Consideration the propriety of making an allowance to the Deputy Provost Marshal of this Island that is now paid him the mearis of a Justice in the duties of his Office have entered into the following Resolutions

with which they by your Council
 Resolved that the sum of eighty pounds be allowed
 to George Hobson Esq^r the Deputy Provost & Marshal
 to be charged in his next annual account for the
 purpose of enabling him to hire a proper person to
 act as jail keeper and Marshal &c
 Assembled 17th Febr^y 1814
 Magnus Morton
 Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
 To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
 Gentlemen,

We herewith send you the Report of the
 joint Committee appointed to take into con-
 sideration the Resolutions of the two Houses of the
 6th January last in your consideration.
 And Report agreeable your House in the
 allowance to be made to the Deputy Provost Marshal
 George Hobson Esq^r to enable him to hire a proper
 person to act as jail keeper or Marshal &c
 Council Chamber
 17th February 1814
 By Command
 R. J. Brodbelt
 Clk of Council

His Honor the President in Council
 To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
 Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to Thursday the
 third day of March
 Council Chamber
 17th February 1814
 By Command
 R. J. Brodbelt
 Clk of Council

at a meeting of the Council this 3rd March 1814
 His Honor the President
 in Council
 in witness whereof a copy of the above has been signed
 by the President and the Clerk of Council

At a meeting of the Council this 17th day of March 1814
 Present
 Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cattle Esquire President
 Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esquire
 Hon^{ble} Robert Samuel Sykes
 Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esquire
 Hon^{ble} ...

His Honor the President laid before the Board the
 following communication
 (Circular) F. Christophers Esq^r March 1814
 Sir,

I have the Honor to inclose printed copies of two
 orders issued by His Royal Highness the Prince
 Regent in Council bearing date the 15th December
 1813, declaring that all hostilities against such ports or
 places of the united Provinces of the Netherlands as
 shall not be in the possession or under the control of
 the Enemy shall immediately cease - And the said
 discontinuance of the Blockades of Ports and
 Ports to request you will take care that the said
 orders be duly carried into execution as far as the
 same may apply to the Island of Nevis.

To the Honorable
 Tho. J. Cattle Esquire
 I have the Honor to be
 your most obedient
 humble servant
 Fred. Julius

Copy) At the Court at Carlton House
 15th of December 1813.
 Present

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in Council
 Whereas the ancient relations of Peace and Amity
 between His Majesty, and the united Provinces of

The Netherlands, have been happily re-established:—
His Royal Highness the Prince Regent is pleased,
in the name and on the behalf of his Majesty, and
by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council
to order and declare; and it is hereby ordered and
declared!

Firstly. That all hostilities against the United
Provinces of the Netherlands (save and except such
Ports or places as may be still in the possession or
under the control of France) on the part of His
Majesty shall immediately cease—

Secondly. That the blockade of all the Ports and
places of the said United Provinces (save and except
such Ports and places as before excepted) and all
other restrictions thereon imposed by any order in
Council relating thereto, shall forthwith cease and
be discontinued—

Thirdly. That all Ships and Vessels belonging to the
said United Provinces (save and except vessels
conveying troops, or proceeding to, any ports or places in
the possession or under the control of France)
shall have free admission into His Majesty's Ports,
and be permitted to carry on any trade more lawfully
carried on in the Ships of States in amity with
His Majesty—

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commis-
sioners of His Majesty's Treasury, His Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State, the Lords &
Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Judge of
the High Court of Admiralty, and the Judges of
the Courts of Vice Admiralty, are to take the
necessary measures therein, as to them may respec-
tably appertain—

Chetwynd

At the Court at Carlton House

13th of December 1815.

Present

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in Council
Whereas it appears by the latest advices from the
Court of the Admiralty, that the port of Trieste, and
the other ports and places between Trieste and the
Southern extremity of Valmetia, are, for the most
part, no longer in the possession or under the control
of France: His Royal Highness the Prince Regent
in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty
and by and with the advice of His Majesty's
Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and
it is hereby ordered and declared, that the blockade
of Trieste, and the Ports and places aforesaid, &
inclusively (save and except such as are still occupied
by the Enemy) and all restrictions imposed thereon
by any order in Council relating thereto, shall
forthwith cease and be discontinued—

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners
of His Majesty's Treasury, His Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State, the Lords Commissioners of the
Admiralty, the Judge of the High Court of Admi-
rality, and the Judges of the Courts of Vice
Admiralty are to take the necessary measures therein,
as to them may respectively appertain—

Chetwynd

(Circular)

F. Christophers W. Debonair 1815

I have the honor to enclose a printed copy
of a letter from the Lord Viscount Chetwynd to
Henry Goldbourne Esquire and a printed copy of
an order made by His Royal Highness the Prince
Regent in Council on the 30th November last &

permitted the importation and exportation of Grain
and certain other articles of Provision ^{into and} from His Majesty's Islands in the West Indies and
the Territories of North America subject to the
Resolutions hereunto contained and the Statute
thereby imposed which have been transmitted to me
by the Earl Bathurst and I am to request
that you will cause the said order to be duly
observed in the Islands of New.

To the Hon^{ble}
The Secy of State
The Secy of State

I have the honor to be
Your most obedient
humble Servant
J^r Julius

Council Office Whitehall 6 December 1813

Wherewith transmit to you an order of His
Royal Highness the Prince Regent in Council, per-
mitting the Importation and Exportation of Grain,
and certain other Articles of Provision ^{into and} from His Majesty's Islands in the West Indies and
the Territories on the Continent of South America,
in Vessels belonging to States in Amity with His Majesty
to be in force during twelve Months, subject to
be sooner terminated, varied or altered; and I am to
desire that you lay the said order before Earl Bathurst,
that his Lordship may cause the same to be transmitted
to the Governours of His Majesty's said Islands and
Territories accordingly.

I am

Y^r Obedt ^{Servant}

(Signed) Chetwynd

At the Council at Carlton House

30th Dec^r 1813.

Present

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in Council.
Whereas by an Act made as aforesaid in the
Sixty sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intitled
An Act for authorizing His Majesty in Council to allow
during the present War, and for six Months after
the ratification of a definitive Treaty of Peace, the
Importation and Exportation of certain Goods and
Commodities in Neutral Ships, into and from His
Majesty's Territories in the West Indies and
Continent of South America, It was enacted,
that from and after the passing of the said Act, we
should and might be careful for His Majesty, his
Heirs and Successors, by and with the advice of his
and their Privy Council, to permit or to authorize
the Governours of the said Islands and Territories,
in such manner and under such restrictions, as to
His Majesty, by and with the advice of his Privy
Council should seem fit, to permit, where the
necessity of the case should appear to His Majesty,
with the advice of his Privy Council to require it, from
time to time during the present War, and for six
Months after the ratification of a definitive Treaty
of Peace, the Importation into and the Exportation
from any Island in the West Indies (in which
description the Bahama Islands and the
Bermuda or some Islands are included) or any
Lands or Territories on the Continent of South
America, to His Majesty, belonging, of any such
Articles, goods and Commodities, as should be

mentioned in such orders of His Majesty, in relation
to any Ships or Vessels belonging to the Subjects of any
State in Amity with His Majesty, in such manner
as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, by and with
the advice aforesaid should direct, provided such
Ships or Vessels should duly enter into, report, and deliver
their respective Cargoes, and reload at such Ports
only where regular Custom-Houses should have
been established. - And Whereas it appears apparent
to be necessary to permit for a limited time subject
to be soon terminated, varied, or altered as hereinafter
after provided, the Importation into, and exportation
from the Islands and Territories of His Majesty
in the West Indies (including the Bahama Islands
and the Bermuda or Somer Islands) and
the Lands and Territories on the Continent of
South America, to His Majesty belonging, of
certain articles, goods, and Commodities hereinafter
after mentioned, in any Ships or Vessels belonging
to the Subjects of any State in Amity with His
Majesty, His Royal Highness the Prince Regent is
thereupon pleased in the name and on the behalf
of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His
Majesty's Privy Council, to order, and doth hereby order,
His Governors and Lieutenant-Governors of His
Majesty's Islands and Colonies in the West Indies,
(in which description the Bahama Islands and
the Bermuda or Somer Islands are Included) and
of any Lands or Territories on the Continent of
South America, to His Majesty belonging, and
each and every such Governor and Lieutenant
Governor shall be authorized, and they and each
and every of them are hereby authorized to permit

liberty from the date of this subject being
so terminated, varied or altered, as is hereinafter
after provided in any Ship or Vessel belonging to the
Subjects of any State in Amity with His Majesty, the
importation into the said Islands, Colonies, Lands
and Territories respectively, of Corn, Grain, Meal, Flour,
Bran, Biscuit, Pulse, Rice, Horses, Mules, Neat Cattle,
Sheep, Hogs, and every other species of live Stock and
live provisions; and also the exportation from the said
Islands, Colonies, Lands and Territories respectively
into which such importation as aforesaid shall be
made, of Rum and Molasses, and of any other
articles, goods and commodities whatsoever, except
Sugar, Indigo, Cotton Wool, Coffee and Cocoa;
provided always that such articles do to be imported
shall be of the growth or produce of the Country to
which the Ship or Vessel importing the same shall
belong; provided also that such Ships or Vessels shall
duly enter into, report, and deliver their respective
Cargoes, and reload at such Ports only where
regular Custom-Houses shall have been established.
But it is His Royal Highness's pleasure
nevertheless, and His Royal Highness in the name
and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and
with the advice aforesaid, is further pleased to order,
and it is hereby ordered, that nothing herein before
contained shall be construed to permit the impor-
tation of Corn, Grain, Meal, Flour, Bran,
Biscuit, Pulse, Rice, Horses, Mules, Neat Cattle,
Sheep, Hogs, or any other species of live Stock and
live provisions into any of the said Islands, Lands
or Territories in which there shall not be at the
time when such articles shall be brought for

Importation, the following duties on such articles being of the growth or produce of the united States of North America

Current Money
of Jamaica

On Wheat Flour per Barrel, not weighing more than one hundred and ninety six pounds net weight. } 6, 8

On Bread or Biscuit of Wheat Flour or any other Grain, per Barrel, not weighing more than one hundred pounds net weight. } 3, 4

On Bread of any one hundred pounds made of Wheat, or any other grain what ever, imported in Bags or other Packages than barrels, weighing as aforesaid. } 3, 4

On Flour or Meal made from Rye, Peas, Beans, Indian Corn, or other Grain than wheat, per barrel, not weighing more than one hundred and ninety six pounds. } 3, 4

On Peas, Beans, Rye, Indian Corn, Calliangles or other Grain per Bushel } 10

On Rice for every one hundred pounds net weight. } 3, 4

And so in proportion for a less or larger quantity of Horses, neat Cattle or other live Stock, for every one hundred pounds of the value thereof, at the port or place of importation

And His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalfs of His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, is further pleased to order, and doth hereby order, that notwithstanding any thing hereinbefore contained, the said permission and authority to Import and

Export, shall and are hereby granted, to be exercised and to be before the expiration of the above mentioned period of twelve months after the expiration of four months after notification in the Son of any order of His Majesty's Privy Council, and shall cease and determine at the expiration of six months after the ratification of a definitive treaty of peace.

Witness our hands and the Seal of Great Britain at St. James's Palace this 17th day of March 1814.

By Command of His Majesty's Privy Council
R. S. Boddell
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President of the Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to Thursday the 7th of April
By Command
R. S. Boddell
Clerk of Council

17th March 1814

At a meeting of the Council this 7th day of April 1814

Present

Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cothell Esquire President

Hon^{ble} John Colbourne Miles Esquire

Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esquire

Hon^{ble} J^r Geo^r Samuel Esquire

Hon^{ble} James Weches Esquire

Hon^{ble} Samuel Laurence Esquire

Hon^{ble} Henry Rawlin's Esquire

The Hon^{ble} John Colbourne Miles laid before the Board the following report of the joint Committee

Court House 31st March 1814. -

At a Meeting of the joint Committee appointed to superintend the Public Building. -

Present

The Hon^{ble} J. Cothell from the Council

James Weches

W^m Pemberton Esq^r

Edward Huggins Esq^r } from the Assembly

Joseph Jones Esq^r }

W^m Frederick Huggins attended and reported that the Public Building was completed according to the original Contract, and required the payment of the sum of £5000. - being the Balance of the sum of £6000. - Currency contracted by the Public to be paid for the said Building. And W^m Huggins also required the attention of the Committee to the additions and alterations now made to the original plan of the Building viz the raising one course higher the Windows of the Court Hall, the raising about two courses higher the Landing or Gallery from the Market place the enlargement of the Stair case Lobby, and

the additional Masons and Carpenters work therein the casing of the upper Story from the Basement to the Ceiling instead of plastering work originally intended and generally the extraordinary finish of the Building.

Whereupon the Committee proceeded to view the state of the Building, and having done so, they now Report to the Board and House that the whole of the Stone work of the Building now appears to be finished according to the original plan and intention, with the exception that the Stair Case Lobby had been extended from 12 feet square to 22 feet by 14 feet and that the form of the Carpenters work has been consequently enlarged.

That in the opinion of the Committee such Masons work is well performed and handsomely finished excepting only that some defect appears in the pointing work of the back part of the building occasioned they apprehend by some saline quality in the Stone or Lime and that the same will require repointing and attentive examination.

That the Carpenters work appears to the Committee to be generally well finished excepting the Window Shutters and the Door at the head of the Stairs which are slightly made and defective, and which Window shutters in the opinion of the Committee will soon decay if not painted. The Lumber brought out the Building excepting the Window Shutters as before mentioned appears to be substantial and of good quality.

That in the opinion of the Committee the Contractor should be allowed for the difference of expenses between the casing the Walls of the

upper Story and the sure which it would have cost to have plastered the same. But the Committee feel it to be their duty to report that the Colonnade intended and undertaken to be made in front between the wings has not been built or put up nor is there any appearance or preparation for the same, and the Committee have on this subject required of W. Higgins to state his intention, to which he had answered that if it is insisted on he will complete the Colonnade but that in consideration of the heavy expence he had incurred in completing the Building to its present state, he hopes and solicited for the immediate payment of the remainder of the sum contracted for, which payment the Committee beg leave to recommend, as the extra work of which will remain to be ascertained will in the opinion of the Committee cover the expence of Building the Colonnade.

Jno Colthour Mills
Chairman

In regard of our Assembly no further business done and His Honor the President adjourned the Board to Thursday the 14th instand.

At a Meeting of the Council this 14th day of April 1814.

- Present
 Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cothe Esquire President
 Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esquire
 Hon^{ble} Reverend Samuel Ayers
 Hon^{ble} James Wykes Esquire
 Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esquire
 Hon^{ble} Henry Rawlins Esquire

His Honor the President and Council
 To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
 We herewith send you the Report of the

Joint Committee appointed to superintend the Public Building laid before this Board at its last meeting
 Council Chamber
 14th April 1814.
 By Command
 R. J. Brodbelt
 Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
 So His Honor the President and Council
 Resolved that it is the opinion of this House to which they request the Concurrence of your Board, that His Honor the President and Speaker be instructed to furnish the following Articles as furniture for the Public Building either through the Treasurer of the Island, or in any other manner they may think proper, and this House do pledge themselves, to make good all expences attendant thereon. —

- 5 Dozen Arm Chairs made of substantial wood with the word News as a Medallion at the back of the Chair. —
- 2 Chandeliers of Brass or other Metal each having 12 Lights & Shades - with spare Glasses. —
- 1 Large Globe Lamp with Iron Chair for room 14 feet high
- 15 Yards of 9/4 wide green Baise
- 200 of prepared Brown Paint for Doors & Windows
- 500 of white Lead
- 500 of prepared French Grey paint
- 100 Gallons of Sincered Oil
- 12 Paint Brushes

Assembly Room
 14th April 1814.

Magdalen Morton
 Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
 To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
 Gentlemen,
 We herewith send you a Bill intitled The

Act to repeal an Act intitled An Act to regulate the
Manumissions of Slaves which hath been read twice
at this Board.

Council Chamber
14th April 1814

By Command
R. J. Doddbell
Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

His Honor the President and Council

In answer to the Report of the Committee of Public
Buildings. It is the opinion of this House to which
we request the Concurrence of your Board that the
President be directed to give his Order to the Public
Treasurer for the sum of three thousand pounds one
half payable in Money and the other half in current
at the Market price to be paid to Mr. Frederick Higgins
in discharge of his Contract for the Public Building -
and that a reasonable allowance be hereafter made
to the Contractor for the extra expence of enlarging the
Stone Course and also for the difference of Coasting
instead of plastering the walls of the upper Story -
but as this House is of opinion that the Colonnade
as agreed to be erected, would rather deface than be
ornamental to the front of the Building, they wish it
to be altogether relinquished reserving the value of such
Colonnade to be deducted from the amount of the
extra work -

Assembly Room
14th April 1814

Magnus Eaton
Speaker

Motion by the Honorable James Weeks and seconded
by the Honorable Samuel Lawrence that a Bill
intitled An Act for laying certain duties and
Impositions upon certain Goods being the Growth
or produce of the united States of America

imported into this Island" should be read a first time
and it was read a first time accordingly.

Motion made by the Honorable James Weeks and
seconded by the Honorable and Reverend Samuel
Lawrence that the said Bill be read a second time and
it was read a second time accordingly.

His Honor the President and Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

We herewith send you a Bill intitled An Act
"for laying certain Duties and Impositions upon
certain Goods being the Growth or produce of the united
States of America imported into this Island", which
has been read twice at this Board.

Council Chamber
14th April 1814

By Command
R. J. Doddbell
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President and Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

This Board concurs with your House in the
Arrangement made for providing the furniture for
the Public Building.

Council Chamber
14th April 1814

By Command
R. J. Doddbell
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President and Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

It is the opinion of this Board that the
Contractor for the Public Building should
before he claims payment of the Balance of the
sum originally contracted to be paid for completing

the same, being in and lay before the Committee
in the Legislature every demand that he had to make
for any extra work done beyond the limits of the
Original Contract. That Board cannot but differ
with your House in its present opinion of the
general Effect of the Colonade originally contracted
for as part of the Building and thereon. It
insisted on in every Communication with the
Contractor upon the subject and they cannot avoid
saying they still think it their duty to the Public
and to themselves to urge the Completion thereof.
Council Chamber
14th April 1814. —

By Command
R. J. Broadbent
Cth of Council

His Honor the President in Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to Thursday next
the twenty first instant —
Council Chamber
14th April 1814. —

By Command
R. J. Broadbent
Cth of Council

Extra Meeting of the Council this 31st day of April 1814
Present
Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esquire President
Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esquire
Hon^{ble} Rev. Samuel Ayres
Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esquire
Hon^{ble} James Wickes Esquire
Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esquire
Resolved that upon the representation of the
Hon^{ble} James Wickes Esquire of the attack

made on him by Mr. John Huggins for his conduct
as a Member of this Board in performing his Duty
at the Board on Thursday last the 20th instant, the
said John Huggins be served with notice to attend
the Board on the 5th day of May next. —

His Honor the President laid before the Board
a Letter addressed to them by the Honorable Sothart
Gordon Esquire one of the Assistant Justices of the
Courts of King Bench and Common Pleas and
the Collector of His Majesty's Customs of this
Island complaining of his having received a very
unprovoked and unmerited attack upon his
Character from one of the Inhabitants of the Town
and stating his willingness to resign his situation
of Assistant Justice if from any cause he was no
longer thought a fit person to fill such situation,
whereupon the Board entered into the following
Resolutions. —

Resolved that the Conduct of the Honorable
Sothart Gordon Esquire since his residence in this
Island has been unexceptionable, that his abilities
and Integrity have done Honor to the Bench of
which he forms a part and that his close attention
to and his impartial and intelligent exercise of
the Duties thereby imposed on him have given the
most general and unqualified satisfaction to the
Community. —

Resolved that His Honor the President be
required to forward these Resolutions.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
In His Honor the President and Council
Resolved that in obedience to the wishes of His
Royal Highness the Prince Regent as expressed

in my Lord Bathurst's Letter of the 14th of August
last year directed to our late Captain General
Hugh Elliot Esquire that in future all Acts to be
passed by the two Branches of the Legislature of this
Island be printed within six weeks from the time
when such Acts shall receive the consent of the
Governor for the time being, and that in addition
to the usual written Copies required to be
officially transmitted six Copies of all the said
Acts when so printed be transmitted by the first
convenient opportunity to the Minister of the
Colonial Department - to which we request the
Concurrence of your Board -

Assembly Rooms

21st April 1814 -

Magnus Morton

Speaker

His Honor the President and Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen,

This Board concurs with your House in
the Resolution to print all Acts passed by the two
Branches of the Legislature of this Island since
the twenty third day of October last and that six
Copies so printed in addition to the usual written
copies be transmitted to the Governor to be forwarded
to the Minister of the Colonial Department -

We beg to call your attention to the advantage of
directing a larger number of copies to be struck
off at the same time for the use of the Legislature
the Judges and Magistrates -

Council Chamber

21st April 1814 -

By Command

R. J. Broadbent

Clk of Council

His Honor the President in Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to Thursday the 5th
May -

Council Chamber

21st April 1814 -

By Command

R. J. Broadbent

Clk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 5th day of May 1814
Present

Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esquire President

Hon^{ble} John Colhour Mica Esquire

Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esquire

Hon^{ble} W^m Peckham Esquire

Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esquire

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

In consequence of the Death of Edward Pemberton
Esq^r late Representative of the parish of St. John
in this House, We beg leave to draw the attention
of your Board to the following Resolutions -

Resolved that a Message be sent to Council
requesting His Honor the President to apply to the
Commander in Chief for a new writ for a
Member to serve for the Parish of St. John in
the room of the late Edward Pemberton Esq^r -

Assembly Rooms

5th May 1814 -

Magnus Morton

Speaker

His Honor the President and Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen,

The President will make the necessary
Applications to His Honor the Commander in

Chief for a new writ to supply the vacancy occasioned
by the much lamented Death of the late member
for Sigeen.

The Board wishes to call the attention
of your House to the Contents of the message
sent to your House at their last meeting respecting
the number of Copies of each Act to be printed,
the President not having yet forwarded the last
Act to the printer waiting the Consent of your
House to the number of Copies to be ordered.

Council Chamber

5th May 1814

By Command
W. J. Brodbelt
Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

So His Honor the President and Council
this House having been willing to ascertain as
far as possible the expense likely to attend the
printing of the Acts of this Island have through
their Secretary addressed the two Printers at
St. Kitts, and finding the amount likely to be very
considerable. Hope you will consider the number
of twelve Copies fully sufficient to meet the
conveniences of all concerned.

Assembly Room

5th May 1814

Magnus Morton
Speaker

The Honorable Samuel Lawrence this day laid
before the Board the following Affidavits in support
of the Petition of W. W. Pickwood of the Island of
Saint Christopher Esq^r which was presented to
the Board on the 3rd February last when the
same was immediately granted.

S. Christopher May 2nd 1814

Personally appeared before me the Hon^{ble} John
Garnett Esq^r Chief Justice of His Majesty's

Courts of King Bench and Common Pleas in
the said Island the Hon^{ble} Robert Williams
Pickwood of the said Island Esquire, who being
duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
God deposes that as he hath been credibly inform-
ed during his residence in England in the Year
1811, a Negro man named Sarty being his property
absconded from the Plantation on which he was
employed - that on the return of this deponent
to the said Island, the said negro slave was
absent - that some time in the Year 1813 the
said slave was apprehended, & delivered to the
said deponent - that some time after Henry
Richards Casper of the Island of Nevis Esq^r
required the said Deponent to deliver up the
said Slave as having been purchased by him
the said Henry Richards Casper Esq^r at
Marshalls sale for the sum of one hundred & twenty
pounds Current money.

W. W. Pickwood

Sworn before me this second day of May in the
Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fourteen.

John Garnett

S. Christopher May 2nd 1814

Personally appeared before me the Hon^{ble} John
Garnett Esq^r Chief Justice of His Majesty's
Court of King Bench and Common Pleas
in the said Island John Butler Pemberton of
the said Island Esq^r who being duly sworn on
the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposes
that a Negro man in the possession of W. W. Pickwood
of the said Island Esq^r of the name of

Sarthy but formerly calling himself some was lately
in the possession & considered as the property of Henry
Richards Esquire of the Island of Nevis Esq^r having
been purchased as this Deponent believeth & has
understood by the said Henry Richards Esquire
Esq^r at a Marshalls sale in the said Island of
Nevis.

Sworn before me this second day of May in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fourteen.

John Garratt John Butler Pemberton

His Honor the President in Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to Thursday the
19th instant

Council Chamber

5th May 1814.

By Command

R. J. Broadbent

Clk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 19th day of May 1814

Present

Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esquire President

Hon^{ble} John Colhoun & Mills Esquire

Hon^{ble} Reverend Samuel Lyons

Hon^{ble} James Weches Esquire

Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esquire

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

So His Honor the President and Council

This House beg leave to present to your Board

An Act entitled An Act to repeal an Act to

regulate the Mammurricion of Slaves - and also

one other Act entitled An Act for laying certain

Duties and Impositions on the importation

of certain Articles permitted by His Royal Highness
The Prince Regent's Royal order in Council made
the thirtieth day of November in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen
which has been passed, and We hope will meet
with your approbation and concurrence.

Assembly Room
19th May 1814.

Magnus Morton
Speaker

Motion made by the Honorable James Weches

and seconded by the Honorable John Colhoun

& Mills that the Bill intitled "An Act to repeal

an Act to regulate the Mammurricion of Slaves"

should be read a third time and it was read

a third time accordingly - His Honor the

President then put to vote whether the said Bill

should pass into a Law and it passed the

Board accordingly -

Motion made by the Honorable James Weches

Esquire and seconded by the Honorable John

Colhoun & Mills that the Bill intitled "An Act

for laying certain Duties and Impositions on

the importation of certain articles permitted by

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Royal

order in Council made the thirtieth day of

November in the year of our Lord one thousand

eight hundred and thirteen be read a first time

and it was read a first time accordingly.

The Honorable John Colhoun & Mills Esquire

Presented a Petition from the Contractors for

the public Buildings for extra remuneration

beyond the sum originally agreed to be paid

for the same which was rejected; the account

accompanying the said Petition differing

from the account of the said Contractors

and the account of the said Contractors

being in the hands of the said Contractors

and the account of the said Contractors

being in the hands of the said Contractors

and the account of the said Contractors

from the account delivered by the Petitioners to
the Legislature at their last meeting.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

This House having taken into consideration the
great accumulation of Gun Powder in Charles
Fort, and the means which the sale of six
thousand pounds weight thereof would furnish
the two Branches of the Legislature towards
liquidating the demands against the Public;
request that your Board will concur with
them in the propriety of authorizing His Honor
the President to give an order, or the Captain
Gunner to deliver to the Treasurer or his Careful
Deputy the said quantity of six thousand
pounds weight of Gun powder which shall
be disposed of to the best advantage for the
public benefit —

Assembly Room
19th May 1814.

Wm. Moxton
Speaker

Motion made by the Honorable James Weeks
Esquire and seconded by the Honorable John
Colthour Mills Esquire that the Bill intitled
"An Act for laying certain Duties and Impositions
on the Importation of certain articles permitted
by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's
Royal order in Council made the thirtieth
day of November in the Year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and thirteen" be read
a second time and it was read a second
time accordingly.

Motion made by the Honorable John
Colthour Mills and seconded by the Honorable

James Weeks that the said Bill be read a third
time and it was read a third time accordingly.

To His Honor the President then put to vote whether
the said Bill should pass into a Law and it passed
the Board accordingly.

His Honor the President and Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

We herewith send you the Bill
intitled "An Act for laying certain Duties and
Impositions on the importation of certain
articles permitted by his Royal Highness the
Prince Regent's Royal order in Council
made the thirtieth day of November in the
Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and thirteen" which has passed this Board.

Council Chamber
19th May 1814.

By Command
W. J. Brodbeck
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President and Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

This Board in reply to your Message
respecting the sale of Powder beg to call your
attention to the Messages which passed between
the two Houses on the 20th March and the
23rd of October last where power was given
to the Committee of Forts and Fortifica-
tions to dispose of all the Powder on hand
about 2500^{lbs} paying the amount for which
it sold into the Treasury and on every
sale they were required to apply to the

President for an order to the Captain General to deliver the quantity by them sold. This Board is not aware of any sufficient ground on which this Resolution should be laid aside, and recommend an increased caution in the Members of the Committee to carry the same effectually and beneficially into effect.

Council Chamber
19th May 1814.

By Command
R. J. Brodbelt
Clk of Council

His Honor the President in Council

In the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to Thursday the second of June.

Council Chamber
19th May 1814.

By Command
R. J. Brodbelt
Clk of Council

At a meeting of the Council this 2nd day of June 1814.

Present

His Honor Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President

His Honor Walter Maynard Esq^r

His Honor & Rev^d Samuel Lyorn

His Honor James Daniell Esquire

His Honor James Wecker Esquire

His Honor Samuel Laurence Esquire

His Honor Walter Maynard this day laid

before the Board the following leave of absence

which was read, and he took his seat accordingly.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty

George R.

By Command of His Majesty

George R. His Majesty's

Trusty and well beloved we greet

You well. Whereas our trusty and

well beloved Walter Maynard Esquire one of our Council of our Island of St. Kitts hath humbly prayed us to grant him our Licence to be absent from our said Island of St. Kitts for the further space of six months We are graciously pleased to condescend to his request and do accordingly give and grant unto him the said Walter Maynard our full and free Leave Licence and permission to be absent from our said Island of St. Kitts for the further space of six months to be computed from the twenty sixth day of this present month and our will and pleasure is that he be in the mean time continued as one of the Council of our said Island of St. Kitts - And for so doing this shall be your warrant and so we bid you farewell Given at our Court at Barbados the 26th day of June 1813 and in the fifty third Year of our Reign

By the Command of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty.

Bathurst

Walter Maynard
Slave of America

In our trusty and well beloved Hugh Elliot Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Leeward Charitable Islands in America, or in his absence to our Lieutenant General, or Commander in Chief of our said Islands for the times being.

The Hon^{ble} Walter Hayward laid before
the Board the Petition of Frederick and John
Huggins accompanied by an account of their
demand against the Public of their expediture
on the Public Building amounting to the sum
of two thousand eight hundred and thirty four
Pounds, nineteen Shillings and three Pence,
which being read as follows, Viz^t

To
The honorable the President and the Members
of His Majesty's Council and the Honorable
Speaker and the Members of the House of
Assembly of the Island of Nevis -
The humble Petition of Frederick Huggins of
the said Island Merchant
Respectfully Sheweth

That your Petitioner's deceased
Brother, Mr William Huggins did in his life time,
for the consideration of six thousand Pounds and
the materials of the old Buildings, contract to erect
a new Court House, according to a proposed plan;
and that in the performance of the same, your
Petitioner and his Brother, Mr John Huggins, agreed
to a joint hire: -

That your Petitioner and likewise his Brother
Mr John Huggins were both compelled, by the ill
health of themselves and of individuals of their
respective Families, to quit the Island in the years
1810 and 1811, when the aforesaid Mr William
Huggins was left in the execution of his Contract.

That on your Petitioner's return in 1812, he
not only had to encounter the affliction and
natural consequences of a Brother's death, but to

contend with the embarrassments arising from the
non-completion of that Brother's Contract, and from
the state of the new Building, which he found nearly
at a stand. -

That your Petitioner did afterwards, in
tender regard to a Brother's memory, and not
then having made any estimate of the expenses
already incurred, pledge himself, to your Honorable
Board and House, to finish the Building on the
original Terms; but that as he proceeded, he was
soon alarmed by the discovery that he would be
a very considerable Loser. -

That your Petitioner did, nevertheless,
persevere, not however without repeated intimation
to your Committee of the heavy loss, he was likely
to sustain; and did at length, put out of his hands
a new Building, which your Petitioner flatters
himself, is no less creditable to the Colony than
reputable to the projectors, although at the great
charge of nearly nine thousand Pounds, and the
serious loss to himself of nearly three thousand
pounds unless relieved by Public liberality, as the
annexed estimate will manifest, and which your
Petitioner is ready to verify by Affidavit and
otherwise if required. -

That your Petitioner, aware that he has
no claim to the attention of your Honorable
Board and House, but as a supplicant for the
exercise of an Act of generosity, would humbly
state, that as no instrument, so clearly and precise-
ly defining the minutiae and particulars to be
adhered to, and by which the contracting parties
are usually, in such cases, to be governed and

board, was ever drawn up, he has studied in the gratification, credit and Honor of the Colony has been guided by what he conceived to be the public wish, and has upon all occasions, readily adopted, however disadvantageous to himself, the suggested improvements and alterations of your Committee exemplified by their own report of the 31st March last, regardless of every other incentive but a reliance on the future consideration of the Legislative Body of the Island of Nevis.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly submits his case to your Goodness and generosity, and prays such relief therein as to your wisdom may seem meet. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Nevis 19th May 1814. Frederick Huggins

Public Building

- 1810 To 20. Hogheads Lime @ £5. - Cash. 100
- paid Carice Wine & W. P. Boppewell's expenses to Sandy 2. 14. -
- Print in quest of Mr. Sanson d. 3
- 43rd Condaye for Piggery Canoe and dragging wood ^{at £18} 7. 14. 9 1/2
- To paid for a Carice d. 50. - - -
- paid for a Sine, Hair 25/4th - frome New York 19th d. 2. 4. 4
- To 4 oars 24 feet @ 1/6. - 4. 16th 200 Sacks of 3) 4. 14. 0
- To 2 Bottles of Gunny 12th 5 Bottles wine 45th 19th
- old Rum 15th 1 quartier Meaton 24/9. & cash } 7. 12. 9
- for Suttle 5th 1/2, the same Sanson's Dinner
- To a Grind Stone for a mill 4. 10. -
- Baskets of a Horse 40th - 2 sets Harness 10. 16. 50. 17. -
- To paid George Dewart for making 2 Coats with wheels 33. - - -

- To 1st D. for a pair truck Wheels . . . 5. 12. -
- Lumber for D. 10. 19. 4
- 225 - 10th Nails @ 300 20th D. 11/5 . . . 18. - . 48. 1/2
- To 4 Crows @ 45th - 11th 1/2 4th } 18. - -
- 44th 29
- 1811 To paid Thomas Peterson for 2254 feet of Lumber @ 40. - } 89. 7. 2 1/4
- 12 How 36th 2 Hard wood Posts for Carriage } 3. 12. -
- 218th
- To paid Alphonso Abbott for 60 days attendance of Negroes @ 14/6 13. 10. -
- To 676 feet Joist for Fence at 17th - 10. 2. 9
- 3500 feet W. P. Boards for D. @ 52. 10. -
- 358 feet D. for shed 5. 7. 4 1/4
- 1m 20th nails 36th 17th 10th D. 27th } 4. 7. -
- 100. 30th D. 12th 400. 10th D. 23th } 4. 7. -
- 3 Paddocks 27th 250. 10th Nails @ 1 1/4 1/6 } 74. 1. 8 1/4
- To 12 W. P. Planks for Sroughs } 11. 8. 3 1/2
- 761 feet @ £15
- 200. 30th nails @ 12th 100. 30th } 1. 16. -
- 29th 12th
- 171 feet Lumber for Parquet } 4. 5. 6
- Stands
- 100. 30th nails 12th 1 Stock lock 9th 1 1/2 1 1/2 } 18. 10. 9 1/2
- To 1 pair Large Hinges 20th 10th 16 feet @ 1/4 . . . 2. 4. -
- 25. 20th nails 1st 100. 6. D. 27th 25. 20th } - 4. -
- D. 1st
- To 1 Barrel Tar for Carice 5th
- repairing d. 4th
- 1 Timber for D. 1/6 @ 23 feet 19. -
- Board 11/6 200. 10th nails @ 21th
- 42 feet P. P. Boards for 21th } 1. 5. 9
- 50. 4th nails @ 100. 6. D. 27th } 1. 5. 9

9. 13. 9
574. 6. 8

To Carpenter's work putting up fence work
 Kroughs Runcheon Stands, Pillars, Posts
 To paid 14000rs for materials for attendants on 600, 800, 4
 To paid for sending stone &c. by Mr. Jones
 To 1 car 16 feet 24/1 hard wood post for
 18000rs 18/ 20 20 -
 To 952 feet Board for scaffolding 15 19 -
 41 Plank 2028 for D. 30 7 9/2
 30 span 225 37 10 -
 917 feet Board & 4 Plank for 17 7 -
 Ladders 242 feet 17 7 -
 500 30? nails 212 - 300-10?
 D. 23/ 150-10? D. 4/6 - 100 3 17 3
 20? D. 3/9
 1 P. joint for wind rail 2-2 3 -
 17 feet 1/1 D. 26 feet 2/6 105 4 8
 To 10 Boards 348 feet for raising
 Scaffold 5 4 4
 6 Plank, 294 feet D. 4 8 2
 200-30? nails 24/ 3000 1 13 -
 10? D. 23/ 11 5 6
 To 4 W. P. Boards 95 feet 2d. for Modules
 4 feet 1 19 10 1/2
 To 1 car 15 feet 22/6 - 200-4? nails 21/6 1 5 6
 To 1 W. P. Board for modules 50 feet - 9 -
 To 129th dent, 206? 125 D. 20 6 7 9
 To 4 1700s 12/ 200-4? nails 21/6 - 25-20?
 nails 1/ 50-10? 1/6 - 17 6
 To 15 runchons for scaffolding water 8. 245/ 33 15 -
 To 1 car 14 feet 25/ paid repairing cart
 wheels 48/ 2 9
 To 12 W. P. Boards for raising scaffold 30 2
 124 feet 25.

12 D. D. 132 feet 3 6 -
 100-10? nails 2/ 50-20? D.
 1/10? - 200, 20? D. 15/ 62 30 D. 1/1 7 4 1/2 7 15 4 1/2
 To 154th lead & C. 80? D. 24? 6 - -
 To 50? - 20? nails 1/10? - 100-10? D. 3/6 18/ 1 2 1/2
 To 1400 feet P. P. for arching winding 42 - -
 2300
 900 feet oak for D. @ 26. 18 - - 60 - - -
 To paid feeding house (now dead) 33 - - -
 To paid for a p. Wheels for small cart 7 4 - -
 To 18 W. P. joint for frame of 8 8 -
 wings 560 feet @ 15.
 17 d. d. d. 448 D. 6 14 4
 300? oak D. D. 25 7 10 -
 100 feet W. P. Boards 2 10 -
 2000 feet W. P. Plank 50 - - -
 250-30? nails 212/ - 300
 20? D. 23/9 - 200-10? D. 2 14 9 57 12 1 -
 200? 62. 30? 4/6
 To paid repairing canoe of 1000 17 feet 2 2 -
 21/6 - 1000 Lock 4/6
 To 4 Iron Hoops for scaffolding 14 feet 1 3 3
 21/6 - 25? rivets 2/6 289 16 -
 To 220 feet P. P. joint for 11 - - -
 250.
 350 feet oak D. 25 8 15 19 15 -
 To 100 1700s 20 5 500 - - -
 To paid repairing Cart 2 8 -
 14 feet 21/6 - 21/ -
 To paid repairing Cart wheels 5 15 6
 To 150. 20? nails 2/9, 50-30? D. 2/ 11 9

To 22 Subts 5.5-0. 4 water pails 18¢ . . . 6" 5" -
 To p^r for dinner for Carpenters 27¢ 2 ships . . . 1" 10" -
 To paid for 7 kegs Lime a 18¢ . . . 6" 6" -
 To paid for 25 Hds Lime a 6¢ . . . 15" 1" -
 To p^r repairing canoe with materials } 17" 1" 9"
 complete }
 To 500 feet Lumber for work benches . . . 12" 10" -
 To 300. 10^d nails q^t 50 d^s 1/6. 25. 50. 2. 5¢ . . . 13" 6"
 To 2 W.P. Boards 24 feet a 1¢ . . . 1" 4" -
 To 14 W.P. Boards 6500 feet } 260" - - -
 a 40 . . . }
 To 7696 feet P.P. Boards d^s . . . 307" 16" 9" 1/2
 648 feet P.P. joints d^s . . . 25" 18" 5"
 4906 feet W.P. joints a 25 . . . 122" 13" -
 2898 feet W.P. Plank a 2 . . . 72" 9" -
 15850 feet W.P. Boards d^s . . . 396" 8" -
 52 feet D. D. bot. of extra . . . } 2" 6" 9" 1/2
 Reap a 45¢ . . . }
 400 feet D. timber a 25 . . . 10" - - -
 35 m Cypress Shingles . . . 189" - - -
 1 large mast a 2 runner . . . 25" - - - 141" 12" -
 To 20. 100. 4^d nails a 1¢ . . . 12" 1" 3"
 64500. 6^d d^s a 15¢ . . . 49" 17" 6"
 12500. 10^d d^s a 2¢ . . . 18" 4" 6"
 2570. 20^d d^s a 3¢ . . . 4" 12" -
 4100. 30^d d^s a 10¢ . . . 5" 15" 4"
 125. Spikes a 1¢ . . . 6" 5" - 96" 13" 9"
 To 1 keg yellow paint Haz . . . 4" 4" -
 Putty 28 lb a 3¢ . . . 4" 4" -
 2 Gall. Turpentine oil a 7¢ . . . 2" 14" -
 70^{lb} Pitch a 6^d . . . 1" 15" - 8" 13" -
 To 1 Winderill Stock . . . 33" - - -

2 Winderill pails a 10.10 . . . 33" - - -
 1 p^r Bullet wood for hand } 7" 10" -
 nails }
 2 p^r D. for Darnestrop . . . 13" 4" -
 1 large Curriasson putty } 4" 10" -
 for d^s } 9" 4" -
 3321" 15" 3"
 To 15 m 2^d 4^d Boards a 9¢ . . . 5" 17" -
 25350. 10^d d^s a 2¢ . . . 34" 4" 6"
 20550 20^d d^s a 3¢ . . . 36" 19" 9"
 To paid 170^{lb} Abbott for 47^{lb} lead a 1¢ . . . 2" 7" -
 To 2 lb Glue a 9¢ 2 pad locks a 9¢ 2 keys } 6" 16" -
 Hook d^s a 50¢ . . . }
 To 106 Pair Stinges with wall hooks } 178" 17" 6"
 1590 lb a 2/3 . . . }
 To 100 lathing nails q^t paid water } 3" 15" -
 Currier at night a 6¢ . . . }
 To Smith shop account . . . 305" 7" 1 1/2"
 To 2 p^r x Garnet Stinges for stair } . . . 18" -
 case a 9¢ . . . }
 To p^r W^m Lawrence for 5 setting } 45" -
 Fire Stone a 2¢ . . . }
 p^r for 10589 Fire Stone a 9¢ 4 1/2 6" 10"
 118 rusticks a 4/6 . . . 26" 11"
 215 Border Stones a 3¢ 32" 5"
 61 Gallery Stones a 3¢ 9" 3"
 94 Arch Stones a 4/6 21" 3"
 10739 Hard Stones . . . 5 1/2 17 1/2 6" 665" 9" 6"
 To paid negro hire . . . 2225" 9" -
 To 100 Gallons Turp. used for masts } 25" - - -
 9¢ a 5¢ . . . }
 To p^r Hawk rent for Jel. Vanderz . . . 9" 7" -

To paid Masons 1184^u 16ⁿ 10^p
 To paid Carpenters 827^u 19ⁿ 9^p
 £ 2834^u 19ⁿ 3^p
 By this sum received from the Treasurer . 6000^u —ⁿ —^p
 £ 2834^u 19ⁿ 3^p

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Board that the same Petition and account should be referred to the Committee for the Public Building to be by them examined and reported upon.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

In His Honor the President and Council

We beg leave to present to your Board a letter from His Honor the Commander in Chief accompanying the Act entitled "An Act for laying certain Duties and impositions on the importation of certain articles permitted by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Royal order in Council made the thirteenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and thirteen which had been forwarded to him for his approbation and signature, stating his objection to a certain part of the first clause (marked in the margin) and requesting a revision of the same. We therefore submit the following clause as likely to meet the wishes of his Honor the Commander in Chief being conformable to the Proclamations of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent and having your Considerance and Approbation. We propose the introduction of it into the said Act.

And be it enacted it is hereby Enacted and ordained by the authority aforesaid that from and after the passing and Publication of the

said Act, it shall be permitted to Import into the said Island in any Ships or Vessels belonging to the Subjects of any State in amity with His Majesty, all such articles being of the growth or produce of the United States of America hereinafter mentioned subject to the following Duties imposed by virtue of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's said Royal order in Council to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer or his lawful Deputy Viz
 Assembly Room } Magnus Morton
 2^d June 1814. } Speaker

St. Christopher's 21st May 1814

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter accompanying a Bill entitled "An Act for laying certain Duties and impositions on the importation of certain articles permitted by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Royal order in Council made the thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen".

And I should with much pleasure have affixed the Great Seal and my Signature to this Bill, but that part of it which I have marked in the margin, is not conformable to the order in Council.

I therefore return it, that it may be revised,

To the Hon^{ble}
 Magnus Morton Esq^r
 Secy. G. C.

I have the Honor to be

Sir
 Your most obedient
 humble Servant
 J^r Julius

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

We regret the oversight in the clause objected to by His Honor the Commander in Chief but cannot agree with your House in the proposed alteration for the following reasons. — The alteration of the clause recommended in your message appears inadvisable in permitting the importation of American Articles in the Ships or vessels belonging to the Subjects of any State in Amity with His Majesty, whereas the order in Council of the Prince Regent expressly states that the goods to be imported shall be the growth and produce of the Country to which the Ship or vessel importing the same shall belong and that those shall be states in Amity with His Majesty. — we are evidently at war with America, consequently American articles cannot come in the vessels of any state in Amity with His Majesty.

Council Chamber
2nd June 1814. —

By Command
R. J. Brodbelt
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

We herewith send the Petition and account of Frederick and John Higgins on the subject of the Public Building which has been laid before this Board and which we think should be referred to the joint Committee for the Public Building to examine and

report thereon. —
Council Chamber
2 June 1814. —

By Command
R. J. Brodbelt
Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council
We beg leave to return your Board the Act entitled "An Act for laying certain Duties and Impositions on the Importation of certain articles permitted by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Royal order in Council made the thirtieth day of November in Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen" with an alteration of the clause objected to, which hath passed this House, and which we hope will meet with the approbation of your Board.

This House begs the attention of His Honor the President to the circumstance of requesting the Commander in Chief to open the Ports for the admission of Neutral Vessels. —
Assembly Room
2nd June 1814
Magna Borton
Speaker

Motion made by the Honorable James Mackenzie Esquire and seconded by the Honorable Walter Maynard Esquire that the Bill intitled "An Act for laying certain Duties and Impositions on the importation of certain articles permitted by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Royal order in Council made the thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen" should be read a first time and it was read a first time accordingly. —
Motion made by the Honorable James Mackenzie and seconded by the Honorable and Reverend Samuel

Syons that the said Bill be read a second time and it was read a second time accordingly. —
A Motion made by the Honorable James Wekes Esquire and seconded by the Honorable and Reverend Samuel Syons that the said Bill be read a third time and it was read a third time accordingly. —
His Honor the President then put to vote whether the said Bill should pass into a Law and it passed the Board accordingly. —

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen,

This Board herewith returns to his Honor the Speaker the Act entitled "An Act for Copying certain Duties and impositions on the importation of certain articles permitted by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Royal Order in Council made the thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen" with the alteration of the Clause objected to by His Honor the Commander in Chief which has been twice read and passed this Board. —

Council Chamber
2nd June 1814. —

By Command
R. J. Broadbent
Ck of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

His Honor the President and Council
This House agree with your Board in the propriety of referring the Petition of W. J. Suggins to the joint Committee of Public Building who are requested to make their report at the next meeting.

Assembly Room
2nd June 1814. —

Wm. Moore
Speaker

His Majesty's Writ having issued for the election of a Member to serve in the Assembly for the Parish of Saint John, and being this day returned it appeared that George Clarke Forbes was duly elected. —

His Honor the President in Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to Thursday the sixteenth instant. —

Council Chamber
2nd June 1814. —

By Command
R. J. Broadbent
Ck of Council

At a meeting of the Council this 16th day of June 1814.
Present

- Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esquire President
- Hon^{ble} Walter Maynard Esquire
- Hon^{ble} John Colthour & Mills Esquire
- Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esquire
- Hon^{ble} & Rev^d Samuel Syons
- Hon^{ble} James Wekes Esquire
- Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esquire

George Clarke Forbes this day attended the Board and was sworn in a member of the Assembly. —

A Motion made by the Honorable James Wekes Esquire and seconded by the Honorable Samuel Lawrence Esquire that the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act intituled An Act for settling and regulating the trial of Criminals Slaves by Jury and for repealing so much or such parts of the several Acts of this Island as impeded the trial of Slaves charged with capital offences to be had before justices of the peace and for altering the mode of such trials" should be read

a second time and it was read a second time according-
-dingly -

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council
We herewith send you a Bill Intituled "An Act
"for raising a certain sum of money by a Duty
"or Tax of twelve Shillings Current money per poll
"on all negroes and other Slaves and the further
"sum of five pounds in the hundred pounds on
"the yearly value of all Houses Ware Houses Ships
"and Instruments in the several Towns of Charles
"Town James Town Indian Castle and New
"Castle and other parts of the said Island not
"belonging to and in the actual employ of any
"Sugar Plantation for paying off and discharging
"the debts against the Public and defraying the
"other expenses of the said Island" which hath
"passed this House -

Assembly Room
16th June 1814. S

Magnus Morton
Speaker

Motion made by the Honorable James Welton
Esquire and seconded by the Honorable and
Reverend Samuel Lyons that the Bill intituled
"An Act for raising a certain sum of money by
"a Duty or Tax of twelve Shillings Current money
"per poll on all negroes and other Slaves and the
"further sum of five pounds in the hundred pounds
"on the yearly value of all Houses Ware Houses
"Ships and Instruments in the several Towns of
"Charles Town James Town Indian Castle and
"New Castle and other parts of the said Island
"not belonging to and in the actual employ of
"any Sugar Plantation for paying off and

discharging the debt against the Public and defray-
-ing the other expenses of the said Island" should
be read a first time and it was read a first time
accordingly -

His Honor the President in Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to the
seventh of July next -

Council Chamber
16th June 1814. S

By Command
R. J. Brodbelt
Clerk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 7th day of
July 1814

Present

The Honorable Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
The Honorable Rev^d Samuel Lyons
The Honorable James Daniell Esquire
The Honorable Samuel Laurence Esquire

No business done for want of another
Member to make a Board

At a Meeting of the Council this 14th day of
July 1814.

Present

Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esquire President
Hon^{ble} Walker Maynard Esquire
Hon^{ble} Peter Jeffery Esquire
Hon^{ble} Rev^d Samuel Lyons
Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esq^r
Hon^{ble} James Welton Esq^r
Hon^{ble} Sam^l Laurence Esq^r His Honor

His Honor the President laid before the
Board the following letter from His Excellency
Sir James Smith

Christchurch 15th July 1814

Sir

I have to inform you that I arrived at
this Island yesterday, and that it is my intention
to visit the Islands of Nevis on Monday next
the 18th instant, when I would beg the favour
of you to convene the Council and Assembly
of the Colony - I propose going in H. Majesty's
Ship Inter as it is to reach Nevis if possible
soon after Breakfast & to return to Christchurch
the same day.

I am Sir
Yours faithfully
James Smith
Captain General

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen,

We herewith send you a letter from His
Excellency Sir James Smith notifying his intention
of visiting this part of his Government on Monday
next, we deem it perfectly unnecessary after having
given you this information to say any thing respect-
ing the Act of Settlement and the provisions to be
made for his reception being fully aware that you
will make every exertion the State of the Colony
can bear.

Council Chamber
15th July 1814

By Command
R. J. Broadbent
Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council
This House feel happy in having so early a prospect
of paying their respects to His Excellency the Captain
General, and are ready to cooperate with your
Board in any manner which may be deemed
necessary to assure to Sir James Smith a reception
adequate to our means and the High Character
which he maintains.

In Conformity with the resolutions which expressed
this House have formed the following Resolutions -
Resolved "That John Richardson, David Nicholson
and Edward Higgins Jun^r Esq^s should form
"a Committee to join such Members of the Board
"of Council as they may think proper to appoint
"that such joint Committee should be authorized
"to make all due preparations for the accommodation
"and entertainment of His Excellency, and this
"House do pledge themselves to make good all
"expences attendant thereon".

This House has not lost a moment in preparing
a Bill of Settlement on his Excellency the Captain
General agreeable to usage on these occasions and
the said Bill has already had two Readings, which
we hope will meet with the approbation of your
Board.

Assembly Room
15th July 1814

Wm. Moore
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen,

We have appointed the Honorable and Reverend
Samuel Sijon and the Honorable Samuel

Laurence to join John Richardson Turley Mather
and Edward Higgins Junior Esquires and Council
to make all due preparations for the accommodation
and entertainment of His Excellency Sir James
Seith. —

Council Chamber
15th July 1814. —

By Command
W. J. Brodbelt
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President in Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to tomorrow the 16th
instant. —

Council Chamber
15th July 1814. —

By Command
W. J. Brodbelt
Clerk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 16th day of July 1814.
Present

Hon^{ble} Thomas John Cottle Esquire President

Hon^{ble} Walter Maynard Esquire

Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esquire

Hon^{ble} & Reverend Samuel Syors

Hon^{ble} Samuel Laurence Esquire

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

We herewith send you a Bill Intituled "An Act for
the Honorable support of His Excellency Sir James
Seith our Captain General" which hath passed
this House. —

Assembly Room
16th July 1814. —

Magrus Morton
Speaker

Motion made by the Honorable Walter Maynard

Esquire and seconded by the Honorable and
Reverend Samuel Syors that the before mention-
ed Bill be read a first time and it was read
a first time accordingly. —

Motion made by the Honorable and Reverend
Samuel Syors and seconded by the Honorable
Peter Jefferys Esquire that the said Bill be read
a second time and it was read a second time
accordingly. —

Motion made by the Honorable Samuel
Laurence Esquire and seconded by the Honorable
Walter Maynard Esquire that the said Bill
be read a third time and it was read a third
time accordingly. —

His Honor the President then put to vote whe-
ther the said Bill should pass into a Law and
it passed the Board accordingly. —

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen,
We herewith return you the Bill intituled
"An Act for the Honorable support of His Excellency
"Sir James Seith" &c. which hath passed this
Board. —

Council Chamber
16th July 1814. —

By Command
W. J. Brodbelt
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President in Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to Monday the
18th instant where you are requested to attend
by, Marie O'Loke in the morning to meet His

do the same
Excellency the Governor who has signified his
intention of Carrying soon after Breakfast
Council Chamber
16th July 1814. By Command
R. J. Dumbell
Clerk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 18th day of July 1814.

Present

Hon^{ble} Thomas John Settle Esquire President

Hon^{ble} Walter H. Hayward Esquire

Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esquire

Hon^{ble} and Reverend Samuel Sydes

Hon^{ble} James Daniell Esquire

Hon^{ble} James Weekes Esquire

Hon^{ble} Samuel Lawrence Esquire

His Excellency Sir James Settle this day came into
Council and produced his Commission under the
Great Seal of Great Britain appointing him Captain
General and Governor in Chief - also his Com-
mission under the Great Seal of the High Court
of Admiralty of Great Britain appointing his
Excellency Vice Admiral &c. &c. of the Seaward
Islands, and directed them to be read, which was
accordingly done openly in the following words, -

George the Third by the Grace of
God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Ireland King Defender of the Faith To our
trustworthy and well beloved Sir James Settle
Knight of the most Honourable order of the Bath
Secretary and General of our Forces greeting Whell
- do we do by our Letters Patent under our
Great Seal of our United Kingdom of Great

Britain and Ireland bearing date the twenty fourth
day of November one thousand eight hundred and
eight in the forty sixth year of our Reign com-
-mand and appoint our trusty and well beloved
Hugh Elliot Esquire to be our Captain General
and Governor in Chief in and over our Islands
of the Nevis Saint Christopher Montserrat Antigua
Barbuda and Anguilla and all other our Islands
Colonies and Plantations in America commonly
called and known by the name of the Charibbee
Islands lying and being to Seaward from
Guadaloupe to the Island of S^{te} Johns de ports
Rico which now are or hereafter shall be under
our subjection and Government NOW KNOW
You that we have revoked and determined
and by these presents do revoke and determine the
said recited Letters Patent and every Clause
Article or thing therein contained And further
know you that we reposing special trust and
Confidence in the prudence courage and Loyalty of
you the said Sir James Settle of our special
Grace certain knowledge and mere motion &c
have thought fit to constitute and appoint and
by these presents do constitute and appoint you
the said Sir James Settle to be our Captain
General and Governor in Chief in and over our
Islands of Nevis Saint Christopher Montserrat
Antigua Barbuda Anguilla and all other our
Islands Colonies and Plantations in America
commonly called or known by the name of our
Charibbee Islands lying and being to Seaward
from Guadaloupe to the Island of S^{te} Johns de
ports Rico which now are or hereafter shall be

under our subjection and Government And we
do hereby require and Command you to hear and
execute all things in due manner that shall
belong to your said Command and the trust
we have reposed in you according to the several
powers and directions granted or appointed you by
this present Command and the instructions
herewith given you or by such further powers &
instructions and Authorities as shall at any time
hereafter be granted or appointed You under our
Signet and sign Manual or by our order in our Privy
Council and according to such reasonable Laws
and Statutes as are now in force or hereafter shall
be made and agreed upon by you with the advice
and consent of the Councils and Assemblies of
the respective Islands and plantations under your
Government in such manner and form as is
hereafter expressed and our Will and pleasure is
that you the said Sir James Seith after the
publication of these our Letters Patent do in the
first place take the Oaths appointed to be taken
by an Act passed in the first year of the reign
of King George the first intituled "An Act for the
greater security of His Majesty's person and
Government and the succession of the Crown in
the case of the late Princess Sophia being a
Protestant and for extinguishing the hopes of the
pretended Prince of Wales and his open and
strict abettors as is contained and explained by an
Act passed in the sixth year of our said reign intituled
"An Act for altering the Oath of abjuration and
the Assurance and for amending so much of an
Act of the seventh year of her late Majesty

as is intituled "An Act for the improvement
of the Union of the two Kingdoms as after the
time therein limited requires the delivery of
certain Lists and copies therein mentioned to
persons indicted of high Treason or misprison
of Treason" As also that you make and subscribe
the declaration mentioned in an Act of Parlia
ment made in the twenty fifth year of the
reign of King Charles the second intituled an
Act for preventing dangers which may happen
from popish Recusants and likewise that you
take the usual Oath for the due execution of the
Office and Trust of our Captain General and
Governor in Chief in and over our said Islands
for the due and impartial Administration of
Justice And further that you take the Oath requi
red to be taken by Governors of plantations and do
their utmost that the several Laws relating to trade
and plantations be observed which said Oaths
and declarations our said Council respectively or
any three of the members of each of them have
herely full power and authority and are required
to tender and Administer unto you and in your
absence to our Lieutenant General of our said
Seaward Islands and to our Lieutenant Governor
of each respective Island or Islands all which
being duly performed you shall Administer to
each of the Members of our said Councils and
to our Lieutenant General and Lieutenant
Governors aforesaid the said Oaths mentioned
in the said Act intituled "An Act for the further
security of His Majesty's person and Govern
ment and the Succession of the Crown in the

do the same with
Heirs of the late Prince of Wales being protected
and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended
Prince of Wales and his heirs and secret Abettors
altered and explained by the said Act for altering
the oath of abjuration and the Oath of Allegiance and for
amending so much of An Act of the seventh Year
of her late Majesty Queen Anne intituled An Act
for the improvement of the Union of the two
Kingdoms as after the time therein limited
requires the delivery of certain Lists and copies
therein mentioned to persons indicted of High
Treason or misprision of treason as also cause
them to make and subscribe the aforementioned
declarations and to administer to them the oath
for the due execution of their places and trusts
And we do hereby give and grant unto you full
power and authority to suspend any of the mem-
bers of our said Councils from sitting voting and
assisting therein if you shall find just cause for
doing And also in like manner to suspend any
of our said Lieutenant Governours of our said
Islands from the execution of their Commands
and to appoint others in their stead until our
pleasure shall be known and if it shall at any
time happen that by the death or departure out of our
said Islands respectively suspension of any of our
said Councils or otherwise there shall be
a vacancy in any of our said respective Councils
five of the Members of each of which we do hereby
appoint to be Officers our will and pleasure is
that you signify the same unto us by the first
opportunity that we may under our signet and
sign Manual constitute and appoint others in

their stead but that our affairs at that distance
may not suffer for want of a due number of Coun-
cillors if you it shall please that there be less
than seven of them residing in any of our said
Islands respectively we do hereby give and grant
unto you the said Sir James with full power
and authority to chuse as many persons out of
the principal freeholders Inhabitants of our said
Islands respectively as will make up the full
number of each Council to be seven and no more
which persons so chosen and appointed by you
shall be to all intents and purposes Councillors
in our said respective Islands till either they
shall be confirmed by us or that by the authori-
ty of others by us under our signet and sign
manual our said respective Councils shall
have each of them seven or more persons in them
And we do hereby give and grant unto you full
power and authority with the advice and consent
of the said Councils respectively from time to time
as need shall require to summon and call general
Assemblies of the Freeholders and planters jointly
or severally within any of our Islands under your
Government according to the custom and usage
of our said Islands And our will and pleasure is
that the persons whereupon duly elected by the
Major part of the Freeholders of the respective
Parishes or precincts and unincorporated shall
before their sitting take the oaths mentioned
in the first recited Act altered as above as
also make and subscribe the aforementioned
declarations which oaths and declarations you
shall constitute fit persons under our

Public Seal of those our Islands to be used and
Administer unto them and until the same shall
be so taken and subscribed no persons shall be
capable of sitting though elected and we do hereby
Declare that the persons so elected and qualified
shall be called and demand the Assembly of that
Island or plantation or those Islands or plantations
wherein they shall be chosen or of our said Islands
in general And that you the said Sir James
Seith or in your absence our said Lieutenant
General or Lieutenant Governors by and with the
advice and consent of our said respective Councils
and Assemblies or the Major part of them shall
have full power and authority to make constitute
and ordain Laws Statutes and Ordinances for
the public peace welfare and good Government of
our said Islands jointly or severally and of the
people and inhabitants of them and such others
as shall resort therunto and for the benefit of us our
Heirs and Successors which said Laws Statutes
and Ordinances are not to be repugnant but as
near as may be agreeable to the Laws and
Statutes of this our United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland provided that all such
Laws Statutes and Ordinances of what nature or
duration soever be within three months or more
after the making thereof transmitted unto us
under the public Seal for our approbation or
disallowance of them as also duplicates thereof
by the next conveyance and in case any or all of the
said Laws Statutes and Ordinances not before
conferred by us shall at any time be disallowed
and not approved and so signified by us our Heirs

or Successors under our or their sign Manual and
seal or by order of our or their Privy Council
unto you the said Sir James Seith or to the
Commander in Chief of our said Islands for the
time being then such and so many of the said
Laws Statutes and Ordinances as shall be so
disallowed and not approved shall from thence
forth cease determine and become utterly void
and of no effect any thing to the contrary thereof
notwithstanding And to the end that nothing
may be passed or done by any of our said Councils
or Assemblies to the prejudice of us our Heirs
or Successors We will and ordain that you the said
Sir James Seith and in your absence our said
Lieutenant General or Lieutenant Governors respec-
tively shall have and enjoy a negative voice in
the making and passing of all Laws Statutes and
Ordinances as aforesaid and that you or in your
absence our said Lieutenant General or Lieuten-
ant Governors respectively shall and may
likewise from time to time as you or they shall
judge it necessary adjourn prorogue or dissolve all
General Assemblies as aforesaid And we do hereby
authorize and empower you to keep and use the
Public seal appointed for sealing all things
whatsoever that pass the Great Seal of our said
Islands And we do further give and grant unto
you the said Sir James Seith full power and
Authority from time to time and at any time
hereafter by yourself or by any other to be
authorized by you in that behalf to Administer
and give the Oaths mentioned in the aforesaid
Act for the further security of His Majesty's

Person and Government and the Successors of the
Crown in the Heirs of the late Prince of Wales
being Protestants and for extinguishing the hopes
of the pretended Prince of Wales and his heirs
and secret Abettors as altered and explained by the
Aforesaid Act for altering the Oath of subjection
and the assurance and for amending so much
of an Act of the seventh Year of her late Majesty
Queen Anne intituled An Act for the improve-
ment of the Union of the two Kingdoms as after
the time therein limited requires the delivery of
certain Lists and copies therein mentioned to
persons indicted of high treason or misprision of
treason to all and every such person or persons as
you shall think fit who shall at any time or
times pass into any of our said Islands or shall
be resident or abiding there And we do by these
Presents give and grant unto you the said Sir James
Settle full power and authority with the advice and
Consent of our said Councils respectively to erect
constitute and establish such and so many Courts
of judicature and public Justice within our
respective Islands under your Government as
you and they shall think fit and necessary for
the hearing and determining of all causes as well
Criminal as Civil according to Law and equity
and for awarding of execution Whereupon with full
reasonable and necessary powers authorities fees
and privileges belonging therewith as also to appoint
and commissionate fit persons in the several parts
of your Government to Administer the Oaths and
maintained in the aforesaid Acts as also to receive
and Administer the aforesaid declarations to such

Persons belonging to the said Courts as shall be obliged
to take the same And We do hereby grant unto you
and in your absence to our Lieutenant General or
Lieutenant Governors respectively full power and
Authority to constitute and appoint Judges
(and in cases requisite) Commissioners of Oyer and
Terminer Justices of the Peace Sheriffs and other
necessary Officers and Ministers in all and every
our said Islands for the better Administration of
Justice and putting the same in execution and to
Administer or cause to be Administered unto them
such Oath or Oaths as are usually given for the
due execution and performance of Offices and
places and for clearing of truth in judicial Causes
And We do hereby give and grant unto you
full power and authority where you shall see
cause or shall judge any Offender or Offenders in
criminal matters or for any fines or forfeitures
due unto us fit objects of our mercy to pardon all
such Offenders and remit all such Offences fines
and forfeitures treason and wilful murder only
excepted in which cases you shall likewise have
power upon extraordinary occasions to grant
reprieves to the Offenders until and to the intent
our Royal pleasure may be known therein And
Whereas it belongeth unto us in right of our
Royal prerogative to have the Custody of Idiot
and their Estates and to take the profits thereof
to our own use finding them necessaries and
also to provide for the Custody of Surmises and
their Estates without taking the profits thereof
to our own use And Whereas while such
Idiot and Surmises and their Estates remaine

under our immediate care great trouble and
Charges may arise to such as shall hereafter occur
to report unto us for directions respecting such
Idiots and Savages and their Estates and consid-
ering that writs of Enquiry of Idiots and
Savages are to issue out of our several Courts of
Chancery as well in our provinces in America as
within this our United Kingdom respectively and
the inquisitions thereupon taken are returnable
in those Courts We have thought fit to entrust you
with the care and commitment of the Custody
of the said Idiots and Savages and their Estates
And We do by these presents give and grant
unto you full power and authority without ex-
pecting any further special Warrant from us
from time to time to give order and warrant
for the preparing of Grants of the Custody of
such Idiots and Savages and their Estates
as and or shall be found by Inquisitions thereof to be
taken and returnable in our Courts of Chancery
and thereupon to make and pass grants and
Commitments under our Great Seal of our
Seward Islands of the Custody of all and every
such Idiots and Savages and their Estates to
such person or persons Suitors in that behalf
according to the rules of Law and the use and
practice in those and the like cases you shall
judge meet for that trust the said Grants and
Commitments to be made in such manner
and form as nearly as may be as hath been
heretofore used and accustomed in making the
same under the Great Seal of Great Britain
and to contain such apt and convenient Provisions

from your said Commands on the part of the Crown
without any Grants to be performed and such
security to be by them given as shall be requisite
and needful And We do by these presents give
and grant unto you full power and Authority
to Collate any Person or Persons to any Ecclesiastical
Cathedrals or Ecclesiastical Benefices within our
said Islands and Plantations or any of them as often
as any of them shall happen to be void And We
do hereby give and grant unto you the said Sir
James Smith by Yourself or by your Captains and
Commanders by you to be authorized full power
and authority to Levy arms Muster Command and
Employ all persons whatsoever residing within
our said Islands and Plantations and as occasion
shall serve them to march Embark or Transport
from one place or Island to another for the
restoring and withstanding all Enemies Pirates
and Rebels both at Land and Sea and to trans-
port such forces to any of our Plantations in
America if necessity shall require for the defence
of the same against the invasion or attempts of
any of our Enemies and such Enemies Pirates
and Rebels (if there shall be occasion) to pursue
and prosecute in or out of the Limits of our said
Islands and Plantations or any of them and
if it shall so please God when the Inquisition appre-
hend and take and being taken according to
Law to put to death or keep and preserve alive
at your discretion and to execute Martial Law
in time of Invasion War or other times when
by Law it may be executed and to do and execute
all and every other thing and things which

to our Captain General and Governor in Chief
doth and ought of right to belong and we do hereby
give and grant unto you full power and Author-
ity together with the advice and consent of our
said Councils respectively to erect raise and build
in our said Islands and Plantations aforesaid
or any of them such and so many forts Platforms
Castles Cities Boroughs Towns and Fortifications
as you by the advice aforesaid shall judge necessary
and the same or any of them to fortify and furnish
with Ordnance Ammunition and all sorts of
Arms fit and necessary for the security and defence
of our said Islands Colonies and Plantations
and by the advice aforesaid the same again or
any of them to demolish or dismantle as may be
most convenient and for as much as divers
Practices and disorders may happen to persons
shipped and employed at sea during the time of
War and to the end that such as shall be shipped
and employed at sea during the time of War
may be better governed and ordered We do hereby
give and grant unto you the said Sir James South
full power and Authority to constitute and
appoint Captains Lieutenants Masters of Ships
and other Commanders and Officers and to grant
unto such Captains Lieutenants Masters of
Ships and other Commanders and Officers
Commissions to execute the Law Martial &
during the time of War according to the directions
of an Act passed in the twenty second year of
the reign of our late Royal Grandfather intituled
"An Act for amending explaining and reducing
into one Act of Parliament the laws relating to the

Government of His Majesty's Ships Vessels and forces
by Sea" and the same as altered by an Act passed
in the seventh year of our Reign intituled
"An Act to explain and amend an Act made in
the twenty second year of the reign of His late
Majesty King George the second intituled an Act
for amending explaining and reducing into one
Act of Parliament the laws relating to the Govern-
ment of His Majesty's Ships Vessels and forces
by Sea" and to use such proceedings Authorities
Punishments Corrections and Executions upon
any Offender or Offenders who shall be mutinous
seditious disorderly or any way unruly either
at Sea or during the time of their abode or
residence in any of the ports Harbours or Bays
of our said Islands or Plantations as the case
shall be found to require according to the
Martial Law and the said directions during
the time of War as aforesaid provided that nothing
herein contained shall be construed to the
enabling you or any by your Authority to hold
plea or have any Jurisdiction of any offence
Crime Matter or thing committed or done upon
the High Seas or within any of the Rivers Rivers
or Creeks of our said Islands within your
Government by any Captain Commander
Lieutenant Master Officer Seaman Soldier
or person whatsoever who shall be in actual
service and pay in or on board any of our Ships
of War or other Vessels acting by immediate
Commission or Warrant from our Commis-
sioners for executing the office of our High
Admiral of our United Kingdom of Great

Britain and Ireland or from our High Admirals
of our United Kingdoms of Great Britain and
Ireland for the time being under the Seal of our
Admiralty but that such Captain Commanders
Lieutenant Master Officer Seaman Soldier
or other Person so offending shall be left to be
proceeded against and tried as their Offences shall
require either by Commission under our Great
Seal of this Kingdom or the Statute of Henry the
eighth directed or by Commission from our said
Commissioners for executing the Office of High
Admiral of our United Kingdoms of Great Britain
and Ireland or from our High Admiral of our
United Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland
for the time being according to the aforementioned
Act intitled "An Act for amending explaining
and reducing into one Act of Parliament the
Laws relating to the Government of His Majesty's
Ships Vessels and forces by Sea as altered by the
said Act passed in the seventeenth Year of our
Reign intitled "An Act to explain and amend
An Act made in the twenty second Year of the
Reign of His late Majesty King George the second
intitled "An Act for amending explaining and
reducing into one Act of Parliament the Laws
relating to the Government of His Majesty's Ships
Vessels and forces by Sea" and not otherwise provided
nevertheless that all disorders and misdemeanors
committed on Shore by any Captain Commander
Lieutenant Master Officer Seaman Soldier or
other person whatsoever belonging to any of our
Ships of War or other Vessels acting by immediate
Commission or Warrant from our Commissioners

for executing the Office of High Admiral of our
United Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland
or from our High Admiral of our United Kingdoms
of Great Britain and Ireland for the time being
under the Seal of our Admiralty may be tried
and punished according to the Tenor of the place
where any such disorders Offences and Misdemeanors
shall be committed on shore notwithstanding
such Offender be in our actual service and
bare in our pay on board any such our Ships of War
or other Vessels acting by immediate Commission
or Warrant from our Commissioners for executing
the Office of High Admiral of our United
Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or
from our High Admiral of our United Kingdoms
of Great Britain and Ireland for the time being
as aforesaid so as he shall not receive any protec-
-tion for the avoiding of Justice for such Offences
committed on shore from any pretence of his
being employed in our service at Sea And our
further Will and pleasure is that all public
Monies raised or which shall be raised by any
Act hereafter to be made within any of our said
Islands be issued out by Warrant from you or
in your absence from our Lieutenant General
or Lieutenant Governors respectively by and with
the advice and consent of the aforesaid respective
Councils and not otherwise and disposed of by
you or in your absence by such Lieutenant
General or Lieutenant Governors for the support
of the Government or to such other purpose as shall
be particularly directed and appointed in and by
such Act and not otherwise And We likewise

give and grant unto you or in your absence to our
Lieutenant General or Lieutenant Governor our
respectively full power and Authority by and with
the advice and Consent of our said Councils
respectively to settle and agree with the inhabi-
tants of our said Islands for such Lands Ten-
ements and hereditaments as now are or hereafter
shall be in our power to dispose of and them to
grant to any person or persons upon such terms
and under such moderate quit rents services and
acknowledgments to be therefore reserved to us
as you or they by the advice aforesaid shall think
fit which said Grants are to pass and be sealed
by our public Seal of our Seward Islands and
being entered upon Record by such Officer or officers
as shall be appointed thereunto shall be good
and effectual in Law against us our Heirs and
Successors And We do hereby give you the said
Sir James Leith full power and Authority to
order and appoint Fairs markets and Markets as
also such and so many ports Harbours Bays
Havens and other places for the convenience and
security of Shipping and for the better Loading
and unloading of Goods and Merchandises in
such and so many places as by and with the
advice and Consent of our said respective
Councils shall be thought fit and necessary And
We do hereby require and Command all officers
and Ministers Civil and Military and all
other Inhabitants of our said Islands to be
obedient aiding and assisting unto you the said
Sir James Leith and our Lieutenant General
and Lieutenant Governor respectively in the

execution of this our Commission and of the powers
and Authorities herein contained and in case of
your Death or absence from our said Islands
and Government to be obedient Aiding and
Assisting as aforesaid to the Crown Officer in
Chief for the time being to whom We do therefore
by these presents give and grant all and singular
the powers and Authorities herein granted to be
by him executed and enjoyed during our pleasure
or until your arrival within our said Islands
or any of them and in case of your Death or
absence from our said Islands our Will and
pleasure is that our Lieutenant General of our
said Islands for the time being do take upon him
the Administration of the Government of all our
said Islands and execute the several powers and
Authorities granted unto you by our Commission
under our Great Seal of this Kingdom for and
during our pleasure or until your arrival in our
said Islands And in case of the death or absence
of you and of our said Lieutenant General from
our said Islands our Will and pleasure is that
our eldest Lieutenant Governor resident in any of
the said four Islands of Saint Christopher
Nevis Montserrat or Antigua or in any of the
Virgin Islands according to the priority of
their Commissions of Lieutenant Governor do
execute our said Commission with all the
powers and Authorities therein mentioned as
aforesaid and in case of your death or absence
and the death or absence of our said Lieutenant
General and of all the said five Lieutenant
Governors from our said Islands and that

There be no Person within our said Islands appointed by us to Administer our Government within our said Islands our Will and pleasure is that the Councillor whose name is first placed in our said Instructions to you and who shall be at the time of your Death or absence residing within our said Island of Saint Christopher shall repair to our Island of Antigua and there take upon him the Administration of the Government and execute our said Commissions and Instructions and the several powers and Authorities therein contained in the same manner and to all intents and purposes as other our Governor or Commander in Chief should or ought to do in case of your absence until your return or in all cases until our further pleasure be known therein And We do hereby declare ordain and appoint that you the said Sir James Smith shall and may hold execute and enjoy the Office and place of our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Islands of Nevis Saint Christopher Montserrat Antigua Barbuda Arquilla and the rest of our Charibbee Islands in America lying to leeward from Guadaloupe to the Island of Saint John de Porto Rico as aforesaid with all and singular the powers and Authorities hereby granted unto you for and during our Will and pleasure In Witness whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent Witness our self at Westminster the eleventh day of April in the fifty fourth Year of our Reign

By Writ of Privy Seal

Wathurst and Bathurst

Entered at the Treasury Chamber Whitehall the 16th day of April 1814.

Benjamin Dammell

George the Third by the Grace of God of the United Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland King Defender of the Faith In our beloved Lieutenant General Sir James Smith Knight of the most Honourable Order of the Bath our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Leeward Charibbee Islands in America greeting We comforting remembrance in your fidelity care and circumspection in this behalf do by these presents which are to continue during our pleasure only ordain constitute and depute you the said Lieutenant General Sir James Smith and Captain General and Governor in Chief aforesaid our Vice Admiral Commander and Deputy in the Office of Vice Admiralty in our Leeward Charibbee Islands aforesaid and Territories thereon depending and in the Maritime parts of the same and thereto adjoining whatsoever with power of taking and receiving all and every the fees profits advantages Emoluments Commodities and Appurtenances whatsoever due and belonging to the said Office of Vice Admiralty Commander and Deputy in our said Leeward Charibbee Islands and Territories dependent thereon and Maritime parts of the same and adjoining to them whatsoever according to the Ordinances and Statutes of our high Court of Admiralty of England and we do hereby commit and

grant unto you the aforesaid Vice Admiral your
Sir James South our power and Authority in and
throughout our Seaward Charibbee Islands aforesaid
Territories and Jurisdictions there said Maritime
parts whatsoever adjacent thereto and also throughout
all and every the Sea Shores public Harbours ports
fresh waters Rivers Creeks and Arms as well as of
the Sea as of the Rivers and Coasts whatsoever of
our said Seaward Charibbee Islands and Territories
dependent thereon and Maritime parts whatsoever
of the same and thereto adjacent as well within
Liberties and Franchises as without to take cogni-
zance of and proceed in all Causes Civil and
Maritime and in Complaints Contracts Offences
or suspected Offences Crimes pleas Debts Exchanges
accounts Charter parties Agreements suits
trespasses Injuries Extortions and demands and
Business Civil and Maritime whatsoever com-
menced or to be commenced between Merchants
or between Owners and proprietors of Ships and
other Vessels and Merchants or others who have
with such owners and proprietors of Ships and
all other Vessels whatsoever employed or used
within the Maritime jurisdiction of our Vice
Admiralty of our said Seaward Charibbee Islands
and Territories depending on the same or between
any other persons who have had made or
begun or Contracted for any matter thing or
Business whatsoever done or to be done within our
Maritime jurisdiction aforesaid together with
all and singular their Incidents Emergencies
Dependencies annexed and connexed Causes
whatsoever wheresoever or howsoever and such

Causes Complaints Contracts and other the premises
aforesaid or any of them which may happen to
arise be contracted had or done to hear and
determine according to the rights Statutes Laws
Ordinances and Customs anciently observed
and Moreover in all and singular Complaints
Contracts Agreements Causes and Business Civil
and Maritime to be performed beyond the Sea
or Contracted there howsoever arising or happen-
ing and also in all and singular other causes
and Matters which in any manner whatsoever
touch or any way concern or concernly have and
do or ought to belong unto the Maritime jurisdic-
tion of our aforesaid Vice Admiralty of our said
Seaward Charibbee Islands and Territories
thereon depending and Maritime parts thereof
and to the same adjoining whatsoever and gene-
rally in all and singular other Causes Suits
Crimes Offences Except injuries and Complaints
Misdemeanors or suspected Misdemeanors trespasses
Negatives Forestallings and Maritime Business
whatsoever throughout the places aforesaid within
the Maritime jurisdiction of our Vice Admiral-
ty of our Seaward Charibbee Islands aforesaid
and Territories thereon depending by Sea or
Water or the Banks or shores of the same
howsoever done Committed perpetrated or
happening and also to enquire by the Oaths of
honest and lawful men of our said Seaward
Charibbee Islands and Territories dependent
thereon and Maritime parts of the same
and adjoining to these whatsoever dwelling
both within Liberties and Franchises and

without as well of all and singular such maritime
things which or right and by the Statutes Laws &
Ordinances and Customances lately observed or
were wont and ought to be required after an offence
of the Sea and of all and singular the Goods and
 Chattels of whatsoever Factors Pirates Manslayers
and felons whatsoever offending within the
Maritime jurisdiction of our Vice Admiralty of
our Seaward Charitable Islands aforesaid
and Territories thereunto belonging and of the Goods
 Chattels and Debts of all and singular their
Maunderers Accessories Counsellors Abettors or
Assistants whatsoever and also of the Goods debts
and Chattels of whatsoever person or persons &
felons of themselves by what means or howsoever
conducing to their Death within our aforesaid Mari-
time jurisdiction wheresoever any such Goods
Debts and Chattels or any part thereof by Sea
water or land in our said Seaward Charitable
Islands and Territories thereon dependant and
Maritime parts of the same and thereto adjacent
whatsocuer as well within Liberties and Franchises
as without have been or shall be found forfeited
or to be forfeited or in being And moreover as
well of the Goods Debts and Chattels of whatso-
ever other Factors felons and Manslayers where-
ever offending and of the Goods Debts and
 Chattels of their Maunderers Accessories &
Counsellors Abettors or Assistants as of the Goods
Debts and Chattels of all Fugitives persons &
convicted attainted Condemned outlawed or
howsoever put or to be put in Esigent for treason
felony Manslaughter or Murder or any other

Crime whatsoever and also concerning Goods
Whoring Holy or Jetzen Lagers shares and treasures
found or to be found Decendants and of the Goods
of all others whatsoever taken or to be taken as
Duelist or by chance found or to be found or how-
soever due or to be due and of all other Casualties
as well in upon or by the Sea and shores Creeks
and Coasts of the Sea or Maritime parts as in upon
or by all fresh Waters Ports Public Streams Rivers
Creeks or places overflowed whatsoever within the
Ebbing and flowing of the Sea or high water or
upon the Shore or Banks of any of the same
within our Maritime jurisdiction aforesaid
howsoever wheresoever or by what means or
howsoever arising happening or proceeding or wheresoever such
goods Debts and Chattels or other the premises
or any parcel thereof may or shall happen to be
met with or found within our Maritime juri-
-diction aforesaid and also concerning Anchorage
Luggage and Ballast of Ships and of fishes Royal
namely Sturgeons Whales porpoises Dolphins Rigs
and Garropuses and generally of all other fishes
whatsocuer which are of a great or very large bulk
of fatness anciently by right or custom or any way
appertaining or belonging to us and to which require
levy take collect receive and obtain and to the
use of us and the Office of our High Admiral
of Great Britain aforesaid for the time being
to keep and preserve the said Wreck of the Sea
and the Goods Debts and Chattels and all
and singular other the premises together with
all and all manner fines Mulcts Issues forfei-
-tures Amercements Lances and Cognizances

whatsoever forfeited or to be forfeited and pecuniary
punishments for Treasures Commissions injuries of
extortions Commissions and other Misdemeanors what-
soever howsoever imposed or inflicted or to be imposed
or inflicted for any matter cause or thing whatsoever
in our said Seaward Charibbe Islands and
Territories therunto belonging and Maritime parts
of the same and thereto adjoining in any Court of
our Admiralty there held or to be held presented or
to be presented as aforesaid brought forfeited or adjudged
and also all Circumstances issues fines perquisites
multiplicand pecuniary punishments and forfei-
tures of all manner of Recognizances before you
or your Lieutenant Deputy or Deputies in our said
Seaward Charibbe Islands and Territories
therunto belonging and Maritime parts of the
same and thereto adjacent whatsoever happening
or imposed or to be imposed or inflicted or by any
means as aforesaid presented forfeited or adjudged or
howsoever by reason of the premises due or to be due
in that behalf to us or our Heirs and Successors and
further to take all manner of Recognizances cautions
Obligations and Stipulations as well to our use as at
the instance of any parties for Agreements or Debts
and other Causes whatsoever and to put the same
in execution and to cause and Command there to
be executed and also to arrest and cause and Com-
mand to be arrested according to the Civil and
Maritime Lawes and ancient Customs of our said
Court all ships persons things Goods wares and
Merchandizes for the premises and every of them
and for other causes whatsoever concerning the same
wheresoever they shall be met with or found &

throughout our said Seaward Charibbe Islands
and Territories therunto belonging and Maritime
parts thereof and thereto adjoining as well within
Liberties and franchises as without and likewise
for all other Agreements Causes or debts howsoever
Contracted or arising so that the Goods or persons
of the Debtors may be found within our juris-
diction aforesaid and to hear examine distress
and finally determine the same with their Execu-
tories Dependancies Incidents annexed and
Consequed Causes and Businesses whatsoever
together with all other causes Civil and Maritime
and Commissions Contracts and all and every
the respective Premises whatsoever above expressed
according to the Lawes and Customs aforesaid and
by all other lawful ways means and methods
according to be best of your skill and knowledge
and to compel all manner of persons in that
behalf as the case shall require to appear and to
answer with power of using any temporal Coercion
and of inflicting any other Penalty or Mulet
according to the Lawes and Customs aforesaid
and to do and minister Justice according to the
right order and course of Law summarily and
plainly looking into the truth of the fact and to
fine correct punish chastize and reforme and
Imprison and cause and command to be
imprisoned in any Gaols being within our
Seaward Charibbe Islands aforesaid and
Territories therunto belonging the parties guilty
and the Contravenors of the Law and Jurisdic-
tion of our Admiralty aforesaid and violators Unpers-
on Delinquents and contumacious abusers Masters

of Ships Mariners Crews & other Shipwrights
and other workmen and Artificers whatsoever
exercising any kind of Maritime affairs according to
the Rights Statutes Laws Ordinances and Customs
anciently observed and to deliver and also to discharge
charge and cause and Commission to be discharged
whatsoever persons imprisoned in such cases who
are to be delivred and to preserve and cause to be
preserved the public Harbours ports Rivers freshwaters
and Creeks whatsoever within our Maritime
Jurisdiction aforesaid in what place soever they be
in our said Leeward Charibbe Islands and
Territories thereunto belonging and Maritime
parts of the same and thereto adjacent whatsoever
as well for the preservation of our Navy Royal and
of the Fleets and Vessels of our Kingdoms and
Dominions aforesaid as of whatsoever fishes increas-
ing in the Rivers and places aforesaid and also to
keep and cause to be executed and kept in our said
Leeward Charibbe Islands and Territories thereun-
to belonging and Maritime parts thereof and
thereto adjacent whatsoever the Rights Statutes
Laws Ordinances and Customs anciently observed
and to do exercise execute and execute all and
singular other things in the Premises and every of
them as they by right and according to the Laws
and Statutes Ordinances and Customs aforesaid
should be done and moreover to reforme Nets to
close and other unlawful Engines or Instruments
whatsoever for the catching of fishes wheresoever
by Sea or Public Streams Ports Rivers fresh
waters or Creeks whatsoever throughout our
Leeward Charibbe Islands aforesaid and

Maritimes dependant thereon and Maritime parts
of the same and thereto adjacent and exercised by
Water within our Maritime Jurisdiction aforesaid
wheresoever and to punish and correct the executors
and occupiers thereof according to the Statutes Laws
Ordinances and Customs aforesaid and to pronounce
provoke and interpose all manner of Sentences
and Decrees and to put the same in Execution
with Cognizance and Jurisdiction of whatsoever
other causes Civil and Maritime which relate to
the Sea or which any manner of way respect or
concern the Sea or passage over the same or
Naval or Maritime Voyages or our said Maritime
Jurisdiction or the places or limits of our said
Admiralty and Cognizance aforesaid and
all other things done or to be done with power to
proceed in the same according to the Statutes Laws
Ordinances and Customs aforesaid anciently
used as well of mere Office moved or promoted as at
the instance of any Party as the case shall require and
seem convenient and likewise with Cognizance and
Decision of Wreck of the Sea great or small and of
the Death drowning and view of dead Bodies of all
persons howsoever killed or drowned or murdered
or which shall happen to be killed Drowned
and murdered or by ^{any} other means come to their
death in the Sea or Public Streams ports fresh-
waters or Creeks whatsoever within the flowing
of the Sea and High water mark throughout
our aforesaid Leeward Charibbe Islands and
Territories thereunto belonging and Maritime
parts of the same and thereto adjacent or
elsewhere within our Maritime Jurisdiction

aforesaid together with the Execution of all things
in the aforesaid places within our Maritime juris-
diction aforesaid and flowing of the Sea and
water there happening with power also of punish-
ing all Delinquents in that kind according to the
Ejercices of the Lawes and Courttes aforesaid
and to do eueren expedite and execute all and
singular other things whiche we and about the
Premises only shall be necessary or thought meet
according to the Rights Statutes Lawes Ordinances
and Courttes aforesaid with power of deputing
and surrogating in your place for the Premises
one or more Deputy or Deputies as often as you shall
think fit and also with power from tyme to tyme
of naming appointing ordaining Assigning making
and Constituting whatsoeuer other necessary
fit and convenient Officers and Ministers under
you for the said Office and execution thereof in our
said Seaward Charibbe Islands and Territories
thereunto belonging and Maritime parts of the
same and thereto adjacent whatsoeuer saving
always the right of our High Court of Admiralty
of England and also of the Judge and Registrar
of the said Court from whom or either of them
it is not our intention in any thing to derogate
by these Prewords and saving to every one who
shall be wronged or grieved by any definitive
Sentence or Interlocutory decree which shall be
given in this Vice Admiralty Court of our Seaward
Charibbe Islands aforesaid and Territories &
thereunto belonging the right of appealing to our
aforesaid high Court of Admiralty of England
provided nevertheless and under this expresse

Condition that if you the aforesaid Lieutenant
General Sir James Smith our Captain General
and Governor in Chief aforesaid shall not yearly
(that is) at the end of every year between the feasts
of Saint Michael the Archangel and all Saints
only Certify and cause to be effectually certified
(if you shall be therewith required) to us and our
Lieutenant Official principal and Comynary
General and special and Judge and President
of the High Court of Admiralty of England aforesaid
all that which from tyme to tyme by virtue of these
Presents you shall do execute collect or receive in
the Premises or any of them together with your full
and faithful account thereupon to be made in
an authentic form and sealed with the Seal of
our Office remaining in your Custody that from
thence and after & default therein these our
Letters Patent of the Office of Vice Admirals &
aforesaid as above granted shall be null and
void and of no force or effect further we do our
name command all and singular our Governors
Justices Mayors Sheriffs Captains Marshalls
Baillifs Keepers of all our Gaols and Prisons
Constables and all other our Officers and faithful
and Liege Subjects whatsoever and every of them
as well within Liberties and Franchises as
without that we and about the Execution of
the Premises and every of them they be aiding
favoring assisting and yield obedience in all
things as is fitting to you the aforesaid Lieutenant
General Sir James Smith our Captain General
and Governor in Chief of our Seaward &
Charibbe Islands aforesaid and to your

Deputy-whomsoever and to all other Officers (by
appointed or to be appointed) of our said Vice
Admiralty in our Several Charitable Islands
aforesaid and Territories thereunto belonging
and Maritime parts of the same and thereto
adjoining under pain of the Law and the pain
which will fall thereon given at London in
the high Court of our Admiralty of England
aforesaid under the Great Seal thereof the
fiftenth day of April in the Year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and fourteen and of our
Reign the fifty fourth. —

Edw

Arden

Registrar

• After the Publication of which said Commissions,
His Excellency took the Oaths appointed to be taken
and subscribed the Oath. — He then caused the
usual Oaths to be administered to the Members
of the Council the Secretary and the Marshal. —

His Excellency then required the attendance of
the Assembly at this Board, and caused the Oaths
of Government to be administered to them and to
their Clerk, — also to the Sergeant at Arms. —

After which, His Excellency delivered the following
Speech. —

W^o President and Gentlemen of the Council

W^o Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

It is peculiarly gratifying to me that the
period of my first assisting the Government of
the Several Islands, is marked by a Succession
of Events not less brilliant in themselves, than
they are honorable, and beneficial to the British
Monarchy, and affording just grounds of

congratulating you. —

The Influence of laudable pride, to know
that the British Nation has acted upon a prin-
-ciple of Policy, at once wise, and Generous, and
that in pursuing the legitimate objects of every
state namely the security of its Independence,
and to protect the interests of its people, the whole
of civilized Society, has also been rescued from
the grasp of an odious and tyrannical Inur-
-pation. —

I rejoice that the difficulties to which the
Colonies have so long been exposed by the
Revolutionary system of France, have nearly
disappeared, and that the Industry which is
necessary to good Cultivation, and the exportation
of Colonial produce, will no longer have to
contend with unnatural Obstacles. —

It is indeed to be lamented, that the
Government of the United States of America,
under the pretence of maintaining its more
rights, should continue so wantonly to violate
those of the British Monarchy, but a day of
Retribution may reasonably be expected, and
looking to the Energy and resources of the
Mother Country, the result ought not to occasion
apprehension. —

The present happy prospects, will
naturally give a new spur to your exertions,
and I am satisfied that you will always
bear in view that the best policy will be to
frame the Legislative Acts of the Colonies, so that
the interests of the Mother Country, and the
Colonies, shall preserve their just proportion. —

In whatever may be necessary on my part
as Captain General to support the Moral and
Religious Institutions of this Island, I will
gladly execute the Commands of the Sovereign
Authority on that important subject — I am
confident that after the example of the dreadful
effects of neglecting those paramount Duties,
which have been witnessed in the French
Revolution, the best regulated Society may, without
considering it a disparagement of its past
conduct, admit the necessity of observing a rigid
discipline, to shield it from the dangers of
Relaxation. —

Wth Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly
I have no doubt but that you will feel the
propriety of affording the means of perfecting
and keeping up every reasonable establishment
which may be found necessary for the prosperity
of this Island, as well as to study the individual
interests of the Inhabitants — You may rely on
my being ready to sanction in the proper Stage,
all measures founded on those necessary principles.

Wth President and Gentlemen of the Council:

Wth Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly
I have ordered to be laid before you, certain
extracts from my Instructions under the Seal,
and sign Manual of the Prince Regent, are
applicable to your respective Bodies. —

I do not mean to make many Professions
but I think it proper to inform you that I feel
a sense of duty which places me far above every
Consideration but its just performance, and
if I should be enabled in conformity to that

Consideration, to concur with you in measures of
Advantage to the prosperity, and happiness of this
Island, it would certainly be to me a source of
much gratification. —

James Smith
Captain General
His Excellency there laid before the Board the follow-
ing Extracts from His Instructions. —

Copy.
In the Name and on the behalf of His Majesty
George P. R.

Instructions

You are to take upon you the execution of the
Place and Trust We have reposed in you and
forthwith to call together within the several
Islands the following Persons. —

For our Council of the Nevis Major General
Edward Barnes our Lieut. Genl. or the Lieut.
Genl. of our said Island for the time being —
William Boothby Esq^r our Lieutenant Governor
of our said Island of Nevis or the Lieut. Gov.
for the time being, Thomas John Cottle
Walter Maynard, John Colhouse Mills Peter
Jefferys Rev^d Samuel Lyons James Daniell
James Weekes Samuel Courtenay Henry
Rowles Esquires —

I do order to prevent the inconveniences that
may happen from a want of a Quorum of the
Council to transact business as occasion may
require it is our Will and pleasure that if any
of the Members of our said respective Councils
shall hereafter absent themselves from the
said respective Islands and continue absent

above the space of twelve Months together without
leave from you or from our Commanders in
Chief of these Islands for the time being first
obtained under your or his hand and seal or
shall remain absent for the space of two years
successively without our leave given them under
our Royal Signet and Signe Manual their
place or places in the said Councils shall vacate
-duly thereupon become void and that if any
of Members of our said Councils then residing
in each respective Island shall hereafter wilfully
absent themselves when duly summoned without
a just and lawful cause and shall persist therein
after admonition you are to suspend the said
Councillors so absenting themselves till our further
pleasure is known - and we hereby will and
require you that this our Royal will and pleasure
be signified to the several Members of our respective
Councils aforesaid and entered in the Council
Books of our said several Islands as a standing
rule

26 Whereas Inconveniences have arisen by the
General Assemblies making gifts and Presents
to our Governor - it is our express Will and pleasure
that nevertheless you our Governor nor any Governour
Lieut. Gen. Lieut. Gov. or Commanders in Chief
of our Seeward Islands for the time being re-
spectively do give your or their Consent to the
passing any Act for any gift or present to
be made to you or any of them by the Assembly
or Assemblies of all or any of our said Islands
and that neither you nor they do receive any
Present from any of the said Assemblies or

them in any account or in any manner whatsoever
upon pain of our highest displeasure - Except only that
there being no House appointed or set apart by us
for our Governour or Commanders in Chief and it
having been Customary for the General Assemblies
to make a temporary provision of a House or rest
for the same out of the Public Levies we are
pleased to permit the general Assembly of all our
Seeward Islands or the particular general
Assembly of each respective Island or Islands
to Assign or provide such a House or rest for
the same out of the Public Levies of our said
Islands and to allow you our Governour and
the Commanders in Chief for the time being
to accept thereof provided that the Assignments
of a House or rest for the same as aforesaid be
made at the first session of the Assembly after
your arrival and for the whole time of your
Government and we do further require that this
declaration of our Royal will and pleasure be
communicated to the several Assemblies of our
said Islands at their first meeting after your
arrival and entered in the Registers of our
Council and Assemblies there that all persons
whom it may concern may govern themselves
accordingly

85 Whereas it has been represented that the
Salary of two thousand pounds Sterling per
Annum which we have thought fit to allow
out of the Duty of 4 1/2 per Cent arising in our
Seeward Islands for our Governours in Chief
in those Islands is not sufficient for their
support and the dignity of that our Government

We have taken the same into our Consideration
and are graciously pleased to permit and allow
that the respective Assemblies of our said Island
may by any Act or Acts settle upon you such
sums or sums in addition to the Salary we have
been pleased to allow you as they shall think
proper and you are hereby permitted to give
your Assent to any Act or Acts of the Assembly
for that purpose provided such sum or sums be
settled upon you and your Successors in that
Government at least in you during the whole
Term of your Government there and that the same
be done by the first respective Assemblies in our
said Islands after your arrival there before
they proceed upon any other Business.

Expressed from my Instructions under the Seal

of His Majesty the Prince Regent.

James Smith
Cap. General

His Excellency there retired and His Honor the
President appointed the Honorable James Weekes
Esquire and the Honorable Samuel Laurence
Esquire a Committee to prepare an answer to
the Speech.

His Honor the President in Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

Your House is adjourned to Thursday the

21st instant

George Colverson

18th July 1844

By Command

W. J. Brodbelt

Clk of Council

His Excellency the Captain General afterwards attend-
ed in the Public Court Hall and caused the
usual Oaths to be administered to the following Officers
who had been summoned to attend for that purpose
and they subscribed the Oath.

Sarkhart Gordon Collector of the Customs and
Assistant Justice of the Court of Kings Bench
and Common Pleas - George Abbott Deputy
Naval Officer and Surveyor of the Tonnage
James Stanley Waiter in the Customs
William Laurence Chief Justice of the Court
of Kings Bench and Common Pleas
William Worthington Wilkes Senior Assistant
Justice of the Court of Kings Bench and Common
Pleas - John Richardson Judge Surrogate
of the Vice Court of Admiralty - William
Victorson Justice of the Peace - William
Burke Justice of the Peace and Criminal Receiver
William Slater Justice of the Peace - Thomas
Liburd Justice of the Peace - Josiah Webber
Maynard Mayor of Fort - John Peterson King's
Counsel - a Justice of the Peace - a Notary Public
and Captain and Master of the Ship Charles
Matthew Wallace Captain Gunner of the Battery
of Saddle Hill - Richard Joseph Brodbelt
Comptroller of the Customs and Notary
Public - John Burke Deputy Registrar of the
District Court of Vice Admiralty and Actuary
in the Prize Court also a Notary Public.

At a Meeting of the Council this 25th day of July 1800
Present

The Honorable Thomas John Gifford Esquire President
Honorable Walter Maynard Esquire
Honorable Peter Jefferys Esquire
Honorable & Rev. Samuel Lyons
Honorable James Daniell Esquire
Honorable James Meade Esquire
Honorable Samuel Lawrence Esquire

The following Answer to the Speech of His Excellency
the Captain General was this day laid before
the Board by the Committee appointed to
prepare the same - which was read and adopted

To His Excellency Sir James Smith Knight
of the most honorable order of the Bath, Knight
Commander of the Portuguese Royal Military
order of the Tower and Sword, Lieutenant
General in the Army; Colonel of the fourth
West India Regiment; Commander of all His
Majesty's Forces in the Windward and Leeward
Islands, and the Colonies of South
America; Major General and Governor in
Chief, in and over all His Majesty's Leeward
Islands, Vice Admiral
and Ordinary of the same.

We His Majesty's loyal and dutiful Subjects
the members of Council for the Island of St. Vincent,
in offering to your Excellency this tribute of our
regard for the Speech with which you have been
pleased to honor us, participate with your Excellency
in heartfelt congratulations on the brilliant, honorable,
and beneficial events which have marked the

period of your Excellency's taking the Government
of the Leeward Islands; and we hail it as a
valued proof of the valued regard of His Royal
Highness the Prince Regent that at such a
moment, He has delegated the Sovereign and
Paternal Authority, to one, who a ^{new} Companion
in Arms of the Great Duke of Wellington, has
been so distinguished an instrument in restoring
the blessing of Peace to suffering Europe, and in
raising the British Character to a state of
uninterrupted glory. - nor is it the least source of
our gratification on this happy occasion to know
that Dignity and generosity are, combined with
Heroic valor.

The Wisdom and generosity which have
so eminently distinguished the Policy of the
British Nation, and happily carried her
triumphantly through the most arduous
struggle of which the History of the World affords
an example, will no doubt secure the independence
and protect the interests of her subjects, and it
cannot but be an everlasting source of pride
and exultation to every British Bosom that
in the accomplishment of this great end, she
has, with a characteristic magnanimity,
excluding all selfish views, rendered her exertions
conducive, under providence, to the virtuous
purpose of emancipating civilized Society from
an odious and degrading tyranny. - We doubt
not but the same magnanimity which has
removed the obstacles so long fettering the exertions
and redressing the fortune of the Colonial prople,
will ever generously extend to revive his

hopes, and give effect to his industry - and that the liberal and fostering hand, of the Parent State, will be held out, to restore to the Colonies, the means of successful cultivation, and those necessaries, for the maintenance and comfort of the Labourers, which too often depend on external causes, and put it out of the power of the owner to give full relief to the wants or amelioration to the condition of his servant.

The violation of the just rights of the British Nation which has led to a War with the United States of America has been a heavy addition to our other calamities, but although suffering more severely than perhaps any other nation of His Majesty's Subjects from the unprovoked and unchristian conduct of the American Government we have seen with pride in the sister Colonies, and we feel in our own breasts, that in no part of His Majesty's Dominions, exists a more ready disposition to sacrifice individual Interest, to national honor.

If we did not with confidence look forward to the day of retribution for the evils which have been excited by the Wretched policy of the American Government, we should appear to doubt the arising justice of that almighty power which has so signally rescued the World from the horrors of Revolution and which in the chastisement of our unjust aggression will no doubt reward the patient and forbearance of our insulted, but great and generous Country.

It will be ever our wish to make our exertions commensurate with the Interest and

Welfare of the Mother Country - and we are confident that in a just reciprocity of Interest, the Colonist will thrive under her fostering care.

In the exertions of the regular Clergy under the Auspices of your Excellency's enlightened mind, we look with confidence for the continued exercise of the moral and religious duties of Society, and it will be ever our study to give effect to those exertions, as the best means of reviving our Religion - or that Almighty power, without whose aid, the variety of human Regulations, has been, in the present Age, most conspicuously marked.

We accept the conclusion of your Excellency's Speech, as a proof of the Dignity and justice of your Mind, and the integrity of your sentiments which insures to us an exemption from all the evils of secret malignity or party intrigue - as a proof, that the Scales of Justice will be borne with so steady a hand as to protect every Man from becoming the Unmerited victim of prejudice. That the sword will fall on the guilty alone; and that whilst we deserve your good will and protection, we shall enjoy it with the liberality which emanates from a generous feeling.

We believe that your Excellency possesses in an eminent degree those qualifications for an happy Administration of the Government - and we sincerely hope that your reward will be no less grateful to your mind than must be the well earned laurels which you have already gathered in your Country's Cause.

Resolved that the Honorable & Reverend Council should be advised to give the Hon. the Annual Laurels in stead of the Hon. the Barron's Laurels, and that the Hon. the Council should be advised to give the Hon. the Annual Laurels in stead of the Hon. the Barron's Laurels, and that the Hon. the Council should be advised to give the Hon. the Annual Laurels in stead of the Hon. the Barron's Laurels.

wait on the Excellency the Explorer General with the address tomorrow

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council
This House beg leave to submit to your Board
the following Resolution, which we have no doubt
will meet with your approbation. —

Resolved, that the Committees appointed to
wait upon His Excellency with addresses as annexed
to his speech from both branches of the Legislature
of this Island be authorized to call upon the
Treasurer for all expenses attending their mission
to St. Kitts. —

Assembly Room
21st July 1814. — J

Magnus Weston
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

This Board concurs with your House in
the Resolution that the Committees appointed
to wait upon His Excellency the Captain General
with addresses to his speech be authorized to call
upon the Treasurer for all Expenses attending
their mission to Saint Kitts. —

Council Chamber
21st July 1814. — J

By Command
R. J. Brodbelt
Ck of Council

His Honor the President in Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to Thursday the
fourth of August. —

Council Chamber
21st July 1814. — J

By Command
R. J. Brodbelt
Ck of Council

A Meeting of the Council this 4th day of August 1814. —
Present

The Honorable Thomas John Cottle Esquire President
The Honorable & Reverend Samuel Syms
Honorable James Necker Esquire
In want of other Members to form a Board no
business could be done. —

At a Meeting of the Council this 9th of August
1814. — Present

The Honorable Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
The Honorable Walter Maynard Esq^r
The Honorable Peter Jeffery Esq^r
The Honorable & Rev. Samuel Syms
The Honorable James Daniell Esq^r
The Honorable James Necker Esq^r
The Honorable Samuel Savalree Esq^r
The Honorable and Reverend Samuel Syms
reported to this Board that the Committee appointed
to present the Address of the Board adopted at the
last meeting in answer to the speech of His
Excellency the Captain General had waited on
His Excellency and delivered the same, and that
His Excellency after having graciously received
the Committee had been pleased to reply to the
same in the following words

W^o President

and Gentlemen of the Council
Your address, received with great pleasure, fraught
as it is with expressions of loyalty, and patriotism,
which form the basis of the security, and happi-
ness of the British Monarchy, these views may

long proper in the exercise of than principles, I can
only wish.

You have been too much guided by a spirit of
generosity, to enable me sufficiently to express my
feelings, or adequately to return my thanks for that
part of your address which personally relates to me.

I may however assure you that my humble
services in the field, were performed with zeal,
and if they have led to the mention of my name,
near that of the Duke of Wellington, it is an honor
which I cannot prize too highly.

James Seeth
Captain General

Motion made by the Honorable James Daniell
Esquire and seconded by the Honorable Walter
Maynard Esquire that the Bill intituled "An Act
for raising a certain sum of money by a Duty of tax
of twelve Shillings Current Money per Poll on
all Negroes and other Slaves and the further sum
of five pounds in the hundred pounds on the
yearly value of all Houses Ware Houses Shops
and Services in the several Towns of Charles
Town James Town Indian Coastle and New
Castle and other parts of the said Island not
belonging to and in the actual employ of any sugar
Plantations for paying off and discharging the
Debts against the Public and defraying the other
expences of the said Island" be read a second
time, and it was read a second time accordingly
His Honor the President laid before the Board
the following Letters

Venerable Barbadoes
19th July 1814.
I have to acquaint you for the information

The Merchants and Planters that a Convoy for
England will sail from Saint Thomas on the
1st of October, and that the trade will be conveyed
from the different Islands and Colonies to Saint
Thomas at the times hereunder mentioned.

Islands	Time of sailing	Islands	Time of sailing
Barbadoes	22 Oct ^r	Gaudeloupe	24 th Oct ^r
Surinam	18 ..	Montserrat	25
Orbuce	18 th or as soon after possible	Antigua	25
Demerara	22 Oct ^r	Nevis	26
Tobago	22 Oct ^r	S ^t . Kitts	26
S ^t . Vincents	23	S ^t . Martin	24
Grenada	24	S ^t . Eustace	25
Trinidad	25	S ^t . John	30
S ^t . Lucia	25	S ^t . Croix	30
Martinique	24	S ^t . Thomas	31
Dominique	24 th		

A Convoy for Bermuda and Halifax
will sail from S^t. Thomas on the 1st of August
next, and another will be appointed to sail
on the 10 October following.

To His Honor
The President
News

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Rear Admiral
Commander in
Chief

P^o. Ducharme

Sir
Fort Charles Monday 25th July 1814
Having, in conformity to my instructions, as
I had the honor of reporting to you, communi-
cated to the Head of the Government, your order
to me for the delivery of five thousand pounds

warrant of the Gen^l Council on the 10th Inst, I yesterday
received His Excellency the Captain General's
command on the subject in a letter, of which
I subjoin a copy for your information.

To the Honorable
The J. C. the King
President of the Council
42 4/2

I have the honor to be

Your most obedt^t humble Servant
Jⁿ Peterson Captain
the Master Governor

Sir,

I have received your letter with its several
enclosures, and have to desire that you will not comply
with any order relative to the stores of war under
your charge, excepting where an Act of the three
branches of the Legislature shall authorize you,
without my order.

To
Captain and Master
Governor
John Peterson
S^r Charles
Nevis

I remain,

Sir, your

(signed) James Settle
"Captain General"

Motion by the Honorable James Wickes Esquire
and seconded by the Honorable Peter Jefferys Esquire
that John Peterson Esquire the Captain Governor
& S^r Charles be required to attend this Board
at the next Meeting, which was ordered accordingly.

The Honorable James Wickes Esquire laid
before the Board a Petition of William Lawrence
Esquire Attorney to the Trust Estate of John Ward
Esquire to the Council and Afferably praying
remuneration for a Negro Man named Cuffy
late the property of the said Trust Estate who
had been executed for Murder.

To warrant of an Assembly no further business

done and His Honor the President adjourned the
Board to Thursday the 18th instant.

At a Meeting of the Council this 18th day of August 1814
Present

The Honorable Thomas John Cottle Esq^r President
The Honorable Peter Jefferys Esq^r
The Honorable and Reverend Samuel Lyons
The Honorable James Wickes Esq^r
The Honorable Samuel Lawrence Esq^r

His Honor the President having acquainted the
Board that Mr. Richard Joseph Brodbelt had
resigned the Office of Deputy Secretary and
Clerk of the Council and Mr. John Brooke
having produced a Commission from His
Excellency Sir James Settle Captain General
and Governor in Chief of N. S. appointing him to
the Office of Secretary and Clerk of the Council
and Clerk of His Majesty's Council, he the
said John Brooke by direction of His Honor the
President took all the Oaths prescribed by Law,
subscribed the Oath, and entered into the follow-
ing Bond.

Know all Men by these Presents
that we John Brooke Thomas Powell and
Richard Joseph Brodbelt of the said Island
of Nevis Gentlemen are jointly and severally
held and firmly bound unto our Sovereign
Lord George the Third of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Ireland King Defender
of the Faith in the sum of one thousand pounds
Sterling money of Great Britain to be paid

to our Sovereign Lord the King His Heirs and
Successors, which payment well and truly to make
We do bind ourselves and each of us our and
each of our Heirs Executors and Administrators
firmly by these Presents - Sealed with our Seals
and dated this eighteenth day of August in the
Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fourteen. -

Whereas the above board John Burke
hath this day been admitted Secretary of the
said Island of Nevis - Now the Condition
- One of this Obligation is such that if the above
board John Burke do and shall in all things
faithfully and diligently discharge the Trust
and duty of the said Office of Secretary of the
Island aforesaid for and during the time he
shall continue in the said Office according to
the Laws and Customs of Great Britain and of
the said Island of Nevis - Then this Obligation
to be void, or else to be and remain in full force
and Virtue. -

Sealed and delivered
in the Presence of
Geo. Hobson
Dep. Pro. Mar.

Jr. Burke Esq
Tho. Corvell Esq
Rich. J. Beadwell Esq

Motion made by the Honorable James Weekes
Esquire and seconded by the Honorable Peter
Jefferys Esquire that the Bill intitled "An Act
for raising a certain sum of money by a Duty on
Tobacco twelve shillings Current Money per Cask
on all Negroes and other slaves and the further
sum of five pounds in the hundred pounds on
the yearly value of all Houses Ware Houses Ships

and Tenements in the several Towns of Charles
Town James Town Indian Castle and New
Castle and other parts of the said Island not
belonging to and in the actual employ of any
Sugar Plantations for paying off and dischan-
ging the Debts against the Public and defray-
ing the other expenses of the said Island" Be
read a third time and it was read a third time
accordingly. -

His Honor the President then put to vote whether
the said Bill should pass into a Law which
was carried in the affirmative and it passed the
Board accordingly. -

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council
We herewith send you a Bill Intituled "An Act
to raise sufficient funds for the discharge of
the Cash demands against the Public of this
Island to first August one thousand eight
hundred and fourteen" which hath passed
this House. -

Assembly Room
18th Aug. 1814.

Maguire Esquire
Speaker

Motion made by the Honorable James Weekes
Esquire and seconded by the Honorable and
Reverend Samuel Syms that the above mention-
ed Bill be read a first time and it was read
a first time accordingly. -

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

We beg leave to inform you that His
Honor the President acquainted the Board that

Mr Richard Joseph Doddbell the late Secretary
had resigned the Office and that Mr John Burke
had produced a Commission from His Excellency
the Governor appointing him to the different
Offices of Secretary and Clerk of the Council
and Clerk of His Majesty's Council under
date the 22nd July last, that he had thereupon
been sworn in subscribed the Oath and given
Bond with two joint Sureties Mr Thomas
Parrell and Mr Richard Joseph Doddbell as the
Saidwards.

Council Chamber
18th August 1814. D

By Command
J^r Burke
Clerk of Council

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

We herewith send you two Letters laid before
the Board by His Honor the President at the last
meeting

Council Chamber
18th August 1814. D

By Command
J^r Burke
Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
to His Honor the President and Council

We herewith send you a Bill Intituled "An Act
to amend An Act Intituled An Act to increase
the Trade from North America to this Island
and to oblige all Vessels above ninety Tons Burthen
to pay powder and arms" which hath been read
twice at this House.

Assembly Room
18th August 1814 D

Magnus Morton
Speaker

Motion made by the Honorable James Weches Esq^r
and seconded by the Honorable and Reverend
Samuel Sydes that the before mentioned Bill
be read a first time and it was read a first time
accordingly

Motion made by the Honorable James Weches
Esquire and seconded by the Honorable Samuel
Lawrence Esquire that the said Bill be read
a second time and committed and it was read
a second time accordingly.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
to His Honor the President and Council
This House having passed the following Resolutions
hope for the Concurrence of your Board to give
them the desired effect

Resolved that in consequence of the little duty
attached to the Matrosses in Fort Charles and
the heavy expenses incurred by having so many
employed, that four out of the number shall be
discharged, and that the Treasurer should be
directed to pay only two Matrosses in future,
and that whenever it should be necessary to fire
Salutes, the Captain Gunner be authorized to
hire four men to a post and to call upon the
Treasurer to pay the amount of such expense,
who is hereby directed to pay the same.

Resolved that in future all expenditure of
Powder for Salutes or Alarms shall be regulated
conformably to the Graduated Scale of Ordnance
now established at Woolwich of which the
following is an extract

for service	for discharging
a Nine pounder for 3 ^{lb}	2 ^{lb} powder

a twelve pounder 4
a Eighteen pounder 6
a twenty four pounder 8
and that in all accounts rendered by the Captain
Gunner the above regulations shall be strictly
complied with

Assembly Room
18th Aug. 1814.

Magnus Morton
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen,

This Board agrees with your House as to the
propriety of making a graduated Scale for the
future expenditure of the powder at the several
Ports of the Island, excepting only that it is the
opinion of this Board that no allowance should
be made to the Captain Gunner for any salutes
from Guns of 24th or 18th calibre, but that
Salutes should be confined to Guns of 12th and
smaller Calibre in which regulation they
request your Concurrence —

This Board submits to your House the
following consideration upon that part of your
resolution which relates to the number of
Matroses, namely that the number of Matroses
should not whilst a War with America con-
tinues be reduced below the present number
as a barely efficient number to work the Guns for
actual service, But this Board will readily
accord with your House in making the reduction
you state as soon as a general peace takes place —

Council Chamber
18th August 1814.

By Command
J. B. B. B.
Ck of Council

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen,

We herewith send you a Petition for
reimbursement for a slave executed for murder
together with an affidavit stating that he was
worth two hundred pounds, We are desirous to
grant the Petition but leave it to the Considera-
-on of your House to fix the sum to be allowed
as the value of the said Slave

Council Chamber

18th August 1814.

By Command
J. B. B. B.
Ck of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

This House concurs with your Board in the
propriety of restricting the Captain Gunner of
Charles Fort to the use of Guns of 12th and smaller
Calibre for the purposes of salutes, and they also
are willing to postpone the reduction in the
number of Matroses till the period of a general
Peace. —

Assembly Room

18th Aug. 1814.

Magnus Morton
Speaker

An Motion made by the Honorable James Weather
Esquire and seconded by the Honorable Samuel
Lawrence Esquire It was Resolved that the
joint resolutions of the Board and House of
Assembly respecting the scale of Powder to be
observed and the Guns to be fired in Salutes be
transmitted by the President to the different
Garrisons of Batteries and Alarm Posts for
their future Government. —

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council
Resolved that the Petition of the Honble William
Lawrence as Attorney for the Trustees of the
Estate of John Ward Esq^r praying for remunera-
-tion for the execution of a Negro Slave called
Cuffy - be allowed, and that the sum of two
hundred pounds be granted for that purpose

Assembly Room

18th Aug 1814

Magrus Morton

Speaker

Mr Peterson this day attended the Board and
satisfactorily answered such questions as were
put to him, he was then directed to attend the
Board at the next meeting of which he should
have due notice, with a state of the Fort and to
assist the same

His Honor the President in Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your House is adjourned to Thursday the
first day of September

Council Chamber

18th August 1814

By Command

J^r Ducke

Clk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council this 1st day of
September 1814

Present

The Honorable Walter Maynard Esquire President
The Honorable John Colhoun Mills Esquire
The Honorable James Weekes Esquire

In want of other members to make a Quorum
no business done

At a Meeting of the Council this 15th day of
September 1814

Present

The Honorable John Colhoun Mills Esquire President

The Honorable Peter Jefferys Esquire

The Honorable Rev^d Samuel Lyons

The Honorable James Weekes Esquire

The Honorable James Daniell Esquire

Motion made by the Honorable James Weekes Esquire
and seconded by the Honorable and Reverend Samuel
Lyons that the Bill intituled "An Act to raise
Insufficient Funds for the discharge of the Cash
Demands against the Public of this Island to first
August one thousand eight hundred and fourteen"
be read a second time and it was read a second time
accordingly

Motion made by the Honorable James Daniell
Esquire and seconded by the Honorable Peter Jefferys
Esquire that the aforesaid Bill be read a third
time and it was read a third time accordingly -

His Honor the President then put to vote whether
the said Bill should pass into a Law which was
carried in the affirmative and it passed the Board
accordingly -

The Honorable James Weekes Esquire this day laid
before the Board the following report of the Joint
Committee for the Public Building which was
read -

News Court House August 30th 1814 -

At a Meeting of the Joint Committee of the
Council and Assembly for the Public Building
to consider and report on the Petition and

Account of Frederick Higgins respecting extra
Building pursuant to the Resolution of the Board
and House of the 2nd day of June last
Present

The Hon^{ble} John C. Mills Esq^r of the
James McKee Esq^r } Council
and William Pemberton Esq^r

Edward Higgins Jun^r Esq^r } of the Assembly
& Joseph Jones Esq^r

The Committee proceeded to consider the Report made
by them to the Board and House on the 31st day of
March last, and also the said Acc^t and Petition
since presented to the Legislature, and having
maturely considered the same are of opinion that
the advantages offered to the Contractor (in addition
to the sum of ^{two} thousand pounds which hath
been already paid by the Public) by the allowances
for extra work recommended by the Report of
their Committee of said 31st March last, are of
a nature sufficiently liberal to remunerate the
Contractor for all the advantages which the
Public derive from their performance of the
Contract and as the Committee are of this opinion
they think it will be as unnecessary as disadvantage-
ous to the Contractors to enter into a critical
examination of the Account stated in the said
Petition, as it cannot be disguised that in such
accounts there are a variety of items which are not
under such circumstances chargeable to the Public.

Your Committee therefore beg leave to refer
your Board and House to their said report of
the 31st March and recommend that an estimate
be directly ordered of such extra work as is stated

in such report Your Committee having performed
this duty feel it to be incumbent on them to report
to the defective state of the window shutters through-
out the Building as at present they render the
Building very insecure.

John Colthoun Ellis

Chairman

I do want of an Assembly no farther business
done.

At a Meeting of the Council held
at Charles town this sixteenth Day
of November 1814 - Present

His Honor Thomas John Cottle Esq. Pres.

James Weakes

Samuel Lawrence

The Hon^{ble}. John Althorn Mills } Esquires

Rev^d. Samuel Lyons

Henry Rawlins

Presented and read a Warrant under the
sign manual of His Royal Highness the Prince
Regent appointing John Robert Small Esq
to be Secretary and Clerk of the Crown of
the Island of Nevis in the room of the late
James Townsend Oswald Esquire deceased, as
follows.

In the Name and on the behalf of
His Majesty.

George R^o.

George the Third by the grace of God
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland King Defender of the Faith.

(f. 5.) To our trusty and well beloved John
Robert Small Esquire Greeting. We reposing
special Trust and Confidence in your
Loyalty Integrity and Ability do by these

Letters constitute and appoint you to be
Secretary and Clerk of the Crown of our Isles
of Nevis in America in the Room of James
Townsend Oswald Esquire deceased. To Have
hold exercise and enjoy the said Offices or
places by yourself or your sufficient Deputy
or Deputies to be by you appointed (for whom
you shall be responsible) for and during the
Wile and Pleasure and your Residence in our
said Island together with all and singular the Fees
Rights Privileges Privileges and Advantages what
soever to the said Offices or Places belonging or
in anywise appertaining in as full and ample
manner to all intents and purposes as the said
James Townsend Oswald or any other person or
persons heretofore holding and exercising the said
Offices or Places hath held and enjoyed or of Right
ought to have held and enjoyed the same.

Given at our Court at Carlisle House
the fourth Day of January 1814 in the Fifty
fourth year of our Reign.

By Command of His Royal Highness
the Prince Regent in the Name and
on Behalf of His Majesty.

(signed) Bathurst

John Robert Small Esquire
Secretary and Clerk of the Crown
of the Island of
Nevis.

which being read to the said John Robert
Inale Esquire by Direction of the Board
took all the Oaths prescribed by Law, and
entered into the following Bond for the due
performance of the Duties of his said Office.

Memor. Know all Men by these Presents that
We John Robert Inale and the Honourable
James Decker of the Island of New Egypt
are jointly and severally held and firmly
bound unto our Sovereign Lord George the Third
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland King Defender of the Faith in
the sum of One thousand pounds Sterling
Money of Great Britain to be paid to our
Sovereign Lord the King his Heirs and Successors
which payment well and truly to make We
do bind ourselves and each of us our and each
of our Heirs Executors and Administrators
firmly by these presents. Sealed with our
Seals and Dated this sixteenth Day of No-
-vember in the year of our Lord one thou-
-sand eight hundred and fourteen.

Whereas the above bound John
Robert Inale hath this Day been ad-
-mitted Secretary of the said Island of New
Now the Condition of this Obligation is
such that if the above bounden John Robert
Inale do and shall in all things faithfully
and diligently discharge the Trust and Duty

of the said Office of Secretary of the Island
aforesaid for and during the time he shall
continue in the said Office according to the
Laws and Customs of Great Britain and of
the said Island of New then this Obligation
to be void, or else to be and remain in full
force and virtue.

Sealed & delivered
in presence of (signed) John R. Inale L.S.
(signed) James Decker L.S.
(signed) Samuel Lawrence.

Writs for the Election of a new Assembly having
expired returnable this Day, the following Members
were thereby returned as duly elected.

John Richardson }
Finlay Nicholson } Parish of St. Paul.
Joseph Jones }
William Lawrence }
William Pemberton } for St. John.
George Clarke Forbes }
William Worthington Wilkes }
Magnus Moreton } for St. George.
Thomas Liburd }

John Stanley }
Edward Higgins } for St. Thomas.
John H. Clarke }

All the aforesaid Members except George G. Forbes being attended the Board and having taken and subscribed the accustomed Oath, unanimously chose Magnus Moreton Esquire for their Speaker.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council
We have appointed the following standing Committees, for Public Accounts William Lawrence Kinley Nicholson and Joseph Jones Esquires, and for Forts and Fortifications Edward Huggins Senior John Richardson and William Pemberton Esquires to join such Members of your Board as you shall think proper to appoint.

Assembly Room
16th Nov. 1814

(signed) Magnus Moreton
Speaker.

Council Chamber Nov. 16. 1814.

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly.
Gentlemen

We herewith transmit to you the Report of the joint Committee for the Public Buildings which was laid before this Board on the 15th September last, but which for want of an Assembly at that time could not be sent to your Honor.

By Command
(signed) John H. Small
Clerk of the Council

His Honor the President and Council
To the Members of the Assembly.
Gentlemen

We have appointed the Honorable James Decker and Samuel Lawrence Esquires to join William Lawrence Kinley Nicholson, and Joseph Jones Esquires as the Committee for Public Accounts and the Honorable John Colborne Miller and Henry Rawlins Esquires to join the other Members by you appointed as a Committee for Fortifications

By Command
(signed) John H. Small
Clerk of the Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council
A Representation having been made to this House of the extreme distress and poverty of Mrs Judith Levy and having taken the same into their consideration are unanimously of Opinion that the Sum of twelve Shilling should be allowed weekly to the said Mrs Judith Levy to be paid out of the Public Treasury to which they feel assured you will give your Concurrence.

(signed) Magnus Moreton
Speaker.

Assembly Room
November 16th 1814.

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

This Board considering the
Committee of Public Buildings state ne-
cessary to appoint the Honorable John
Cotton Mills and James Weeks Esquires
to join such Members of your House as
you shall please to appoint.

This Board concurs unanimously with
your House in the Weekly Allowance to
Mrs Judith Levy of twelve shillings to be
paid in Cash out of the Public Treasury.

By Command
Council Chamber }
November 16th 1814 } John P. Small,
Clerk of y^e Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President & Council
This House are also of Opinion that the
Appointment of a joint Committee for
Public Buildings is essentially necessary
and have therefore named Edward Higgins
Senior Joseph Jones and William Pen-
=berton Esquires to join the Honorable
John C. Mills and James Weeks Esquires
of your Board.

(signed) Magnus Moreton
Speaker.
Assembly Room }
16th Nov. 1814 }

His Honor the President and Council
To the Members of the Assembly
Gentlemen

The President having laid before
this Board various Letters from the Magistrate
and the Marshals respecting the escape from
Jail of a Negro Man called Tomma the
Property of Josiah Webb Esquire
who had broken Jail after being convicted
of Felony, and before Sentence had been passed
on him, and having stated to the Board that
he had issued a Proclamation offering a
Reward of Fifty pounds for his Apprehension.

This Board unanimously agrees in the
Propriety of the Measure and requests the
Concurrence of your House thereto.

They further beg leave to state that the
Jail appears so insecure that a Committee
should be appointed to enquire into the
Cause and to recommend such Steps as may
tend to remedy the evil.

By Command
Council Chamber } (signed) John P. Small
Nov. 16th 1814 } Clerk of y^e Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council
This House most fully approves of the
measures which His Honor the President
has taken for the apprehension of the
Negro Man Tomma, and agree that the
Sum of Fifty Pounds should be paid by

by the Treasurer agreeable to His Honor's
Proclamation.

This House is willing to meet the
wishes of your Board in regard to the
appointment of a joint Committee for
the purpose of inspecting the state of
the Jail, and to make such Report as
the nature of its Situation may appear
to require, and have accordingly named
Edward Higgins Senior Joseph Jones and
William Pemberton Esq^r. for that purpose.

Assembly Room } (signed) Magnus Proseston
Nov. 16th 1814 } Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
To the Members of the Assembly
This Board have appointed the Honorable
James Wesker and John C. Miles to join
the other Members of your House as a
Joint Committee to inspect the present
state of the Jail and report thereon.

Council Chamber } (signed) John R. Small
Nov. 16th 1814 } Clk. of y^e Council

The Marshal was ordered to require the
attendance of John Peterson Esquire
Captain and Master Gunner at the next
Meeting of this Board.

His Honor the President then adjourned
the Council and Assembly until Thursday
the 1st day of December next.

Council Chamber } (signed) John R. Small
Nov. 16th 1814 } Clk. of y^e Council

At a Meeting of the Council held
pursuant to adjournment at Charleston
this 1st day of December 1814.

Present
His Honor Thomas John Cottle Esq. President.
The Honorable { Walter Maynard
Peter Jefferys
James Wesker } Esquires
{ Geo. Samuel Lyons }

The Board ordered the Proceedings of the last
days Meeting to be read which was done ac-
-cordingly.

Mr. President Cottle then laid before the Board
a letter addressed to him from the Captain
Gunner of Fort Charles which was read as
follows:

Fort Charles News
Thursday the 1st Dec^r 1814

Sir,

In my Capacity of Commander of this
His Majesty's Chief Fort I have been served
with a written Notice from the Deputy Board
Marshal purporting "That he was directed
by the President and Board of Council to inform
me that my attendance at the Board was re-
-quired as on this day agreeable to a Notification
I received from him before to attend at a former
Meeting on the first of September last at which
time as I had the honor of writing to you from
Antigua when I transmitted a Copy of the
Fort Account as rendered to His Excellency

the Captain General I was detained at that Island. — I understand by the tenor of that Notice that the requisition hath relation to the subject of the Motion made by Mr. Webster at the Board in my presence on the 18th August last to this effect, — that I should be ordered by the Board to attend at the then next Meeting with my ^{Fort} Accounts, and to answer upon Oath under the Act to such questions as he should put to me; for which he at the same time thought fit to add in an emphatical tone that he had his motives and that he was determined to persevere.

The trust reposed in me obliges me now to state that I am and ever shall be perfectly ready and willing to conform to 'the Act', but that I am under the necessity of declining with all due reverence and respect to comply with the present requisition, and if referring to his Excellency the Captain General Sir James Leith for the reasons.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Obedient and
Humble Servant

J^r. Peterson
Captain

President of y^e Council

To the Honorable

Thomas G. Cottle Esq

upon which and reference being had to the Proceedings of the Board on the 18th of August last it was resolved that such Proceedings are improperly quoted in Mr. Peterson's said letter and that in the Opinion of this Board it is not only derogatory to the Privileges of this Board that any of its Proceedings should be communicated by an Individual without Permission to copy the same from the Journals, but that it is highly incorrect in any person to quote or comment upon any Observation of Individual Members of the Board when such Comment or Intimation is meant to influence Public Proceedings.

Resolved that Mr. Peterson's non-attendance at this Board is contrary to his own express undertaking at the said Meeting of the 18th Aug^r on which day the Board was prepared to proceed to the examination of his Fort Accounts agreeable to the Act of the Island, but that Mr. Peterson himself stated that not being prepared with such Accounts it would be more agreeable to him, to attend at a subsequent Meeting.

Resolved that in the Opinion of this Board they have an express Constitutional Right to command the attendance of any of the Colonial Officers and that the refusal to obey such Command is a gross contempt of the Authority of this Board.

Resolved that Mr. Peterson be again required to render the Account of the Fort to the Board, and to attend at the next Meeting

the Legislature to be examined thereon
upon Oath.

By Command
(signed) John H. Small
Ch. of C. Council

For want of an Assembly no further
Business done, and this Board therefore ad-
journed to Thursday (December 15th 1814.

At a Meeting of the Council held
at Charlestown pursuant to adjournment
this 15th Day of December 1814

Present

His Honor Thomas J. Cottle Esq. President
Walter Maynard
Peter Jefferys
James Daniell
The Hon^{ble} James Deekes } Deputies
Henry Rawlins }

The last days Proceedings having been
read His Honor the President laid before the
Board a letter from His Excellency Sir
James Leith Captain General as follows:

Antigua 23rd Nov. 1814

Sir

I have to express not only my surprise
but decided disapprobation of the
repeated attempts which have been

made

by the Council of Nevis to infringe on the
Prerogative of His Majesty delegated to the
Captain General or Commanders in Chief of
the Leeward Islands for the time being by issuing
Orders for the Sale of Powder and infringing in
other respects on the Executive Authority by issuing
Orders which exclusively and constitutionally
ought to issue from the Representative of the
King. I have for many years seen the Proceedings
to which I allude, and I am now satisfied that
further forbearance on my part would only
lead to other Acts of a nature equally inadmissible.

I think it proper therefore to apprise you
distinctly that I shall feel it incumbent on
me to suspend you or any other Member or
Members of the Privy Council of His Majesty in
Nevis who may become a Party to any future
Act of Infringement on the Royal Prerogative.

I am Sir yours

The Honorable (signed) James Leith
President Cottle Captain General
Nevis.

and having stated to the Board the following
Circumstances relating to his Conduct in respect
to the Powder deposited in the Magazine at Fort
Charles viz: The Captain Gunners refusal to
attend the Board with his Accounts and I myself
having never kept any Account of the Order given
by me on the Fort for Powder put it out of my
Power to state positively what order has been
issued by me to the Captain Gunner for the Delivery

of

powder, but to the best of my recollection I
have given no Order but for repairing the Bands
and for supplying the deficient Alarm Cocks.
I state positively that no Order for the Sale of
Powder has been issued by me since His Excellency
Arrival in this Island but that I even refused
issuing two Orders one to Dr. Capin and the other
to Mr. John Higgins for Powder. The order for
the delivery of the surplus of Powder to the
Committee of Forts and Fortifications having
been issued on the 16th June and immediate
Notice of that Circumstance given by me to
the Captain Gunner. His Excellency arrived
in Nova on the 18th July. I considered myself
fully authorized to grant such Order under
the Permission granted by the then Commander
in Chief Mr. Julian in his letter of 4th June
to the Captain Gunner viz. "And as it appears
there is more (meaning Powder) than is requisite
for the use of the Fort you will answer the
Orders Mr. President Cottle may have drawn
upon you taking care that you retain a
sufficient quantity for the use of the Fort."

The Members of this Board feel them-
selves called upon to express the deep and
painful sense which they entertain of His
Excellency's expressions of displeasure and
which they declare it to be no less consistent
with their individual feelings and attachment
to their Sovereign than they acknowledge it
to be the duty of their Stations to support

the

Prerogative of the Crown they cannot but lament
that any event or conduct should have tended to
excite an adverse feeling between His Excellency
and the Members of His Majesty's Council.

The Board in referring to their Legislative Proceedings
respecting the Fort since the commencement of His
Excellency's Government and which they respectfully
submit to His Excellency's Consideration feel them-
selves justified in declaring that they have invariably sup-
ported the principle that His Excellency's sanction
was necessary for the purpose of appropriating any
surplus part of the Powder Duty paid into the
Hands of the Captain Gunner of Fort Charles towards
the Public Exigencies and they respectfully call His
Excellency's attention to the joint Letter of the President
of the Council and Speaker of the Assembly to His
Excellency under date the 19th day of August last
as Evidence of this Declaration to which Letter they
have anxiously waited for His Excellency's reply.

The Members of this Board are unconscious of
having entrenched in any respect on His Majesty's
Prerogative but if in any instance or respects the
Legislative Regulation of the Economy of the Fort
they shall in strictness appear to have done so, it
has been only in consequence of their pursuing what
they submit has been an invariable Custom since
the first Constitution of the Fort, a Custom which
appears to be grounded on the Acts relating to 4th
Fort and to the Powder Duty and which has been
invariably acquiesced in until the present period
by the Captains of the said Fort who have regularly

made

Powder, but to the best of my Recollection I
have given no Order but for repairing the Board
and for supplying the different Alarm Posts.
I state positively that no Order for the Sale of
Powder has been issued by me since His Excellency
Arrived in this Island but that I even refused
issuing two Orders one to Dr. Capin and the other
to Mr. John Higgins for Powder. The Order for
the delivery of the 5000 lbs of Powder to the
Committee of Forts and Fortifications having
been issued on the 16th June and immediate
Notice of that Circumstance given by me to
the Captain Gunner. His Excellency arrived
in Nevis on the 18th July. I considered myself
fully authorized to grant such Order under
the Permission granted by the then Commander
in Chief Mr. Julius in his letter of 4th June
to the Captain Gunner viz. "And as it appears
there is more (meaning Powder) than is requisite
for the use of the Fort you will answer the
Orders Mr. President Cottle may have drawn
upon you taking care that you retain a
sufficient quantity for the use of the Fort."

The Members of this Board feel them-
selves called upon to express the deep and
painful sense which they entertain of His
Excellency's expressions of displeasure and
which they declare it to be no less consistent
with their individual feelings and attachment
to their Sovereign than they acknowledge it
to be the duty of their Stations to support

the

Prerogative of the Crown they cannot but lament
that any event or conduct should have tended to
excite an adverse feeling between His Excellency
and the Members of His Majesty's Council.

The Board in referring to their Legislative Proceedings
respecting the Fort since the commencement of His
Excellency's Government and which they respectfully
submit to His Excellency's Consideration feel themselves
justified in declaring that they have invariably sup-
ported the principle that His Excellency's sanction
was necessary for the purpose of appropriating any
surplus part of the Powder Duty paid into the
Hands of the Captain Gunner of Fort Charles to the
Public Exigencies and they respectfully call His
Excellency's attention to the joint letter of the President
of the Council and Speaker of the Assembly to His
Excellency under date the 19th day of August last
as evidence of this declaration to which letter they
have anxiously waited for His Excellency's reply.

The Members of this Board are unconscious of
having entrenched in any respect on His Majesty's
Prerogative but if in any instance or respects the
Legislative Regulation of the Economy of the Fort
they shall in strictness appear to have done so, it
has been only in consequence of their pursuing what
they submit has been an invariable Custom since
the first Constitution of the Fort, a Custom which
appears to be grounded on the Acts relating to 4th
Fort and to the Powder Duty and which has been
invariably acquiesced in until the present period
by the Captains of the said Fort who have regularly

made

made their returns thereof to the Legislature
and had supplies from time to time out of the
Public Treasury for the maintenance of the Fort
and such Captain Gunner and the several Matrops
have always been paid their Salaries out of the
Public Treasury under an Order from the President
sanctioned by the vote of the Council and Assembly

That in the recent Proceedings of this Board in
Conjunction with the House of Assembly as respects
the examination of the Accounts of the Captain
Gunner and the Expenditure of the Powder this
Board has been solely actuated by the Consideration
of their Duty and the good of His Majesty's Service
it being notorious that a great Expenditure of
Powder is unnecessarily made or unjustly charged
and that whilst the Public is without any benefit
from the Powder Duty the Captain Gunner from
time to time appropriates the same to his own
use and has in many instances commuted the
Duty for Money of which the Public has had
no Account. That by the refusal of the Captain
Gunner to deliver his Account upon Oath when
last called upon the Board are unable to com-
municate to His Excellency the extent of this
evil but they hope His Excellency will sanction
an Investigation so important to His Majesty's
Service, and that His Excellency will under all
the Circumstances sanction by his Authority
a Disposal of the great excess of Powder now
lying in a situation dangerous to the Inhabitants
of the Town and liable to great Expence and Damage

order that the Public Burthen may be thereby
relieved.

The above Statement being read and unanimously
agreed to as conveying the Sentiments of the Board
resolved that the same be entered on the Minutes
and transmitted by the Honor the President to
His Excellency together with a Copy of the joint
Letter referred to therein.

John Burke Esquire by Permission of the Board
presented a Commission which being read as
follows

By His Excellency Sir James Leith Knight
of the most Honorable Order of the Bath
Knight Commander of the Portuguese Royal
Military Order of the Tower and Sword Lieut-
enant General in the Army Colonel of the
James Leith 4th West India Regiment Commander of all
His Majesty's Forces in the Windward and
Leeward Charibbee Islands and the Colony
of South America Captain General and Go-
-vernour in Chief in and over all His Majesty's
Leeward Charibbee Islands Chancellor Vice
Admiral and Ordinary of the same &c &c

His Majesty having been graciously pleased by
Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain
the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to
authorize me to appoint all Officers Civil and
Military within these his Leeward Charibbee
Islands And whereas by the Powers and Autho-

in me voted as Captain General and Governor
in Chief of His Majesty's Leeward Islands and
Vice Admiral of the same. Do hereby appoint
you John Burke Esquire to be Register in the
Court of Vice Admiralty on and for the Island
of Nevis with full Power to have hold and
execute the said Office of Register in the said
Court reserving to yourself all Fees Perquisites
and Advantages thereto belonging.

Given under my Hand and
Seal at Arms at Antigua this
twenty third day of September 1814
and in the 54th year of His Majesty's
Reign.

By His Excellency's Command

(signed) G. King. P.S.

As the said John Burke Esquire then took
all the Oaths prescribed by Law and subscribed
the Declaration.

George Abbott Esquire also presented by permission
of the Board a Commission which being read as
follows

Antigua

(L.S.)

James Leith.

By His Excellency Sir James Leith
Knight of the most Honourable Order
of the Bath Knight Commander of
the Portuguese Military Order of the
Tower and Sword Lieutenant Ge-
-neral in the Army Colonel of
the 4th West India Regiment Com-
-mander of all His Majesty's Forces
in the Windward and Leeward

Charribbee

Charribbee Islands and the Colonies
of South America Captain General
and Governor in Chief on and over all
His Majesty's Leeward Charribbee Islands
Charribbee Vice Admiral and Ordinary
of the same.

His Majesty having been graciously pleased by
Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain
to authorize me to appoint all Officers Civil and Mi-
-litary within these his Leeward Charribbee Islands

I therefore reposing especial trust and confidence
in the Loyalty and Integrity Diligence and Ability
of you George Abbott Esquire do hereby constitute
and appoint you the said George Abbott to be Clerk
of the Naval or Navy Office of and within the
Island of Nevis. To have hold exercise and enjoy the
said Office with all lawful Profits Fees Privileges
and Emoluments thereto belonging during my
Will and Pleasure and until His Majesty shall
have been graciously pleased to constitute and appoint
some other person to hold and execute the same.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms
at Antigua this 27th September 1814 and
in the 54th year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command

(signed) G. King. P.S.

As the said George Abbott took the usual Oaths
and subscribed the Declaration.

The Board then adjourned till Thursday the
22^d Instant. —

At a Meeting of the Council held at
Charleston this 23^d day of December pursuant
to Adjournment.

Present

His Honor Thomas J. Little Esquire President
Henry Rowland } Esquires.
The Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys }

A writ for the Election of Members to serve
in the House of Assembly for the Parish of
Saint James returnable this day being
presented to the Board it appeared that
the following Members were duly elected

William Maynard
Edward Higgins Junior } Esquires
Peter Thomas Higgins }

all of whom being present took by order of the
Honor the President the usual Oath prescribed
by Law and subscribed the Declaration.

In want of other Members to form a
Board no further Business was done.

At a Meeting of the Council held at
Charleston this 5th day of January 1815.

Present

His Honor Thomas J. Little Esq. President.
Walter Maynard
James Daniels
The Hon^{ble} Peter Jefferys Esquire
James Weeks
Wm. Samuel Lyons
John Colburn Miller

His Honor the President informed the Board
that he had forwarded to His Excellency the Captain
General by the Colonial Secretary the Minutes
of their Proceedings on the 15th ultimo agreeable to
the Resolution of the Board on that day accompanied
by the following letter:

New 16th December 1814.

Sir

I had the Honor on the 7th Instant of receiving
your Excellency's letter of the 23rd Nov. and lost no
time in laying it before the Board of Council and I
have now the honor of forwarding you herewith
a Minute of their Proceedings on taking the same
into Consideration. Your Excellency will I hope permit
me to say without imputing any Expressions to
Disrespect that I felt considerable uneasiness at the
unprovoked censure and unmerited threat of Sur-
-pension from my Seat at the Board of Council
of this Island. - My Conduct there has always been
guided by the most upright intentions and governed

by

by the strictest Integrity I may have erred in the
Cases given for the Disposal of Powder, but it was
given under the impression that I was authorized
by the joint resolutions of the Council and Assembly
and I thought warranted by Circumstances. I cannot
be said to have resisted any Direction of your Ex-
cellency upon the Subject your present Letter being
the first and only one. I have ever been honored
with respecting Powder or the Fort. My Order was
given on the 16th June. Your Excellency arrived in
this Island on the 18th July and left it on the 19th.

The Captain Guinnes (delivered me or showed me a
Copy of your Excellency's Letter to him which was
not dated. I made a point of seeing the Speaker of
the Assembly as soon after this Communication as
I conveniently could, and we jointly in conformity
with a former Resolution of the two Houses wrote
to your Excellency the Letter of the 9th August.

Allow me to assure your Excellency I should
feel pained indeed to merit the censure of any Man
and more particularly the censure of the Representa-
-tive of my Sovereign, and to hope that after
seriously attending to the detail of Facts now submitted
to your Excellency myself and the Board of Privy
Council may be reinstated as they deserve to be
in your Excellency's good Opinion. Your Excellency's
Proclamation permitting the Importation of Provision
and Lumber from Countries in Amity with His
Majesty expires the day after Christmas. Our ne-
-cessities which are still great indeed will I hope plead
with your Excellency for a further extension.

Your Excellency

in James Leitch K. B.

I have y^r honor's
(signed) Thomas J. Cottle

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your Board have had to inform your
Honors that in consequence of a Letter from His
Excellency the Captain General to His Honor the
President it was thought necessary that a Letter should
be immediately forwarded to His Excellency enclosing
Minutes of this Board upon the Subject of the Fort
and as they understand it to be His Excellency's intention
to make an Official Communication on the Subject
they recommend it to your Honor to suspend any de-
-legative Proceedings thereon until such Communication
be received from His Excellency -

They request the sanction of your Honor to provide
the expence necessarily incurred in forwarding the
above Dispatch to His Excellency the Captain
General at Antigua.

By Command
Council Chamber (signed) John N. Arnall
January 5th 1815. Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council
This House agrees with your Board in the propriety
of suspending all Proceedings in the matter relative
to the Fort until such time as the two Branches of
the Legislature are in possession of such Facts Offi-
-cially as may enable them to submit respectfully
their Opinion to the Captain General and to take
such Steps as the nature of the Circumstances may
appear to require.

This House unanimously agree to sanction

all Expenses attendant on the Mission to
Antigua.

Assembly Room } signed) Magnus Moxton
8th January 1815 } Speaker

His Honor the President and Council

To The Gentlemen of the Assembly,
Gentlemen,

We herewith send you a Memorial
from John Robert Small Esquire Island Secretary
to which this Board is disposed to attend and have
appointed the Honorable and Reverend Samuel
Lyons and the Honorable James Weekes to join
such Members of your House as you may appoint
as a Committee to investigate the present condition
of the Secretarys Office and to report the state of
the Public Records generally. They also recommend
to your House the Appointment of Mr. Small to
act under the Direction of the Committee for the pur-
-pose of methodizing and arranging the Papers in the
several Departments of the Office, and also for the
purpose of making such a Compilation of the Laws
of the Island as may enable the Legislature to comply
accurately with the request of His Majesty's Ministers
respecting the Laws, and put it in the power of the
Legislature to have the existing Laws printed for
the use and information of the Public Officers of
the Colony, and that such Committee do report
what Remuneration will be required by the said
John R. Small Esq for his attention to such
Business.

Council Chamber

8th January 1815.

By Command

John R. Small

Clk. of y^e Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

This House having given due attention to the Mem-
-orial of John R. Small Esquire, Secretary of this
Island, are ready to cooperate with your Board in
any measures necessary to complete the Arrangement
of the Public Records, and agree that Mr. Small is
a Person every way fit and disposed to act under the
joint Committee for the purpose of methodizing
and arranging the Papers in the several Departments
of the Office and for making such a Compilation
of the Laws of the Island as may enable the two
Branches of the Legislature to comply accurately
with the request of His Majesty's Ministers and to
have the existing Laws printed for the use and
information of the Public Officers of the Colony

This House have accordingly nominated John Richardson,
William Lawrence and Fintin Nicholson Esquires to
join the Honorable and Reverend Samuel Lyons and
the Honorable James Weekes from your Board.

This House beg leave to submit to your Board
the Propriety of the said Committee taking into Con-
-sideration the nature of the existing Fees of the Secretary
Office as established by Law and the proposition which
they bear to the present times and to make such
Report thereon as may enable the two Houses to
establish such a Docket as may be consistent with
the Public Rights and a due Consideration for the
Situation of the Secretary.

signed) Magnus Moxton

Assembly Room

Speaker

Jan^y 8th 1815.

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

Your House is now adjourned to
Thursday the nineteenth Instant.

By Command
Council Chamber (signed) John B. Prater
January 5th 1715. Clerk of C. Council

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charlestown this
13th day of January 1715 present
His Honor the said Coll^l President

	James Davis	} Eg ^o
	Peter Jefferys	
The Hon ^{ble}	Rev ^d Sam ^l Jones	
	Jm ^l C. Mills	
	James Wendle	
	Samuel Lawrence	
	Henry Rowland	

Read the last days P^{re}ceding. His Honor the President
then read before the board a letter from the Captain General
succeeded by an order which was then read by
Order of the board as follows

James Loch
Capt^l General

I have received the Minutes of the
Council of Nevis, of the 17th, and do see that the Letter
which I have written to President Coll^l of the 23rd
Instant, may be entered on the Minutes of the Council

To
The President of the Council
of Nevis

Given at Lond^ons Office
Antigua W^{ch} Decemb^r 1714

Antigua W^{ch} Dec^r 1714

I have this day received your Letter of the 16th
Instant

Although I would be ready to allow to any Ex-
ceptions, a reasonable degree of qualification as to their meaning
I cannot receive your declaration, that my Letter of the 23rd
November, conveyed either unprovoked Insult, or unexcused
Threats, as a satisfactory or respectful reply to an Official
Communication which I not only then demand, but now think
was necessary under the Circumstances of the case which pre-
sented itself to me - If you made use of the Authority of the
Board of Council without its having been delegated to you,
you were in the propriety of taking the responsibility of your
own Acts; and although I am always ready to visit those
who candidly acknowledge their Inconveniences and to overlook
their consequent Errors, I suspect that such Acknowledgements
should not be preceded by a Justification conveying reproach.

I am also bound in order to declare, that the part
of your Letter which states, that you cannot be said to have resist-
ed any Directions of mine is neither logically, or reasonably
just as it is not my personal Authority but that of the
Office which I hold, which it is your duty to respect; and
which was invaded by your assuming a Right to give Or-
ders for the sale of Gun Powder from the King's Colonial Store
What, Sir, this is no new dispensation, having been
tried with several Captains General or Commanders in Chief, so
that you well know that it had been invariably used; and
President Julius, although he furnished a certain quantity of
Powder to be used, again distinctly informed you, through
Mr. Pelsson, of that which you had already heard; particu-
larly in a Letter from Mr. Elliot as Captain General dated
W^{ch}

26th July in reply to a Communication from you of the
30th June 1713

Mr. President Adams's permission, however, to draw Orders from the King's Exchequer, gave you no Authority to give any Order, but surely sanctions the delivery of the quantity of Orders which you had already attempted to take without his consent, previous to the 10th yet on the 10th of June in direct violation of the exclusive right of the Commanders in Chief, you wrote an order to the Captain General to give Five thousand pounds of Gun Powder, and what seems not easy to be accounted for, you bring that very Order forward in your justification, while in every point of time it must be considered as a fresh instance of your tenacious adherence to a principle which is unconstitutional, and which justly called for the Expressions of decided disapprobation which were conveyed to you in my Letter of the 23rd of June.

You must, Sir, advert to a joint Letter written to me by you as President, and by the Speaker of the Assembly, dated 19th August 1714, founded on and accompanied by Resolutions of the Council and Assembly of the 21st March 1713 and refer to these also as a justification of the steps you took. The natural dissolution of the Assembly, having long ago rendered the Letter in question null and void. I should not have now taken notice of it, but to state that the Principle recorded on the face of the Minutes of the Council, is inconsistent with the Powers of that Body, and with the just Prerogative of the Crown, and was one of the causes which called for my Letter of the 23rd of November last. If the Principle on which
the

The joint Communication of the 19th August is founded, was not inadvisable. I would not you, Sir, when did you resort to the measure of giving me any information on the subject of Gun Powder? It was not till I had received an Order of yours, dated the 10th June, in the face of the Authority of the Commanders in Chief, which was attempted to be acted upon in violation of my Official Rights, and in so offensive a Manner as to make the defence which was intended to be shown to the Executive Power, having without any Communication to me been brought forward the very day after I had visited the Colony, and while I was still at St. Christophers, receiving a deputation from each of the three legislative Bodies of New

I have only stated partially what has occurred on the perusal of your Letter, but the subject is much more extensive. I would however leave it to the Candour and understanding of any respectable and intelligent Person, if, even from the circumstances on which I have commented, the attempts to invade the just Authority of the Captain General, can be viewed as accidental or unintentional.

I have only further to state that when the objectionable Expressions of your Letter to which I have alluded are extracted, I shall be satisfied, provided that the Council and you as its President, shall for the future keep within the limits of your own Authority.

I conclude by regretting that I have had occasion to express my disapprobation of the Practice which appears to have been followed by the Council relating to that part of the Executive Power to which this Letter refers, but I am glad to perceive that the Council does not have any intention of transgressing for the future on the Prerogative of the Crown. It is however impossible for me to concur in opinion that
that

That, in their Acts, they have always hitherto kept within their own Constitutional Limits; the Resolution of the 20th March 1713, on which you acted as President in your joint Letter of the 19th of August 1714 being completely inconsistent with the intention of the Council as set forth in the minutes of the 15th Instant which have been transmitted to me.

I shall order such investigation as I deem necessary of the manner, whether the Office of Captain Gunnor and Purveyor Officer, have been created, and I shall adopt such measures as I think proper for the appropriation of whatever is in the Kings Colonial Treasury or Stores, in conformity to Law; but I must clearly apprise you that neither Money nor Stores can be spent ^{by command of the King's Council} except that I shall reserve my own Judgment in the mode of application for the Use of the Colony of slaves, of whatever is not specifically described by a Law, for particular purposes; and as I have already stated the Taxes voted for specific services, cannot give for the Purposes desired, but under my Warrant or that of the Commander in Chief for the time being.

I beg that it may be understood, that it will afford me particular pleasure to carry on my Duty for the advantage of the King's service and that of the Islands of Nevis; and as far as may be consistent with the public Service, I should be pleas'd at its being conducted in the spirit of Conciliation; my Acts being animated with personal feeling, except when my duty may permit them to afford individual gratification, at which I shall always rejoice.

I am Sir your
James Smith
Capt. General

His Honor the President and Council to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

This Order concurs with your Honor in the propriety of the Committee now appointed for the investigation of the State of the Secretary's Office taking into their consideration the nature of the assisting fees of the Secretary and making such report thereon as may enable the Legislature to establish such a System as may be consistent with the Public Rights and a due Consideration for the situation of the Secretary.

Council Chamber
July 17th 1715

By Command
(signed) John R. Small
Clt. of Council

At a meeting of the Council held at Charlestown the 10th January 1715

Present

His Honor Thomas John Little Esq. President

John C. Mills

Thos. Lam. Lyons

The Honbles

James Keeble

Samuel Lawrence

Henry Rawlins

Esquires

Read the last days Proceeding

His Honor the President and Council

To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

Your Honor is now adjourn'd to Thursday the 2nd of February next

Council Chamber
January 19th 1715

By Command
(signed) John R. Small
Clt. of Council

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charles Town
this second day of February 1715
Present

His Honor Thomas S. Ogle Esq. President

Walter Wingard

John C. Mallet

Rev. Sam^l Lyons

The Hon^{ble} James Lovell

James Wickes

Samuel Lawrence

Hury Rawlins

Equies

Read the last days Proceedings

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor The President and Council

It having been represented to this House that Mr.
W^m R. Loh has been guilty of very great neglect in
the execution of the duties of his Office as Justice of the
Peace of this Town, this House is desirous of discharging the said
W. R. Loh, and of appointing Mr. Moun^r Jennings to
the said situation with a Salary of One Hundred Pounds
Annually for Annam, and hope for the Concurrence of
your Board to carry the same into effect

Assembly Room

2nd Feby 1715

(signed) Magnus Weston

Speaker

His Honor The President and Council

To The Gentlemen of The Assembly

Gentlemen

This Board concurs with your House
in the Propriety of removing Mr. W^m R. Loh from the
Office of Justice of the Peace of this Town, and of appointing
Mr. Moun^r Jennings to that situation with a Salary
of 100 Pounds Annually

Council Chamber

Feby 2nd 1715

(signed) By Command
John P. Small
Clk. of Council

His Honor The President and Council

To The Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

This Board having taken into their Consideration
the present state of the Colony and the information which
has been received from the Captain General that a consi-
derable Force of the Enemy's Vessels are cruising in these
Seas, and a recent instance of alarm having been given
by one of the Enemy's Vessels, which chased the armed
Schooner Maria into this Port, is of opinion that some
immediate communication on the subject should be made
to His Excellency the Captain General, and recommends
that a joint Letter should be written by the President
and Speaker to advise with His Excellency in the present
emergency

Council Chamber

Feby 2nd 1715

By Command

(signed)

John P. Small

Clk. of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor The President and Council

This House fully agrees with your Board in the Propriety
of a representation being made by the President and Speaker
on the subject of the desperate state of the Island, and
the Shipping in the Port, and to request the intercession
of His Excellency in same Letter with Rear Admiral
Ducham, to afford us the protection of a Ship of War,
such as this Island and H. Wells, have always till of
late been accustomed to receive

Assembly Room

2nd Feby 1715

(signed)

Magnus Weston

Speaker

His Honor The President and Council
To The Gentlemen of The Assembly

Your House is now adjourned to Thursday
The 16th Instant
Council Chamber }
2nd Feby. 1815 }
(signed) John R. Small
Cltk. of Council

At a Meeting of The Council held at Charles Town
the 16th Day of February pursuant to Adjournment
Pursuit

The Hon^{ble} Thomas J. Cottle Esq^r President
for want of other Members to form a Board no business
was done

At a Meeting of The Council held at Charles Town
the 22nd Day of February 1815
Pursuit

His Honor Thomas J. Cottle Esq^r President
Walter Maynard
Peter Jefferys
The Honorable }
Rev^d Samuel Lyons } Esquires
James Watkins
Samuel Lawrence
Henry Rawlins

The Gentlemen of The Assembly
To His Honor The President and Council
& information having been made to this House by respect-
table Persons that an opportunity now offers itself of

disposing of three thousand pounds of Gun powder with
advantage to the Island this House is desirous of calling
the attention of your Board to the propriety of representing
to His Excellency the Captain General this circumstance,
and also that The President and Speaker be requested to
submit the petition of His Excellency to the proposed
measure - under all the stipulations and conditions necessary
to guard against an improper application of the Powder
Assembly Room }
Febry 27th 1815 }
(signed) Magnus Moton
Speaker

His Honor The President and Council
To The Gentlemen of The Assembly

Gentlemen
This Board requests to be made acquainted
with the particular nature of the application to The Capt^l
General on the measure proposed

Council Chamber }
Febry 27th 1815 }
(signed) John R. Small
Cltk. of Council

The Gentlemen of The Assembly
To His Honor The President and Council

In answer to your message requesting an explanation of
our last communication, We beg leave to state that a
Personal application has been made to this House by
Mr. Wolfe of this Island proposing the purchase of the
Gun powder in question, at the rate of one half Dollar
per pound for the use of the Government of St. Bartholomew
and that he would engage that it should be landed at
that Island

Assembly Room }
27th Feby. 1815 }
(signed) Magnus Moton
Speaker

His Honor The President and Council
to The Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

This Board regrets that under the circum-
stances stated it cannot assent with you Board in
the present application to His Excellency The Captain
General for the sale of three thousand pounds of the Gun-
powder in the Boat, but recommends that a Letter should
be written by The President and Speaker to His Excellency
for the purpose of ascertaining whether if a proper applica-
tion should be made for the purchase of a proportion
of the powder His Excellency would sanction a Sale of it.

Council Chamber
22nd Feby. 1815

By Command
(signed) John R. Small
Chk. of Council

The Gentlemen of The Assembly

To His Honor The President and Council

Has Honor in requesting the concurrence of your Board
in an application to the Captain General for the dis-
position of 3000 pounds of Gun powder, were actuated
alone by a wish to fulfill their Duty to their Constitu-
tents, now laboring under the pressure of such accu-
mulation taxes. Has Honor more for a moment contin-
plated with a deviation from the wishes of His Excellency
The Captain General; it was solely to depend upon his
Judgment whether the measure was consistent, or not, with
the interest of His Majesty's Government. They therefore can-
not refrain from expressing their uttmost regret that so
favorable an opportunity should be lost of alleviating the
sufferings of the Island from a reluctance in your Board
to meet their reasonable proposal.

Assembly Room
22nd Feby 1815

(signed) Magnus Morton
Speaker

His Honor The President and Council
to The Gentlemen of The Assembly

Gentlemen

This Board regrets that in the reply by your
Honor to our last message you have omitted to notice the
recommendation of this Board to address The Captain Gen-
eral through the President and Speaker on the subject
of a disposal of the powder if a proper opportunity should
offer for a sale of it. And although this Board still feels
a conviction that the present application was not of such
a nature as to justify its motion, they are not only equal-
ly anxious as your Honor to adopt every measure for
the advantage and relief of the public, but they beg to
point out that the mode recommended would be a
means of calling the attention of His Excellency to the
subject in a manner calculated to attain that end.

Council Chamber
22nd Feby. 1815

By Command
(signed) John R. Small
Chk. of Council

The Gentlemen of The Assembly

To His Honor The President and Council

This Honor is very sorry it cannot view the subject of
the Gun powder in the same light as your Board, they
deprecate it is a novel mode of legislating to ask your
permission to ask leave, and therefore beg to decline making
the proposed application through the President and Speaker.

Assembly Room
22nd Feby. 1815

(signed) Magnus Morton
Speaker

Motion made by The Honorable James Wicks Esq^{no}
and seconded by The Honorable Walter Magnara Esq^{no}

that His Honor the President be requested to address His
Excellency the Captain General upon the subject noticed
in the ~~last~~ ^{present} messages and that the ~~same~~ ^{said} messages
which have this day passed between His Board and
the Assembly be herewith transmitted, which was there-
upon Resolved ~~upon~~ accordingly

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

Your Honor is now adjourned to Thursday
the 2nd March next

Council Chamber
22nd Febry 1715

By Command
(signed) John R. Small
Clk. of Council

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charles Town pursuant
to adjournment this 2nd Day of March 1715

Present
His Honor Thomas S. Cottle Esq^r President
Rev^d Samuel Lyons
The Honbls. James Weeks } Esq^{rs}
Samuel Lawrence

Mr. Davis presented himself to be sworn in as a Member
of the Assembly for the Parish of St. John Tigris
duly elected to him by Order of the President he took the
 accustomed Oath and subscribed the Declaration

for want of other Members to form a Board no further
Business was done

At a Meeting of the Council this 5th Day of March
1715 pursuant to Summons
Present

His Honor Thomas S. Cottle Esq^r President
John C. Mills
Rev^d Samuel Lyons
The Honbls. James Weeks } Esq^{rs}
Samuel Lawrence
Henry Paulk

Read the last Days proceedings

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

We herewith send the Secretary's
Account of his Expences in going to Antigua with
the Public Dispatches, which this Board thinks accurate
and requests the concurrence of your Honor in having the
same disbursed out of the last payment under the
Cash Tax Bill. We also notice to your Honor
that Mr. Edmidge has made a demand of £ 22. 10/6
for the hire of his Vessel, but this Board is of opinion
that such sum exceeds the usual charge for a
hire to Antigua

By Command
Council Chamber (signed) John R. Small
9th March 1715 Clk. of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

to His Honor the President and Council
This Honor agrees with your Board that the Account
of Mr. J. R. Small amounting to thirty six pounds
ten shillings is very reasonable, and should be allowed
accordingly

accordingly - they also are impressed with the same
sentiments as your Board in regard to the charges
of Mr. James Beridge but conceive that the proper
moment being concluded for making a specific bargain
for the hire of the Schooner, that it be more becoming
the Dignity of both branches of the Legislature to allow
the same without further comment.

(signed) Magnus Morton
Speaker
Assembly Room
9th March 1815

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

Your House is now adjourned to
Thursday the 23rd Instant

By Command
(signed) Thos. R. Small
Clk. of Council
Council Chamber
9th Mch. 1815

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charleston
this 23rd March 1815 pursuant to adjournment
Present

His Honor Thomas J. Cottle Esq^r President

John C. Mills

Peter Jefferys

Rev. Saml. Lyons

James Weekes

Samuel Laurence

Honbles.

} Esquires

Read the last day's Proceeding.

His Honor the President laid before the Board a letter
addressed to him by Rear Admiral Larkum communicat-
ing to him for the information of the Merchants and
Planters that the Convoys for the present year were
appointed to sail from Newn on the 10th of February,
30th of April, 27th of June and 27th of July.

His Honor the President Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

Your House is now adjourned to Thursday the 15th
of April

Council Chamber
23rd Mch 1815

By Command
(signed) Thos. R. Small
Clk. of Council

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charleston the
15th day of April 1815 pursuant to adjournment
Present

His Honor Thomas J. Cottle Esq^r President

John C. Mills

James Daniell

Peter Jefferys

Rev. Saml. Lyons

James Weekes

Samuel Laurence

Honbles.

} Esquires

Read the last day's proceeding

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

to His Honor the President Council

We herewith send you two Bills the One Entitled

"An Act for granting an Aid unto His Majesty his Heirs and Successors by a Duty or Tax of Eighteen Shillings Current Money per poll on the Negroes and other Slaves belonging to the Inhabitants of this Island and ten per Cent on the yearly Value of all Houses payable in Rum" And the other Entitled "An Act for granting an Aid unto His Majesty his Heirs and Successors by a Duty or Tax of Ten Shillings Current Money per poll on the Negroes and other Slaves belonging to the Inhabitants of this Island payable in Cash for the Cash Expenses of this Island." We beg leave to submit to your Board that in Enacting the above Bills We have endeavoured to observe strictly the Instructions of His Excellency the Captain General as pointed out in His Excellency's Letter of the 22th January this Year to the Speaker of this House and which Communication We now offer for your perusal and hope for the Concurrence of your Board

Assembly Room
April 6th 1715

(signed) Magnus Morton
Speaker

Motion made by the Honorable James Weches Esquire and seconded by the Honorable and Reverend Samuel Lyons Esquire that a Bill entitled "An Act for granting an Aid unto His Majesty his Heirs and Successors by a duty or Tax of Eighteen Shillings Current Money per poll on the Negroes and other Slaves belonging to the Inhabitants of this Island and ten per Cent on the yearly Value of all Houses payable in Rum" be read a first time at this Board and it was read a first time accordingly.

Motion made by the Honorable John C. Wells Esquire and seconded by the Honorable Samuel Laurence Esquire that a Bill entitled "An Act for granting an Aid unto His Majesty his Heirs and Successors by a Duty or Tax of Ten Shillings Current Money per poll on the Negroes and other Slaves belonging to the Inhabitants of this Island payable in Cash" be now read a first time and it was read accordingly

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

to His Honor the President Council

This House having called upon the Captain Gunner to furnish the Account of the Storage Duty of Powder and Arms down to the first of January this Year and the same having been presented this day differing in many essential points from all former Accounts particularly by not specifying the mode in which the expediture of Gun Powder has taken place, and neglecting to weigh several of the half Barrels - Have Resolved to reject the said Account which they now present to your Board and hope for your concurrence and approbation

Assembly Room
April 6th 1715

(signed) Magnus Morton
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
to The Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen
We herewith return the Account of the Captain Gunner; this Board knowing no reason why the usual mode of rendering such Account should be deviated from as in the present instance

Council Chamber
April 6th 1715

By Command John P. Small
Clk of Council

Motion made by the Honorable John C. Mills Esquire and seconded by the Honorable Peter Jefferys Esquire that the Bill entitled "An Act for granting an Aid unto His Majesty His Heirs and Successors by a Duty or Tax of Ten Shillings Current Money per poll on the Negroes and other Slaves belonging to the Inhabitants of this Island payable in Cash for the Cash expenses of this Island" be read a second time and it was read a second time accordingly.

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

This Board regrets being obliged to inform you that it cannot pass the Levy Bill for Reasons which it has already had the Honor of communicating to a Committee of Conference from your House to which it begs leave to refer you

Council Chamber
6th April 1715

By Command
(signed) John R. Small
Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

We beg leave to submit to your House "An Act for laying certain Duties and Impositions on the Importation of certain Articles permitted by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Royal Order in Council made the sixteenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fourteen" which has had two Readings, and we hope will meet with your approbation.

Assembly Room
6th April 1715

(signed) Magnus Morton
Speaker

Motion made by the Honorable James Wake Esquire seconded by the Honorable and Reverend Samuel Lyons Esquire that a Bill entitled "An Act for laying certain Duties and Impositions on the Importation of certain Articles permitted by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Royal Order in Council made the sixteenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fourteen" be read a first time and it was read accordingly.

Motion made by the Honorable John C. Mills Esquire seconded by the Honorable Peter Jefferys Esquire that the Bill entitled "An Act for granting an Aid unto His Majesty His Heirs and Successors by a Duty or Tax of Ten Shillings Current Money per poll on the Negroes and other Slaves belonging to the Inhabitants of and the Plantations in the Island of Nevis for raising sufficient Funds for the discharge of the Cash demands against the Public of this Island" be read a third time and it was read a third time accordingly.

His Honor the President then put to Vote whether the said Bill should pass into a Law, and it passed the Board accordingly.

Motion made by the Honorable Peter Jefferys Esquire seconded by the Honorable John C. Mills Esquire that the Bill entitled "An Act for laying certain Duties and Impositions on the Importation of certain Articles permitted by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Royal Order in Council made the

"The 10th day of December in the Year of Our Lord 1714"
he read a second time and it was read accordingly

To His Honor the President & Council
of the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

We herewith return you a Bill entit-
led "An Act for granting an Aid unto His Majesty
His Heirs and Successors by a Duty on Tare of Ten
Shillings Current Money per poll on the Negroes
and other Slaves belonging to the Inhabitants of and
the Plantations in the Island of Nevis for raising
sufficient funds for the discharge of the Cash demands
against the public of this Island" which has been
passed this Board, and also a Bill entit-
led "An Act for laying certain Duties and Impositions
on the Importation of certain Articles permitted
by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Royal
Order in Council made the sixteenth Day of De-
cember in the year of Our Lord One thousand, &
Eight hundred and fourteen" which has had two
Readings at this Board.

Council Chamber
6th April 1715

By Command
(signed) John R. Small
Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President & Council
We herewith send you an Act for laying certain
Duties and Impositions on the Importation of
certain Articles permitted by His Royal Highness
the Prince Regent's Royal Order in Council made

"the 10th day of December in the Year of Our Lord 1714"
which hath passed this House and We hope will
meet with your approbation.

Assembly Room
April 5th 1715
(signed) Magnus Morton
Speaker

Motion made by the Honorable James Weeks Esquire
seconded by the Honorable and Reverend Samuel
Lyons Esquire that the Bill entitled "An Act for lay-
ing certain Duties and Impositions on the Impor-
tation of certain Articles permitted by His Royal
Highness the Prince Regent's Royal Order in
Council made the 16th day of December in the year
of Our Lord 1714" be read a third time which
was done accordingly.

His Honor the President then put to Vote whether
the said Bill should pass into a Law, and it passed
the Board accordingly.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
to His Honor the President & Council

This House is of opinion that the most effectual
way of providing for the reception of His Excellency
the Captain General on his expected Visit to this
Island will be to authorize the President and Speaker
to make such arrangements as they may deem neces-
sary on the occasion, and this House pledge them-
selves to make good all expences which may attend
the same, to which they hope for the Concurrence
of your Board

Assembly Room
April 6th 1715
(signed) Magnus Morton
Speaker

His Honor the President Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen
This Board concurs with your
House in the mode it has pointed out as the most
effectual for providing for the reception of His Excellency
The Captain General on his expected Visit to the
Island.

Council Chamber
6th April 1715

By Command
(signed) John R. Small
Clk. of Council

His Honor the President Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

Your House is now adjourned to
Thursday the Twentieth Instant

Council Chamber
6th April 1715

By Command
(signed) John R. Small
Clk. of Council

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charlestown this
20th April 1715 pursuant to adjournment

Present

His Honor Tho: J. Colles Esquire President

Walter Maynard

John C. Mills

James Daniell

Members

Peter Jefferys

Rev: Sam: Lyons

James Wickes

Henry Paulins

Esquires

Read the last days proceedings

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

to His Honor the President and Council
This House begs leave to present to your Board a Letter
which has been received from the Captain General Sir
Charles in an answer to a Letter from the Speaker
informing him that the House had thought proper
to reject the account which he had rendered in made
up to the 1st of January last, and requiring him to
showe the same forms which have always been usual
on such occasions.

In submitting this Document to your Board the
House is desirous in the first place, of acquiring the
Cooperation of your Board in the application to the
Captain General for his Account, as is usual for the
two branches of Legislature to make, and as the Law
directs; and in the second, We should wish to have
the opinion of your Board as to the kind of Conduct
necessary to be observed on this occasion under the con-
templation of an early visit from his Excellency, with
whom it is our anxious wish to come to a complete
and satisfactory explanation on this Subject

This House is desirous of calling the attention of
your Board to the situation of insecurity in which
the public Cage attached to the Jail, is now plac'd
by having two holes in the wall, and for want of
Sticks to secure such unruly offenders as it may
be necessary to confine for a limited time.
Assembly Room
20th April 1715

(signed) Thomas Moulton
Speaker

His Honor The President and Council
to The Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

This Board having read the letter from the
Captain Guiner of Fort Charles which accompanied
your last message beg leave to suggest the propriety
of deferring any proceeding whatsoever thereon until
the expected arrival of His Excellency the Captain
General in this Island, when this Board will
cheerfully cooperate with your House in any mea-
sures on the subject which may be deemed expedient.

On the subject of the Public Cage this Board is
of opinion that its present state of Insecurity, toge-
ther with the exigency of the Stocks for the security
of muley offenders may well be referred to the
Committee for the Goal for their investigation and
Report with authority to them to direct such
Repairs as may be necessary.

By Command
Council Chamber } (signed) John R. Small
April 20th 1815 } Clk. of the Council

His Honor The President and Council
to The Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

This Board having this Day had Mr.
Frederick Suggins before them at his request on
the subject of the account brought by him against
the public for visiting the Court House, cannot
but imagine he has entirely lost sight of the origi-
nal Contract, and of the labours Investigation
and detailed reports of the joint Committee. Copies

of which are now forwarded for your investigation; and
they still think the correct and fair course to be pursued
will be to follow up the reports of the Committee by
referring the subject to your aid and recommend that Mr.
Suggins also be referred to the Committee who will
thereupon lay their report before the two Branches of
the Legislature.

By Command
Council Chamber } (signed) John R. Small
April 20th 1815 } Clk. of the Council

His Honor The President and Council
to The Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

Your House is now adjourned

By Command
Council Chamber } (signed) John R. Small
April 20th 1815 } Clk. of the Council

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charles Town
this twentieth day of May 1815 pursuant to summons
Present

The Honorable Thomas S. Cottle Esquire President
James Daniell
Honbles. Peter Jefferys } Esquires
Sam. Lawrence }
Rev. Sam. Lyons }

Read the last day's proceedings
The Gentlemen of the Assembly
to His Honor The President Council
This House having had an estimate submitted to
them

then signed by three Competent Persons of the extra
 Carpenter's Work done to the Court House pursuant to
 the wishes of your Board and also of the joint
 Committee of both Branches of the Legislature) begs
 leave to present the same to your Board, as the
 probable means of guiding your Opinions, and of
 effecting a settlement of the long disputed Account
 with the Contractor for the public Building it appear-
 ing by that statement, that the Carpenter's Work
 alone, nearly amounts to the whole remuneration
 required in his petition to both branches of the Le-
 gislature.

Assembly Room
 May 11th 1815

(signed) Magnus Morton
 Speaker

We the undersigned being called upon by Mr.
 Frederick Huggins to ascertain and value what may
 be considered as extra Work, agreeable to the nature of a
 Contract shewed us as entered into by his late Brother,
 Mr. William Huggins for erecting a Public Building to
 be "Plain and neat" Have viewed and examined said
 Building, and do consider the following Improvements
 and the extraordinary finish of the same as additional
 and extra Work, and which is separate from a plain
 Building, and have accordingly valued the same as
 set forth below, and have also subjoined an Estimate
 of Lumber and other materials for the said Extra
 Work viz.

1100 feet Sash Cases Moulding	210 ^{ft}	\$72.10	
Deduct 174 feet plain Moulding	210	13.1	\$59.9
A Frame for covering the Loft			51
174 feet Carving			156.12
Architraves for 17 Windows and 1 Door	228 ^{ft}		22.10
174 feet Plinth	27 ^{ft}		17.5
13 Pair Panel Windows	24	\$7	
Deduct 13 Pair Batten Ditto	27 ^{ft}	11.11	24.9
1600 feet W. P. Lumber Extra Spikes			
Nails & Brads	\$25		
Workmanship for Sash Case		\$100	
Deduct for plain Ditto		55	95
Turning & Hand Wood Navel Posts	220 ^{ft}		
98 Ditto Banisters	98	42.6	
71 feet Ditto Hand railing	67	21.6	71.12
2 Pair lined Windows	27 ^{ft}		2.14
4 Single Architraves	27 ^{ft}		2.10
1 Double Ditto			1.5
130 feet W. P. Lumber for Windows and Architraves - 4 pair Hinges with Wall Hooks lead for Ditto - 40 Nails 11 Sliding Bolts 11 Hooks and 8 Staples 11 fastenings 250 - 10 ² Nails 10 long Spikes for hand Rail			
Roofing & Ceiling Lobby or Staircase		\$67.10	
Deduct for Ditto agreeable to plan		33.15	33.15
			Continued 534.14

To Amount brought Over £ 534.14

2 Doors under Stair Case @ 9/- 18

2 pair hinges for Dills 1 each & 2 Staples

2500 feet Lumber

Deduct 1250 feet agreeable to Original Plan

1250 feet Extra

350 feet for Architraves, Sleepers for landing & Windows

1417 feet P. P. Lumber for Stair Case & String Boards

Deduct 709 feet agreeable to Original Plan

709 feet Extra

Deduct 6000 Cypress Shingles

3000 feet agreeable to Original Plan

3000 Extra

6m 6" Nails, 100 30" Dills 2m 10", 1m 20" Extra

15 long Spikes for String Boards Extra

3 Architraves for Doors @ 25/- 3.15

14 pair Panel Windows & 5 Doors @ 26/- 114

Deduct for Batten D. & Dills @ 15/- 42.15 71.5

275 feet Modillion Block Conico Moulding @ 25/-

Deduct 175 feet Plain Moulding @ 3/- 26.5 248.15

1 m feet W. P. Lumber Extra

Architraves for 14 Windows and 3 Doors @ 27/- 22.19

2 Pilasters for 1 Door 7.14

Moulding Arch of Dills with Cornice 3.6 10.10

191 feet Chair Moulding @ 3/- 21.13

153 feet Plinth @ 2/- 15.6

Architraves for 9 Doors & Windows in Secretary's and Marshal's Office (single) @ 13/6 6.1.6

383 feet Modillion Block Conico Moulding on the outside @ 15/- £ 227.5

Deduct 242 feet plain Moulding @ 3/- 36.6 250.19

£ 1193.5.0

Payable in Money or produce at Cash Price

1500 feet W. P. Lumber Extra

1 m Boards

(signed) John Hancock
James Herbert
Francis Brauch

To Amount brought Over £ 1193.5.0

25 % Cent Added 297.6.14

£ 1491.11.14

4600

130

1250

550

1000

910

1500

9940 feet W. P. Lumber

709 feet P. P. Dills } @ £ 50 ym £ 532.9

3000 22 in. Cypress Shingles @ £ 9 27

Extra Hard Wood for Newel Posts, Banisters and Railing 25.14

Run @ 14/- 584.13

Add 25 % Cent 146.3.3

Spikes, Nails, & Brads for Loft £ 25

4 Can. Hinges with 10 all Hooks @ 20/- 10 1/2 mails @ 3/- 6.10

17" Lead @ 6" 4 Outside fasts 2 3/4 4 1/2 2 1/2 @ 2/- 3.6

4 Hooks & Staples @ 2/- 10 long Spikes for hand Rail @ 1/6 1.3

250 10" Nails @ 3/- 2 pair hinges for Doors for Stair Case @ 1/6 5.6

1 Hook & 2 Staples 2/- 6m 6" Nails 16/- 100 30" D. @ 12/- 5.10

2m 10" Nails @ 27/- 1m 20" D. @ 36/- 15 long Spikes @ 1/6 5.12.13

1 m Boards @ 12/- 12.10 53.3

£ 228.11.12

His Honor the President Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

Anxious to a Sense of Our Insecurity
by the Events that have lately taken place in Europe, we
deem it proper to call on your House to join in an
address to the Captain General respecting the state of
Fort Charles, to ascertain whether the Captain Gunner
is amenable to the two branches of the Legislature
as has been customary, or whether His Excellency has
taken the Jurisdiction of the Fort out of their Power.
The Board also wishes to call the attention of your House
to the necessity of arming and embodying the Militia either
by passing a new Bill for that purpose or by enforcing
the Act generally called Johnston's Law.

Council Chamber
11th May 1715

By Command
(signed) Will. Slater
Clk. of Council
Pro. Vani.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council

This House has long felt the degraded situation
which the two branches of the Legislature have been
reduced to by the extraordinary Conduct of the Captain
Gunner of Fort Charles, which they cannot for a mo-
ment suppose to meet with the approbation of the Cap-
tain General without being influenced by misrepresen-
tations. This House will therefore cordially cooperate
with your Board in any measures which may tend to
throw a light on this intricate subject, and beg leave
to suggest that a Memorial from both Houses should
be submitted to His Excellency, setting forth all the

circumstances of the case, the excessive insecurity of the
Island in consequence of the constant absence of the
Captain Gunner from his Post in contempt of the high-
est Authority in the Island, (always hitherto consulted
on such occasions) and in fact the having the jurisdiction
of the Fort removed from the President, and assumed
without Consent by the Captain Gunner.

This House is very that it cannot agree with your
Board either in the propriety of enacting a new Militia
Bill or in enforcing the Act commonly called Johnston's
Law, first because we feel the inadequacy of our means
to effect any of the desirable ends of a Militia force, not
having under the present system the Power of procuring
Arms or Ammunition from the Fort: and secondly because
we cannot entertain an Idea that a necessity exists to have
recourse to an Act which is a disgrace to an enlightened
Age.

Assembly Room
11th May 1715

(signed) Maguire Doctor
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

you

This Board concurs in the suggestion from
your House and appoint the Honble John C. Miller and the Hono-
rable James Wecker Eques as a Committee from this Board
to join such Members from your House as you may ap-
point to form a Committee for the purpose of preparing
a Memorial respecting the Conduct of the Captain Gun-
ner and the State of Fort Charles.

Council Chamber
11th May 1715

By Command
(signed) Will. Slater
Clk. of Council
Pro. Vani.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
to His Honor the President and Council
Agreeable to the last intimation from your Board this
House has appointed William Washington Wilkes, John
Richardson and Sunday Nicholson Esquires to form a
Committee conjointly with the Honorable John C. Mills
and the Honorable James Wickes Esquires for the pur-
poses already stated.

Assembly Room
11th May 1715

(signed) Magnus Moxton
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

Your House is now adjourned to
Thursday the 25th Instant.

Council Chamber
11th May 1715

By Command
(signed) Willkates
Clk. of Council
Pro. Tem

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charles Town
this 25th Day of May 1715 pursuant to adjournment
Present

The Honorable Thomas J. Cotte Esq^r. President

John C. Mills

James Wickes

Honorables

Rob^t Linn Lyons

Samuel Lawrence

Henry Rowland

Peter Jefferys

Esquires

Read the last Day's proceeding

The Honorable John C. Mills laid before the Board the
report from the joint Committee appointed to prepare
a Memorial to the Captain General on the Subject of
Fort Charles

News 22nd May 1715

The joint Committee of the Board of Council and
House of Assembly appointed by the Resolutions of the
Board and House of the 10th day of May instant
to prepare a Memorial to His Excellency the Captain
General for the purposes in such Resolutions mentioned,
having met this Day for the purpose of proceeding there-
on and examined into the facts relating to the Subject
and finding that Circumstances very important to the
full investigation of the Matter are not yet formally
laid before the Legislature, are of opinion that a regu-
lar detail of all the facts come to the knowledge of
the Committee should in the first instance be laid before
the Board and House in the form of a Report. And
Your Committee therefore beg leave to Report their progress
upon the business referred to them and request the direc-
tions of the Board and House for their further proceed-
ing

(signed) J^r Colburn Mills
Chairman for Committee of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
to His Honor the President and Council

A Report having been submitted to this House from
such Members of the House as form a part of the joint
Committee appointed at our last meeting for the pur-
pose of making an enquiry into and full investigation
of the Conduct of the Captain General of Fort Charles

We beg leave to present the same to your Board, and to recommend that every effect be given to a suggestion that the joint Committee should be authorized to call all persons with papers before them who they may have reason to imagine to be in possession of Accounts proving the Circumstances of Gun Trades for Cash and also any other practices which appear to deserve the attention of the two branches of the Legislature.

Assembly Room
25th May 1815

(signed) Magnus Mocton
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

The Committee from this Board to whom conjointly with a Committee from your House it was referred to prepare a Memorial to the Captain General on the subject of the Fort having laid before this Board a duplicate of the Report alluded to in your Message, this Board is of opinion that such Committee should be authorized to proceed in the examination suggested by their report and Concess with your House in the propriety of giving full authority to such Committee to call for and examine such witnesses and papers as will lead to a full investigation of all the matters in question.

Council Chamber
25th May 1815

By Command
(signed) Will^m Slater
Clk. of Council
Pro tem

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

This Board in reply to the Message

from your House of the seventh instant accompanying an Estimate or Account of extra Work said to be done by the Contractors for the Public Buildings, regret to observe that the mode of proceeding to obtain such estimate is by no means in compliance with the wishes of this Board. The Board having expressly stated it to be their opinion that such extra Work should be ascertained under the authority or with the priority of the Committee to whom the whole of the original Accounts were referred, and that the report of such Committee should regulate the proceeding of the Legislature, and they are still unanimously of opinion that such mode of proceeding alone is the proper one to adopt on an occasion which so deeply implicates the public interest.

Council Chamber
25th May 1815

By Command
(signed) Will^m Slater
Clk. of Council
Pro tem

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
to His Honor the President and Council

This House is ready to meet your Board on the subject of the Contractor's claims on account of the public Buildings, with a view not only of attending to him, but also with a due consideration for the Public Creditors in general. This House therefore agrees that an appointment shall take place under the auspices of the Committee for Public Buildings, and request the Concurrence of your Board to instruct the said Committee to take such steps as may be likely to lead to an immediate and definitive result.

Assembly Room
25th May 1815

(signed) Magnus Mocton
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

Your House is adjourned to Thursday
next the 1st of June

Council Chamber

25th May 1715

By Command
(signed) Will. Slater
Clk. of Council
Pro. Ten

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charles-town this 1st
Day of June 1715 pursuant to adjournment

Present

His Honor Thomas John Cottle Esquire President

Walter Maynard

John C. Mills

Peter Jefferys

Rev.^d Samuel Lyon

Samuel Lawrence

Henry Rowland

Assesses

Esquires

Read the last Days proceedings

The Honble John Colhoun Mills asked leave to lay before
the House the Report of the Committee appointed to
prepare a Memorial to the Captain General on the Subject
of Fort Charles which was read as follows

Court House May 21st 1715

The Joint Committee of the Board of Council and
House of Assembly appointed to report on the Matter
referred to them relating to the Powder Duty, having in
the progress of their examination obtained Evidence of so
serious a nature respecting the expediture of that Revenue
as to make it desirable to examine some of the Officers
or

or Matroses of the Fort for that purpose required the attend-
ance of Joseph Abary and William Davis the two princi-
pal Matroses the former being sick your Committee despaired
with his attendance but William Davis having neglected to
attend your Committee they submit to your Board and
House the Report of the Officer directed to summon them
and your Committee think it right to suspend their full
report until after your Board and House shall have en-
deavored to obtain a legal return from the Captain Gunner
of the actual Expediture of the Powder in his Charge.

Your Committee therefore beg leave to report their pro-
gress with leave to sit again and submit to your Board and
House whether it would not be proper to call for a
Resolution for such Return upon Oath as the Act of the
Island in that Case prescribes.

(signed) Tho. Colhoun Mills
Chairman

To the Honble John C. Mills Esquire
Chairman of the Committee appointed to investigate cer-
tain Matters relating to the Fort

Sir

Your letter of yesterday date I duly receiv-
ed and beg leave to report agreeable to your direction that
I proceeded this morning early to the Fort to summons
William Davis one of the Matroses to attend the Committee
to day at 11 O'clock, I was informed he was out fishing
but would return in an hour or two, about two hours after
I sent Mr. Cook (one of my authorized assistants) to execute
the summons, He states that on entering the Gun boat
between the Fort & the Captain Gunner's house a cry of
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the gate, the gate, was occupied by a man on the gun
 that on arriving at the gate he found it closed, on receiving
 this account, I proceeded to the Fort to execute the summons
 on my approaching the Fort, some one of the Matthews
 standing at the Captain Gunners steps made a signal to
 the Fort, inquired for the Captain Gunner, I was informed
 he was at St. Kitts, I then inquired by what authority the Public
 Officer had been prevented from executing his duty, I was denied
 that he had been prevented, or that the gates had been closed,
 I then proceeded to the Gate and could not get admitted, it
 being closed, and fastened with an Iron bar and a post.
 I then returned to the Captain Gunners house and desired
 Mr. Dredbolt, & Mr. St. Ambrose, who was there to bear
 witness that I had been opposed in the execution of my
 public duty they intimated that Mr. Slater was Mr. Watson's
 representative, I repaired to the Custom House to Mr. Slater
 and informed him officially that I had been checked in
 the execution of my duty, I demanded of him officially as
 Mr. Peters's Representative entrance into the Fort.

Mr. Slater informed me he must take legal advice
 and consulted Mr. Stamberton, after having done so, he
 informed me he would accompany me to the Fort and
 have the gates opened, which being done I demanded to
 see William Davis, and was informed he was not in the
 Fort, I deposited a copy of the summons in his house
 and departed.

A. W. Joseph Alvarez
 the other Matthews
 I had previously
 summoned

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 Your obedient servant
 (signed) Geo. Hobson
 Dep. Sec. Mar.

This Honr. The President and Council
 to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
 Gentlemen

We herewith transmit for your consideration the
 Report of the Joint Committee appointed to report on the
 Subject of the Fort pursuant to the Resolution of both Houses
 on the twenty fifth Ult.

Council Chamber,
 1st June 1815

By Command
 (signed) John P. Small
 Clk. of the Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
 to His Honor The President and Council

We beg leave to request your Concurrence to the following
 Resolutions, which we deem essentially necessary to support the
 respect due to both Branches of the Legislature.

Resolved that the neglect or refusal of William Davis, one
 of the Matthews residing in Fort Charles to attend a Meeting
 of the Joint Committee of the Council and Assembly appointed
 to enquire into and report on the Conduct of the Captain
 Gunner of Fort Charles after being formally summoned by
 the Deputy Provost Marshal of said Island is a Contempt
 deserving at least of dismissal from his situation.

Resolved accordingly that the said William Davis be
 dismissed from said Fort and that the Treasurer be directed
 to stop the payment of the Wages allotted to said Mathews
 from the date hereof.

Resolved that a Copy of these Resolutions be saved
 in the Master Gunner of Fort Charles.

This House also in Conformity with the Wishes of the
 Committee agree that a Joint application should be made
 to the Captain Gunner of Fort Charles to make the usual

legal return of the actual expediture of the Gun powder
under his charge

Assembly Room
June 1st 1715

(signed) Magius Morton
Speaker

His Honor the President and Council
to The Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

This Board is of opinion that under the
unusual Circumstances in which we are at present placed
with respect to the Conduct at the Fort, it would be
most judicious and prudent to wave taking any Steps
suspecting the Parties concerned till after the report of
the Committee has been laid before the two Houses

We conceive with your Honor that a joint application
be made to the Captain General of Fort Charles to
make the usual legal return of the actual Expediture
of the Gun powder under his charge

This Board agrees with your Honor that the Conduct
of William Davis has merited the Punishment of Dis-
missal from his situation, but would wish to recom-
mend in the present Situation of the Investigation
by the Committee of the Conduct of the Captain
General of Fort Charles that this man who is but a
very subordinate agent should at least for the pre-
sent Escape Punishment

Council Chamber
1st June 1715

(signed) By Command
W. R. Small
Clk. of the Council

His Honor the President and Council
to The Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

Your Honor is now adjourned to
Thursday the 9th Instant

By Command
(signed) W. R. Small
Clk. of the Council

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charleston on Thursday the
9th June 1715 pursuant to adjournment
Present

His Honor Thomas J. Coote Esquire President
John C. Mills
Rev. Sam. Lyons
The Honorable James Wreches } Esquires
Samuel Lawrence }
Henry Rowland }
Read the last Days Proceedings

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

This House having taken into consideration the Damage
likely to be expensured by the Island in general from the
Circumstance of enforcing the strict payment of the Image
Duty on Vessels with parts of Cargoes or Cargoes of no con-
siderable value trading to this Country, which till a late
period when it was found to create the displeasure of His
Excellency the Captain General, had usually been remitted
by the Resolutions of the two branches of the Legislature,
They have to call your attention to the propriety of submit-
ting the circumstance to His Honor the Commander in
Chief

Chief, and praying him through the medium of the
President and Speaker to grant his approbation to the two
Houses to continue to use that discretion in cases where
they shall judge them fit objects of amission without
injury to the Country.

This House hoping for the concurrence of your Board,
request further to suggest, that this Message with your
Answer should be forwarded by the President and Speaker
(signed) Magnus Morton
Speaker

Assembly Room
2th June 1715

His Honor the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

We herewith transmit for your Consideration
the Report of the Committee appointed by the Joint
Resolutions of the Board of Council and House of Assembly
to prepare a Memorial to His Excellency the Captain General
on the Subject of the Powder Duty and Conduct of the
Captain Gunner of the principal Fort and by subsequent
Proceedings of the Board and House empowered and directed
in the first instance to examine into the Facts
and Circumstances relating to these Matters and fully
to report thereon.

Council Chambers
2th June 1715

By Command
(signed) John A. Small
Clerk of the Council

Report

Committee Room June
7th 1715

The Committee appointed by the joint Resolutions
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of the Board of Council and House of Assembly to prepare a
Memorial to His Excellency the Captain General on the Subject
of the Powder Duty and Conduct of the Captain Gunner of the
principal Fort, and by subsequent Proceedings of the Board and
House empowered and directed in the first instance to examine
into the Facts and Circumstances relating to these Matters and
fully to report thereon. Therein shew in pursuance of such direction and
Authority proceeded in the performance of the duty imposed
upon them and by divers meetings and adjournments attentively
examined into all the Facts submitted to their consideration and
as the principal ground of their investigation has been directed
to the consideration of the expediture of the Revenue arising out
of the Tax or Duty called the Ammunition duty of powder and
arms paid into the hands of the Captain or Master Gunner of
Fort Charles your Committee think it not unimportant to
state that it appears to them that complaints of the unjust
expediture of this Revenue are not of modern date as the
Act No. 104 intituled "An Act to explain and amend an Act
intituled an Act for all Defects to pay Ammunition Powder and
Arms" appears to have been ^{made} expressly to guard against this
evil and by the second Section it Enacts "That whereas by virtue
of the said Act the said Duty of Powder and Arms is to be
paid to and received by the Gunner of Fort Charles in the
said Island and the Gunners have often neglected to receive
the said Powder and Arms and have taken and received money
from the Masters of Vessels instead of the Powder and Arms
and have not paid the money which they have so received
into the Treasury of the Island but have converted it to their
own proper use and those Gunners have died insolvent
whereby our Sovereign Lord the King hath been defrauded
of the Duty of Powder and Arms, and his Magazine
has been destitute of those Stores, for remedy whereof be

it enacted by the authority aforesaid that the new duty
of Powder and Amm which was formerly by virtue of the
said Act paid to and received by the Gunner of Charles Fort
shall from the date hereof be paid to and received by the
Treasurer of the Island for the time being who is hereby
authorized and required to collect and receive the same
and receive them in His Majesty's Public Magazine taking
in receipt from the Gunner for the time being for said duty.

This Act however was repealed by the Act which is enser-
ved as now in force intitled an Act to encourage the
Trade from North America to this Island, and to oblige
all Vessels above unity Tons Burden to pay Powder and
Amm and to repeal two insufficient Acts to that purpose
one made and passed in the Year 1699, intitled An
Act to oblige all Vessels to pay Tonnage Powder and Amm.
The other made and passed in the Year 1734, intitled
An Act to amend and explain an Act intitled an
Act for all Vessels to pay Powder, Tonnage and Amm
which for causes not well known to your Committee re-
spected the powder collected as a tax or duty on Vessels
trading to the Island in the hands of the Captain or
Master of Fort Charles as the Receiver and keeper thereof
and your Committee apprehend that such alteration was
likely to have taken place in order to avoid the danger
and Risk which must have been incurred by so large an
accumulation of Gun powder as this duty created in
any less secure place than the Magazine of the Fort
but the Legislature appeared to guard against the abuse
of the trust thus committed to the Captain Gunner by
expressly enacting that he should from time to time
and as often as should require render an account of the
receipt and expensiture upon Oath to the Council and
Assembly

Assembly

your Committee in reference to the conduct of
the Council and Assembly of this Island since the passing
of the said last mentioned Act find on examination of
the Public Accounts and Records for a series of years back
that the Forts and Fortifications of this Island and the
said Duty collected for the support thereof have been un-
necessarily subject to the Conduct of those Legislative Bodies with
respect to the internal economy and arrangement thereof
that such Legislative Bodies have from time to time voted
for and caused to be paid out of the Public Treasury
several Sums of Money to a very considerable amount
for the maintenance and support of such Forts and
Fortifications without any reference to the Powder Duty
which Sums of Money and Supplies have been usually
regulated and applied under the direction of the Committee
from both Houses and such Committee have invariably
had admission to and free examination of all departments
of the said Forts. That in particular the returns of the
principal Fort have been made by the Captain Gunner for a
number of years without any exception to their authority
but on the contrary calling on the Legislature for such
assistance and supplies as the Fort required which were
from time to time granted, and paid for out of the
Public Treasury. That the Captain Gunner and Major's
Salaries to the amount of five hundred Pounds per
annum are regularly provided for in addition to their expens
for the Forts by the general tax Bills and in no manner
paid out of the Revenue arising from the Duty of Pow-
der and Amm. That in the year 1705 upon the appli-
cation of the present Captain Gunner and solely for his
accommodation he was allowed to take out of the Magazine
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two thousand pounds of powder for the purpose of erecting a Dwelling House for his new residence in the Fort and that he received such amount under the authority of the President and Council and Assembly without at all questioning the right of application. And your Committee concludes this a proper stage of their Report to state to your Board and House that from the examination of all the Records before them they do not discover any circumstances to justify a belief that at any time there existed or that there does now exist in the Legislative Bodies any Disposition to interfere with or control the Sale and Dispositions of the Island Stores than had been sanctioned by Custom and not controverted by former Governors for the good of His Majesty's service, and for the just and fair application of His Majesty's Revenue and that as relates to the conduct of the Presidents of the Island they appear to have acted in this respect upon the custom which has sanctioned their other proceedings in regard to His Majesty's Colonial Revenue namely by issuing orders for the application of such parts of such Revenue as were required for the Public Service under the sanction of the Council and Assembly and the authority of the President in this particular part of the executive duty of the Government seems to your Committee in many cases to be almost indispensable from the nature of the Seaward Island Government which under the Captain General or Governor in Chief prevails in other Islands of his Government, but more especially in this of a very short duration. But your Committee apprehends that it has never been denied that the local Government of the Island is responsible to the Captain General or Governor in Chief for its Acts, and subject to his control.

And

And your Committee believe that the present Captain Gunnor is in possession of Instructions given to him by Lord Savinton when he was Captain General in which the Captain Gunnor is expressly directed not to dispose of the Revenue unless under the Order of the Governor in Chief or the President of the Island and that until a very recent period the said Captain Gunnor acted under the authority of these instructions and especially in his various applications to the President of the Island respecting the conduct of the Fort.

In considering this part of the subject of the Researches of your Committee they are led to present to your view such an extraordinary fact relating to the Revenue from the Powder duty as must not only in every respect excite suspicion that the Legislature of this Island has in any instance interfered with this Revenue for any improper purpose, but must create astonishment that it should have been possible to make such an impression (which your Committee has reason to believe has gone abroad) as that the Public had been benefitted by the Powder Duty and applied its Revenue to vicarious purposes to the amount of several thousands of Pounds. In your Board and House will by a reference to the appendix A be in the possession of the various Certificates by which it appears that in the space of fifteen years namely from the year 1700 to the present year there has been paid out of the Public Treasury for the support and maintenance of the Forts the sum of Ten thousand One hundred and twelve Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Six Pence halfpenny, and that within the same period the Public has been filled by the Powder Duty to the amount of Eleven hundred and fifty nine Pounds thirteen shillings and Six pence only, leaving

leaving a deficiency actually provided for by the Public of Eight thousand nine hundred and fifty three Pounds three Shillings and one half penny in that period, and besides this mislaying it is in evidence to your Committee that the Public was charged in the year 1795-6 in money and Negro Labour for the Repairs and Improvements of Fort Charles in the sum of three thousand four hundred Pounds.

Your Committee by a due Consideration of this state of the Subject and a careful Comparison of the average annual amount of the Powder Duty paid to the Captain Gunner of Fort Charles were naturally led to an examination of the manner which rendered the Officers thus inadequate to their respective parts of their Duty to lay before your House and Board proofs which related they were to develop the Ministry, manifest such a shameful misapplication of the Revenue as must call loudly for instant reformation, if not for the punishment of the Authors of it.

By a reference to the returns made by the Captain Gunner it appears to your Committee that the annual average receipts of the Powder Duty since the appointment of the present Captain Gunner amount to about three thousand pounds of gun powder, and that the nominal expenditure in this face of such returns is nearly the whole amount of such revenue, but the actual expenditure as far as your Committee have been able to ascertain the same is not in many instances more than one third of that charge. Upon which presumption there ought to be a net Revenue of more than fifty per cent upon the Duty for the benefit of the Public, and yet as your Committee were partially

since the Public receives no such benefit but the same is wholly taken for the private advantage of the Captain Gunner.

Your Committee acknowledge that it would have been difficult for them notwithstanding the strong presumptions which induce them to have established the extent of this Public grievance (the Captain Gunner not having delivered to the Legislature such a Return upon Oath as would put them into the possession of his statement of the actual expenditure) but in addition to the evidence arising out of the examination of Francis Gaspari who for some time acted in the temporary Command of the Fort as stated in appendix H. The Captain Gunner has himself afforded the strongest positive testimony as far as the same goes of the fact by the extent and collected undigested receipts of Money in lieu of the Powder Duty in part of which commuted Money is in any measure proved to your Committee to have been well paid into the Treasury, or otherwise accounted for with the Public. The Treasurer's Certificate Appendix C will better elucidate this statement, and the enumerations respecting the payments of Money to the Captain Gunner as a Commutation for the Powder Appendix D, E, F, G, H, I, K, and L present in very positive terms the amount of a sum of two thousand seven hundred and twenty six pounds three shillings and three pence received by the Captain Gunner in lieu of the Powder Duty. The Times thus proved to have been paid will appear to arise mostly from irregular dates occasioned by the difficulty which your Committee have found to procure at this distant period the testimony of persons having paid the duties or Commutation in lieu thereof as relates to Captains of Ships, Merchants about and Merchants not having their Books to refer to. But the fact which

which appears on the evidence of which Amerson and
Purcell Brown and William Lawrence appendix F. G. K
of three Bows alone having for two successive years
1807 and 1808 paid to the Captain Gunner an average
of upwards of five hundred pounds current money per
year being upon the calculation before made by your
Committee about two thirds of the whole Revenue pre-
sents a bold feature in support of the conclusion that
his appropriation of this Revenue for his own purposes
must have exceeded fifty per cent on the Receipt in
every year since he has had the appointment.

To decide this fact further your Committee
have compared the scale of expenditure charged by the
Captain Gunner in the returns before the Committee
with a scale which has been laid before them as the
regulating scale for his Majesty's Ordnance and up-
on this comparison it appears that the Captain Gun-
ner's scale Charles has laid down a scale for him-
self in which the weight of powder allowed in His
Majesty's service for guns of every Caliber in the pro-
portion of $\frac{1}{2}$ lb for service and more than one half
for Ordnance purposes of valuing &c. for instance, the
charge twelve pounds of powder for firing a Salute
from a 24 pound gun and the scale alluded to al-
lows only eight pounds of powder for the same Caliber
when fired in actual service and six pounds for va-
luing and so in proportion for guns of less Caliber.
So that if he adhered strictly to the Rules of His Ma-
jesty's service there would be a saving of powder
in his hands of nearly the amount per cent before
stated to your Committee. But it appears to your Com-
mittee from the documents before them and the best
evidence

whence they have been able to procure of the actual ex-
penditure of the powder that the Captain Gunner not
content with charging upon a scale so much above the
Ordnance Rules actually expends less than the amount
of those Rules in the proportion of one half in many
and one third in general instances according to which
it will appear that the Public is defrauded in many
instances of at least twenty per cent on the whole Revenue
of the Powder Duty. And your Committee apprehend that
it is by this means alone that the Captain Gunner is
enabled to Commit in Motion so large an annual
proportion of the Duty without accounting for the
same to the Public.

In drawing the attention of your Board and
House thus particularly to this intolerable violation of a
Public Trust your Committee will not disguise the cir-
cumstances for it which have come to their ears under the
pretence of fugitive pretences which under such ex-
traordinary circumstances as your Committee have stated
can only be admitted or even reasoned upon by those
who consider that moral systems and political duties
are to be abandoned for private vice and pretences
which if they could be tolerated to such an extent up-
on a large Scale would under the burthen of taxa-
tion an insufferable grievance instead of a general
benefit.

But your Committee are unhappily not con-
fined to reasoning upon this state of their revenues
in order to prove how grossly the Public injury has
been extended in the Compromise of that Revenue,
for by the evidence of Francis Gasparis and Joseph
Jones appendix H and I there are presented two
instances

instances which appear to your Committee to establish the charge of naked fraud - he covers the young six Gun of three or four former Calicut service each on occasion of valuing whilst by the return of the Captain Gunner for a six of new past it appears that six gun of less Calibre than nine pounders are charged and the measure of powder stated in that return to be used in the three pounders compared to the charge for the nine pound guns at our view shows the fraud against the public -

The other instance is in the document annexed to Mr. Jones' statement by which it appears that the Captain Gunner actually received into the Magazine the quantity of 268 pounds of damaged powder at a discount of nearly two thirds of its estimated value upon condition that he should be paid the difference in money and thereby took for his own use the sum of Forty two Pounds at the same time that he returned the said 268 pounds of Powder in his quarterly account as the regular Duty of the Ship for which it was paid without notice of its quality or of any credit given to the Public to make up its value. This transaction might afford another proof if it were wanting of the large proportion of the Powder charged beyond the expenditure and the facility with which the Captain Gunner in consequence thereof can extract from such transactions that species of Contribution which best suits his own pecuniary advantage.

Your Committee will forbear making any Commentary on the Criminality of this disclosure leaving it to the wisdom of your House to determine on the Character it merits but they are led by some reflection on the

the consequence of this last transaction to point out to your Board and House the danger in any case of permitting an Officer having charge of His Majesty's Stores to commute in money under the pretence of replacing the Stores in kind even though the Act raising the Duty should allow a commutation in money under the proper authorities which in this present Case it does not. Your Committee have not dwelt upon this circumstance of the commutation which has been so frequently made by the Captain Gunner for the full rate to be collected by that Officer by virtue of the act in the proportion of One for every hundred in or below liable to the powder Duty as the same appears by the returns before your Committee because they consider that this as a minor evil will naturally find its remedy in the reformation so loudly called for with respect to the appropriation of the larger Duty. But your Committee beg leave to advert to one circumstance relating to the full rate commuted: they have discovered by searching the Treasurer's Accounts in order to find if any Credit had been ever given for the Commutation Money received by the Captain Gunner for the Powder, that in the year 1790 the Captain Gunner paid into the Treasury the sum of twenty eight pounds two Shillings for full rate commuted at £3.0.0 and £5.0.0 and this alone proves to your Committee that at that time at least the Captain Gunner considered himself liable as he undoubtedly now is to account for and pay into the Treasury the moneys thus received.

Your Committee have thus far endeavoured to discharge the duty committed to them by your Board and House with respect to the actual state of the Colonial Revenue of Powder Duty and Arms unmixed with and unbiassed by any considerations of Public or Private Amusement.

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And it results from their investigation that a criminal abuse exists in the appropriation of it in so much as so very large a proportion of the duty is taken by the Officer in whose charge it is placed and applied to his own emolument, that little or nothing remains towards the maintenance and support of the Majesty's Colonial Forts and Satisfaction, that in consequence of this abuse the Majesty's Colonial Subjects have been annually taxed in a sum equal to the whole net amount of the Powder Duty for the purpose of supplying the wants and keeping up the repairs of such Forts and Satisfaction. That the Captain Gunner has illegally received a very large sum as a commutation of the Powder Duty which he ought to account for.

That a reformation in the mode of charging the Public so that the actual expenditure should appear in the returns and a stop put to the illegal power exercised by the Captain Gunner of receiving commutation money without authority or account would leave a surplus in the favor of the Public applicable to the purpose of the Forts and Satisfaction nearly if not quite adequate to the relief of the Colony from the said annual taxation. In the opinion of your Committee it will be expedient to call for the sanction of the Governour to an immediate remedy for these grievances and that a most essential remedy would be to vest the power of commutation for a certain proportion of the Duty (as is done in the Island of Saint Christopher) in the Legislative Bodies, such Commutations to be paid into the Treasury under the Executive and Legislative Control by which means no greater quantity of powder would be in the power of the Captain Gunner than

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was required for the actual expenditure, and that such commutations might be reduced to a certain scale which would regulate the Captain Gunner's account.

Your Committee would gladly have terminated their labors but as in the course of their proceedings they have obtained such information as appears directly to lead to a development of the system that has for some time past been so successfully working as to have not only brought upon the Legislature the painful and much lamented censure of the House of the Governour at the very instant their personal exertions were used for and their talents contributing to the good of the Public Services but to have raised in the Community a most anxious feeling in consequence of the manner in which the very person who has injured the Public has arrogated to himself the right of setting all the local authorities at defiance and of even presuming to threaten in the name of the Governour the exercise of his power over them by way of intimidating their proceedings.

Your Committee under these circumstances feel it to be a Duty which they owe to their Country and more especially to your Honorable Houses to expose the disgusting scene.

Your Committee feel the most lively emotions of indignation and their minds revolt with horror while they relate to you Board and advise that no less an attempt has been made to injure the Community than a Change of the Public Bodies being influenced by false and intentions so adverse to the exercise of His Majesty's Prerogative in the Colony as to amount almost to Treason.

The instruments of this base proceeding and the full reputation of the design will appear by the documents

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in the appendix **M. N. O. P.** a design which your Committee would on any other occasion and under any other circumstances have been disposed to treat with Contempt, but as the Plot is marked under the solemn authority of Magisterial forms, and appears to have been laid for various effects the weapons of the Parties ought to return the contents of the Spooned Chalice to their own lips - your Committee will not venture to make any further Comment on this odious transaction than this that before the Captain Gunner lent his name to it, and interested himself as it is too apparent that he did, even to threats to intimidate, He should have recollected that he held the appointments of King's Council and Magistrate for more worthy purposes than to favour his own private views. That the Person whose deposition he procured under such solemn form and which detailed a private Conversation (which appears to be positively contradicted) stood in such relationship to him and was under such circumstances of delicate Obligations as rendered his taking the deposition in the form he did highly objectionable and that by having forwarded it to the Governor without any Communication to the Person against whom the accusation more immediately applied, he sacrificed the duties of a Magistrate to the feelings of a Party.

To conclude this ungrateful and most shameful subject and as connected with the last statement your Committee beg to call the attention of your Board and House to the general and almost studied absence of the Captain Gunner from his duty, in the very extraordinary letters addressed by him to the House of Assembly which is on the Records of the House. To the advertisement

advertisement for some time inserted in the Public papers respecting the payment of the Powder Duty and the novel character under which he appears by that advertisement to claim the receipts of the duty, a Character as yet unknown either to the President or Legislative Bodies in the document which he has issued as a notice to persons supposed to be liable for arrears of the powder duty which is copied in the appendix **Q.** and in which he so inconsistently with his advertisement and is contrary to the Law demands payment in money or Powder. And lastly to a circumstance which at the instant of your Committee terminating their Report, has come to their knowledge in the document appendix **R.** being a receipt for the commutation of the Powder duty enforced by the Captain Gunner on Tuesday last against a British Vessel only partially loaded and the money taken instead of Powder by the Captain Gunner. This last went appears to your Committee to be a most marked instance of the Captain Gunner's intention to act in open violation of the Law and defiance of all local Authority.

(signed) John Colham Mills } Committee
James Wecker } from Council
Will^m. W. Wilkes }
John Richardson } Committee from
J. Nicholson } the Assembly

Appendix **A** above referred to
Novis 30th May 1715.

I John Huggins, Deputy Treasurer of the said
Island of Novis Do hereby Certify that I have searched the
Books

Books containing the Public Accounts of the said Island and that it appears by such Books that from the Year One thousand Eight hundred to the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifteen the several annual Sums paid, and to be paid out of the Public Treasury for the Bate and Satisfaction of the said Island amount in the whole to the Sum of Ten thousand One hundred and twelve Pounds thirteen Shillings and Six Pence Currency. And that by the same Books it appears that the Public has received Benefit from the Sale of Powder for the same period to the amount of One thousand One hundred and fifty nine pounds thirteen Shillings and Six Pence Currency, and the several annual payments and Credits appear as in the Schedule hereunder written.

(signed) John Huggins

By Seal

Year 1800	£ 772. 12. 6
1801	540. 16. 10
1802	485. 8. -
1803	693. 9. 9
1804	1162. 11. 2
1805	113. 17. 2
1806	571. 12. -
1807	624. 5. 1
1808	211. 19. -
1809	627. 4. -
1810	565. 4. -
1811	742. 1. -
1812	615. 12. -
1813	599. 12. -
1814	571. 12. -
1815	555. 11. -
Subsistence from Pub. Treasury	£ 10,112. 16. 6 1/2

Powder credited the Public Treas.

Year 1800	220 lb. sold to Mr. Shepley	24/6	£ 5. 10. 0
1801	50 lb. sold to Mr. Payne	24/6	7. 5. 0
1809	1600 lb. 1000 lbs. to Mr. Wilson	10/6	10. 10. 0
	50 - Capt. Shelton		30. 0. 0
	500 - Capt. Huggins for Powder		15. 0. 0
1810	2000 lb. to Mr. Schobald	10/6	20. 0. 0
1811	157 lb. sold to Mr. Hart	2/6	29. 5. 0
1812	192 lb. - Captain Hart	2/6	49. 5. 0
	51 lb. - Mr. Hart	2/6	7. 15. 0
	600 lb. - Captain Hart	10/6	6. 10. 0
			£ 1159. 12. 6
			£ 1012. 16. 6 1/2
			£ 159. 12. 6
			£ 1953. 3. 0 1/2

Appendix C above referred to.

News May 30th 1815. I do hereby Certify that I have examined the Public Account Book from the Year One thousand Eight hundred to the present period and find no Sum whatever paid into the Treasury by the Captain Gunner of Charles Fort as Money in Commutation of Gun Powder.

(signed) John Huggins

By Seal

Appendix D above referred to.

Court House 27th May 1815

News

At a Meeting of the Committee appointed to report on the Subject of the Fort pursuant to the proceedings of the Legislature of the 25th May inst.

David Wane of the said Island Merchant having attended

attended the Committee, and being required to state if he had ever paid to Mr. Peterson the Captain Gunner of Fort Charles any sum or sums of money for or in the nature of Commutation for powder Duty and Armes for Ships or Vessels trading to the said Island and liable to the said Duty. States that in the year 1811 he paid to the said John Peterson the sum of \$20. 50 on Account of the Duty of powder and Armes for the Brig Sarah Captain Gill, and the sum of \$40. 00 for the Trade Duty and Armes of the Ship Dartington Captⁿ Johnson, and that in the following year he had the payment of the disbursements of the Ship John and Sarah Captⁿ Bolton and that in such disbursements the sum of \$59 was stated to have been paid by Messrs Willoughby to the said John Peterson on Account of the Trade Duty and Armes for the said Ship which sum he believes was actually paid.

John Colburn Mills
Chairman

(signed) Dan. Wolfe
\$ 20. 50
40. 00
\$ 60. 50

Appendix E above referred to

Navis

Court House May 27th 1815

At a Meeting of the Committee appointed to report on the Subject of the Fort pursuant to the proceedings of the Legislature on the 25th of May inst.

Edward Wolfe of the said Island Merchant having attended the Committee and being required to state if he had any knowledge of payments made to the Captain Gunner of Fort Charles for or in the nature of a commutation

a commutation for powder Duty and Armes, States that in the year 1813 he was Clerk to Mordant James Shipley who carried on an extensive trade in the said Island and that during that year the Trade Duty for the several Ships trading to the said Mordant James Shipley was paid by him to John Peterson the Captain Gunner of Fort Charles in the nature of commutation at the rate of six Shillings per pound according to the best of his recollection and that the amount of such commutation was carried into Account to the Credit of the said John Peterson as a such transaction and he only believes the said John Peterson on one occasion sold powder to the said Mordant James Shipley for the use of a Ship called the Aurora, but not having the Books of Account of the said Mordant James Shipley to refer to he is unable to state the amount or other particulars of such purchase.

John Colburn Mills
Chairman

(signed) Edw. Wolfe

Appendix F above referred to

Navis

Court House May 27th 1815

At a Meeting of the Committee appointed to Report on the Subject of the Fort pursuant to the proceedings of the Legislature of the 25th Day of May inst.

Wich Harrison of the said Island Esquire attended the Committee and being required to state if he had ever in his Capacity of a Merchant in the said Island paid to Mr. John Peterson the Captain Gunner of Fort Charles any sum or sums of Money for or in the nature of Commutation for powder Duty and Armes for Ships or Vessels trading to the said Island and liable to such Duty. States

States that he was a Partner in the House of Wilson Harrison & Co. during the years 1807, 1808, 1809, and 1810 and that to the best of his belief all the Duties of Customs and Taxes becoming due under the Act of the Island for the several Ships trading to the said Copartnership firm were commuted for in money with Mr. Peterson the Captain Gunner of Fort Charles and that such Commutation Money was accrued to account with the said Mr. Peterson in the Books of the said Wilson Harrison & Co. that he is not enabled to refer to, or produce all the Books of account of the said Wilson Harrison & Co. some of them having been sent to England, but that the account was produced and marked with the Letter **B** and certified by Edward Schep and a true Copy taken from the Account Current Book of the said firm, contains a just Account of the same commuted with the said Mr. Peterson between the months of February and November 1810 amounting together to the sum of £ 120. 10. Currency and that according to the best of his recollection and belief the sums paid annually for the said three then preceding years were about the same average, and that he apprehends the whole amount paid to the said John Peterson by the House of Wilson Harrison & Co. for the four before mentioned years could not be less than the sum one thousand six hundred pounds Current Money.

John Colborn Miller
Chairman

(signed) Brock Harrison

Appendix **B** above referred to
John Peterson Esquire

To Wilson Harrison & Co. do.
Aug. 24. To Balance of A/c. Due to Date ----- £ 122. 11. 1

Oct. 31	To Cash this Day	£ 10
1810	Mar. 1 To Little Lilla 10 th Cash of	2. 14.
May 14	To 1 Newstead Linn 20 S	0
30	To this sum surplus your by on A/c	1. 2.
June 2	To 1 Newstead Linn 20 S	0
		£ 505. 11. 1

Credit

1809	Oct. 30	By fat pass for Defect to St. Croix	£ 10
1810	July 22	By 100 lb Gun powder & fat pass Ship Cambridge	31. 10.
	Mar. 2	By fat pass for Ship Lady Emily	0
	14	By Little Lilla 10 th Cash of	0
		By Cutter Dominica for 50 lb Gun powder	12. 12.
	17	By Little Lilla Drighening Taps	0. 12.
		By Ship John D. D.	0. 12.
		By Schooner Liverpool D.	0. 12. 10. 10.
	20	By Ship Nelly Powder Duty &c	0. 2.
	May 10	By Ship Lord Cranston D. D.	0. 25.
	11	By Ship Lady Emily fat pass	0
		By Schooner Morton Drighening Taps to 22 th May 1811	0. 12.
	20	By Ship Nancy Powder Duty preparation of Cargo	12. 10.
	July 18	By Ship Augusta D.	24. 15.
	28	By King Distal D.	0. 17.
	Nov. 24	By Ship Shepley D.	0. 1.
	Dec. 31	By Balance due Wilson Harrison & Co.	505. 7. 1
			£ 505. 11. 1

The above is a true Copy taken from the Account Current Book of Wilson Harrison & Co.

(signed) Edward Schep

31. 10.
12. 12.
0. 2.
0. 25.
0. 12.
0. 12.
0. 15.
0. 17.
0. 1.
505. 7. 1
£ 420. 16

Appendix G above referred to

Novis Court House May 27th 1815
 At a Meeting of the Committee appointed to Report
 on the Subject of the Fort pursuant to the proceedings of the
 Legislature of the 25th Day of May Inst.

Ernest Brown Clerk to Gentry Nicholson of the
 said Island Merchant attended the Committee and produced
 an Account taken from the Books of Account of the said
 J. Nicholson which account is marked C and subscribed
 by the said Ernest Brown and he states that the same
 is a just and true extract from the Books of account
 of the said Gentry Nicholson of the several Sums of money
 paid by him to John Peterson Captain Gunner of Fort
 Charles for and on account of the Powder Duty and Amm^o
 for the several Vessels therein named in the Years 1805,
 1806, 1807, 1808 and 1809 and is for a Commutation of
 the said Powder Duty, and that the said several Sums
 do paid amount to the Sum of Four hundred and twenty
 four pounds, ten Shillings Currency

(Signed) R. P. Brown

John Clarke Miller
 Chairman

Appendix C above referred to

Account of Money paid by G. Nicholson to Mr. John
 Peterson in lieu of Powder due from sundry Vessels

Year	Month	Vessel	Amount
1805	Nov ^r 12	Ship Ann	£ 9
1806	7 th	Brig Ann & Eliza	47. 15
	July 5	Ship Governor Carlton	38. 15
	22	Brig Union	43. 10
	Aug ^t 25	Brig Lady Charlotte	33
	30	Ship Helena	17. 10

		Schooner Monarch	£ 32. 10
1807	Feb ^r 28	Schooner Success	16. 10
	June	Do	10. 10
1808	Nov ^r 14	Vincent Lawrence's Hoop	5
1809	April	Brig Languf	25
		Ship Summit	6. 10
		Ship Ann	54. 15
1809	Nov ^r	Brig Sea Horse	17. 10
		Ship Ann	54. 15
1812	June	Ship Elizabeth	31
			£ 424. 10

A true Extract from the Books of Gentry Nicholson
 (Signed) R. P. Brown

Appendix H above referred to

Novis Court House May 27th 1815
 At a meeting of the Committee appointed to Report
 on the Subject of the Fort pursuant to the proceedings of the
 Legislature of the 25th Day of May Inst.

Francis John Gaspine of the said Island Merchant
 having attended the Committee and being required to state the
 nature of his proceedings as Captain Gunner of Fort Charles
 during the absence of Mr. Peterson in the year 1809 and
 generally what he knows relative to the Conduct of this Fort
 and the receipt and expensations of the Powder Duty, states
 that in the Month of July 1809 He was called upon by Mr.
 Peterson to take upon him the Duty of Fort Charles in con-
 sequence of the intended absence of Mr. Peterson on a voyage to
 America and he was thereupon appointed by the Commander
 in Chief to act as Captain Gunner of such Fort, that Mr.
 Peterson left with this appointment the general instructions
 of

of Lord Saverton to regulate the Fort, that Mr. Peterson was
absent from the Island about six Months and on his
return he superseded this Apperant as Captain Gunner
of Fort Charles - that during the absence of Mr. Peterson
the Apperant did not make any returns of the Fort to
the Legislature that he cannot exactly state the weight of
powder fired from each Gun for salutes or other purposes but
to the best of his knowledge the quantity consumed for a Roy-
al Salute was about a keg and a half of fifty six pounds
weight per keg, that there was in the Fort two small Guns
as he believes three or four pounds belonging to Mr. Peterson
which were always fired by the express direction of Mr. Peterson
twice each in salutes and that each Gun was never load-
ed with more than one of the measures of Powder kept for
filling Cartridges, which measure he believes held about half
a pound of powder that he believes the said four pound
Guns were returned by Mr. Peterson as six or nine pound
Guns in his account of the expenditure of the Powder that
he does not recollect ever to have commuted any of the Pow-
der duty for money during the absence of Mr. Peterson.

The said Francis John Galpine being required to state
whether in his capacity as a merchant he had ever
paid to Mr. Peterson as Captain Gunner of the Fort any
sum or sums of Money for or in the nature of commu-
tation for the Duty of Powder and Arms for Vessels under
the agency or control of the Apperant States he has paid
several sums of money to him the said Mr. Peterson as
a commutation for the Powder Duty and that the sums
are particularized in the account now delivered to the Com-
mittee and marked with the letter A by which it appears
that in the year 1711 the sum of £97 in 1717 the several
sums of £43. £64.5s. £85.10s. and £64.5s. and the
Year

Year 1714 the sum of £21.11.3 were paid to the said John
Peterson as commutation Duty and that such sums amount
in the whole to three hundred and fifty five pounds eleven
shillings and three pence

(Signed) F. J. Galpine

John Colburn Miller
Chairman

£97-
15-6-
15-10-
64-5-
21-11-3
£355-11-3

Appendix I above referred to

Navis Court House May 20. 1715

At a meeting of the Joint Committee appointed to
Report on the Subject of the Fort pursuant to the proceedings
of the Legislature of the 25th Day of May instant

Joseph Jones of the said Island Merchant having
attended the Committee and being required to state if he had
ever paid to Mr. Peterson the Captain Gunner of Fort Charles
any sum or sums of Money for or in the nature of a com-
mutation for Powder Duty and Arms for Ships or Vessels
trading to the said Island and liable to the said Duty,
States that in the month of April 1714 he acted as
Agent of the Ship Annistia loading at Navis that the
powder Duty for such Ship amounted as he was informed
to 268 lbs. of powder and that the Captain of such Ship
delivered to the Captain Gunner of Fort Charles a quantity
of powder exceeding the amount of such Duty that shortly
afterwards the Apperant was told by Mr. Peterson that such
Powder was Damaged and could not be received, that the
Captain of the Ship having declared that he had no ma-
gazine into which he could safely return the Powder to the
Ship, the Apperant urged the said Mr. Peterson to
receive

receive the same declaring that he supposed it would answer the purpose of saluting and after such discussion Mr. Peterson consented to receive it at the valuation of twenty five pounds Currency for the whole provided the apparent would pay the difference in money calculating the 260 lb of powder at 4s per lb and the apparent saith that he accordingly paid Mr. Peterson the sum of Forty three pounds sixteen Shillings Currency and that the Account here produced marked with the letter **B** is a Copy of the original Account and receipt in the hand writing of the said Mr. Peterson which states the settlement of such transaction

(signed) Joseph Jones
John Colhoun Mills
Chairman

Appendix **B** above referred to
Lt. Captain D. Campbell }
Ship Annetta } to John Peterson

1214
April 26th For 260^{lb} prime quality Gunpowder @ 5s 6d 1260
For the fee to Capt. of Fort Charles 1. 10
1261. 10

By a quantity of inferior & Damaged Powder } £ 25
By Balance due J. P. } 43. 10. 6p. 10

April 26th 1814 Received payment by an Order on the said John Jones for the above balance

(Copy)

(signed) John Peterson

Appendix **K** above referred to

Court House June 3rd 1815

At a Meeting by adjournment of the Committee appointed to Report on the subject of the Port and Powder Duty pursuant to the proceedings of the Legislature of the 25th May last.

William Lawrence of the said Island Esquire having attended the Committee and being required to state if he had ever paid any money to the Captain Gunner of Fort Charles for or in the nature of a commutation for powder duty and Arms for Ships or Vessels trading to the said Island and liable to the Powder Duty, states that he paid to such Captain Gunner in the year 1802 the sum of £55 Current Money as a Commutation at the rate of 4s per lb for the Powder duty of 275 lb of powder due for a Ship called the Friendship and in the year 1805 the sum of 51. 10s Current Money as a commutation for the powder duty due for a Brig called the West Indian

(signed) Wm Lawrence
John Colhoun Mills
Chairman

Appendix **L** above referred to

1808	John Suggins, at different times @ 5s 6d	166. 10.
1809	April 5 Schomac James	12 th 6d 3. 12.
	May 31 Richard Nicks	2 th 6d 12.
	July 29 John Suggins	6 th 4/6 1. 7.
1810	Oct 15 Richard Nicks	2 th 6d 12.
	Mar. 19 D.	3 th 6d 12.
	April 12 Muddock Mackdonald	12 th 5/6 10. 10.
	May 31 Cash	3 th 6d 12.
	Lucan St. D.	1. 6.

17th April 5. Schooner *Merle* of the *Isle of France*
62-10

A true Extract from the Books of Messrs
Frederick & John Huggins

(signed) Isaac Thomas

Court House 31st May 1765

John Huggins of the Island of Nevis Merchant attended the Committee and produced the Account above stated as an account of monies paid by himself and his Copartner Frederick Huggins to the Captain Gunner of *Sat. Charles* for powder purchased at different times by them from the said Captain Gunner amounting in the whole to the sum of sixty two pounds thirteen shillings Currency.

(signed) John Huggins

Appendix M above referred to

Nevis

Court House May 30th 1765

At a Meeting (by adjournment to this Day) of the Committee appointed to Report on the Subject of the *Sat. Charles* pursuant to the proceedings of the Legislature of the 25th Day of May Inst.

George Watson Esquire Deputy Provost Marshal of the said Island having attended the Committee and being required to state if at any time since, and when he had been called upon by Mr. Peterson or any other person to disclose or repeat any of the proceedings of the Legislative bodies.

He stated as follows. that in the month of December last on some day after the meeting of the Legislature, but the precise day he does not recollect. Richard Joseph

Joseph Woodbott Comptroller of His Majesty's Customs came to the appellant's house, and after some casual conversation he asked the appellant "what had been done to-day" or to that effect, and the appellant having reason to believe that the purpose of his visit was to collect information of the proceedings of the Legislature, the appellant was disposed to joke with the said Richard Joseph Woodbott, and merely for that purpose pretended to state to him that very serious emergencies were likely to take place upon which as the appellant respects the said Woodbott became extremely earnest to know the particulars, and the appellant covertly hinted, that he should not be surprised if it came to this that the powder would be taken out of the stock and distributed amongst the Estates, the Magazine blown up the Guns put into the Gaol, and the *Sat. House* fitted up for the Captain General with the furniture ordered for the Court House, that on the following morning speaking to Mr. William Burke on the subject of Mr. Woodbott's visit the appellant mentioned the joke which he had put upon him, and he thought no further of the matter, that about five or six days afterwards a Constable called on this appellant and said that the Kings Council officially required his immediate attendance at his Office that the appellant answered the Constable by saying that he should be at his own Office in a few minutes, and that Mr. Peterson might meet him there, that the Constable again returned and demanded the appellant's attendance on Mr. Peterson, whereupon the appellant, reflecting that he might be wanted on the subject of some communication to be made to the President of the Island he went to Mr. Peterson's Office. That upon his entering the Office Mr. Peterson accosted him as follows "I am glad you are

"are come, and this is unnecessary" (meaning a summons he had been writing) "what passes between us here must be secret, and now I must swear you" the appellant asked him "for what" to which he replied "to questions I have to ask you" the appellant refused to be sworn unless he knew for what purpose. Mr. Peterson then said you "can give the information desired, there is treason in the Island." You can give me the names of some of those who declare that they would go to the Fort take out the Stores and blow up the Magazine" to which the appellant added interrupting him "and bring the Guns into the Gaol" having then understood that Mr. Peterson had got from Drudbelt the purport of the Oath he had put upon him, Mr. Peterson answered "yes" and then the appellant said angrily to Mr. Peterson "is this your treason?" is this the nonsense that you went to me about?" and the appellant added "If ever you want me Officially you must come to my Office for if you send for me again I shall think it is for some such nonsense." Mr. Peterson still persisted in swearing the appellant and used some authority from a Book to prove his power to commit the appellant in case of refusal, and declared that he should make a statement of the circumstances, and of the appearance and refusal to be sworn, to which the appellant replied "if you do, then give my answer in full, which is that I refuse to be sworn to any such nonsense." And the appellant solemnly and most solemnly declares that the whole of the transaction originated in a mere hoax upon Mr. Drudbelt and was without any foundation whatever, that the foregoing is in substance, if not in the precise words of the conversation that passed.

John Colburn Mills
Chairman

(signed) Geo. Hobson

Appendix N above referred to

Verd Before the worshipful John Peterson Esquire, one of His Majesty's Justices assigned to keep the Peace in and for the said Island of Nova Scotia, and also to hear and determine divers felonies, trespasses and other misdemeanors in the said Island, and His Majesty's only Council now within the said Island.

Personally appeared Robert Hughes Chamberlain of the said Island Gentleman, who being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God made Oath deposed and said that one day in the early part of the present month September, the this deponent was over the Bath in company with Mr. John Huggins at his house there when the said Mr. Huggins and this Deponent happened to inter into conversation together relative to John Peterson of the said Island Esquire, as Captain Gunner of Fort Charles, that the said Mr. Huggins shewed to this Deponent that Mr. Peterson had acted very wrong in not delivering him 5000^{lb} Gun powder according to the Order he had for it from Mr. Cottle. That he the said Mr. Huggins said he had had a long conversation with Mr. Peterson, at the time he refused to deliver the powder to him and that he confessed he felt angry with Mr. Peterson about it. That if Mr. Peterson had thought proper to deliver the powder, the Governor would never have inquired about it nor known any thing of the matter, and that it was the general opinion that the Orders Mr. Peterson had received about the powder were sought for by himself, for if it was not so, why did not Mr. Peterson make all the stir when there was 2 or 4000^{lb} of powder voted for him to build

build a House at the Fort?

That Mr. Pelawon had treated him the said Mr. Huggins, as Deputy Powder Officer, as a mere Officer, and that he was determined to try his authority by clearing out some vessel himself even if it should cost him five hundred pounds. That it was in the power of the Assembly to deprive Mr. Pelawon of his Salary as Captain Gunner, and that he then said Mr. Huggins had told the Assembly some days before that they had better fire a body and break the Magazine open and throw the powder into the sea than let it be sprung in the Fort; that he would be foremost and would throw the first keg into the sea. And that the Assembly were determined to prohibit Mr. Pelawon from putting a grain of powder less than the proper quantity into the guns to be fired in order to deprive him of the privileges he had before enjoyed.

(signed) R. H. Pemberton

Appendix O above referred to
News

John Huggins of the said Island Gentlemen maketh Oath and saith, that he hath seen the Deposition of Robert Hughes Pemberton of the said Island appearing to have been sworn before John Pelawon Esquire respecting some Conversation between this Deponent and the said Robert Hughes Pemberton. And the Deponent saith in answer thereto that he recollects the said Robert Hughes Pemberton having called at the Deponents House at the bath as he believes on the seventh day of August last past, and that a good deal of conversation passed between them amongst other things as he believes some observations were

were made by the Deponent respecting the Fort and the Conduct of the said Robert Hughes Pemberton's Brother in law John Pelawon that the Deponent cannot now recollect the particular words of such conversation, but he positively denies having told said Mr. Pemberton that the Deponent had recommended the Assembly to break the Magazine and throw the Powder into the sea and that he would be foremost and throw the first keg into the sea. And the Deponent saith that he never entertained any such Sentiment or in any manner uttered it, and that as Clerk of the Assembly it not only would have been incorrect but contrary to the Duty of his Station to suggest any such, or any other improper proceeding for their adoption.

Sworn before me this (signed) John Huggins

2d Day of May 1762

(signed) W. Burke

Justice of the Peace

Appendix P above referred to
News

Frederick Huggins, being duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, maketh Oath that some months past Deponent was informed that information had been given to the Captain General relative to his Brother John Huggins's conduct as Deputy Treasurer and Clerk of the Assembly, say injurious to his Character in both Capacities, and that His Excellency in consequence thereof was highly displeas'd - That shortly after Mr. John Pelawon informed Deponent, that he had heard of this Report which had occasioned much uneasiness to his Brother, and took the then opportunity of inform-
ing

Mr. Peterson than his Brother. Deponent asked him if he had mentioned this matter to Mr. Peterson he said he had, and that Mr. Peterson said he must stand to it or abide by it. Much Conversation took place too tedious to relate, upon the close of which Mr. Samberton discovered a degree of pain and sorrow saying he had never meant to injure his (Deponent's) Brother, and would rather do him a service - that he had always experienced more civility from him than he had a right to expect - that he had intended to speak to his Brother on this Subject, but was advised by Mr. Samberton to speak to Deponent - that Mr. Peterson had forced him to give the Deponent from a threat of committing him to Jail, that he decreed the confinement in a Leathern Prison, there to be kept at his pleasure Deponent then asked him if Mr. Peterson had used any authority, he told him he had, and that he was willing to give him his Deponent on Oath to that effect, which Deponent refused taking.

That on the Sunday afternoon following the said Mr. Samberton delivered Deponent in Sworn, the second Deponent in Duplicate of 14th April - This Deponent further swears that he is generally in the habit of daily conversation with his Brother and declares that he never heard him mention the last circumstance relative to his recommending the Gutta Serena of the Assembly to have the Gun Powder thrown into the sea, or in any way to remove or destroy it - that had such been his advice he verily believes he should have heard him speak of it.

Sworn before me
this 1st June 1715

(signed) Frederick Nuggins

(signed) Will Slater
Justice of the Peace

Appendix Q above referred to

Sworn

to the King
or

Juney Nicholson Esquire

1715
Oct. 21. In the Summe Duty of Powder & Amm^o
of Schoone Ann Boga burden 157 Tons as
the note of hand of this date to our Cap^t
tain of our Fort

U. Powder
157 P
1 Tonne

(Circular)

Sir

Be pleased to take notice that you are hereby required to deliver to me forthwith the above Duty or pay its full value in Cash into my hands, unless you produce a proper discharge. In failure thereof, within ten days from this date measures will be taken to recover the same.

Dated this 22th April 1715

I am Sir Your Obedt^o

(signed) John Stawson
Captain, Master Gunner
& Ordnance Master
Fort Charles

to Juney Nicholson Esq^r

Appendix R above referred to

1715
June 6

Captain Isaac Belding

Prot. of John Peterson

117 lbs. Gun Powder 24/6
Certificate Fee 1/-
Deps to Fort 1/-
£ 27. 13. 6

Received payment

(signed) Jⁿ Stawson

His Honor The President and Council
to The Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

We beg leave to state to your Honor that
from a Communication to this Board from the Marshal it
appears the letter from the President and Speaker to the
Captain Gunner in obedience to the Resolutions passed
at the last Meeting of the Council and Assembly has
not been delivered, the Captain Gunner absences from the
Island having put it out of his power so to do.

Council Chamber
1st June 1715

By Command
(signed) John R. Small
Clk. of J^{ts} Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
to His Honor The President and Council

This House from a sense which it entertains of the abuse
that the Captain Gunner of Fort Charles has been guilty of as
Receiver of the Tonnage Duty of Powder and Amm^o. which
improportion has been fully confirmed by the Report of the
Joint Committee and the documents attending it; and
also on account of the disrespect which he has invariably
exhibited in his conduct towards the President and the
Legislative Bodies of this Island. find it a Duty which
they owe to their Constituents, as well as to their own individ-
ual feelings, to stamp with the mark of their disappro-
bation such extraordinary and unprecedented proceedings, and
to endeavor by a Respectfull Memorial to the Commander
in Chief accompanied by a statement of Evidence so to
impress on his mind the injuries inflicted on the Island
by the fraudulent Acts of the Captain Gunner, as may
induce him to grant us such relief as in his wisdom
the

the nature of the Case may appear to require

This House therefore beg leave to recommend the me-
morial which accompanies this, Addressed to his Honor the
Commander in Chief, which they dare hope will be the
means of giving them that redress beyond what the ex-
isting Laws of the Island enable the two branches of
the Legislature to afford themselves

Assembly Room
1st June 1715

(signed) Magnus Morton
Speaker

News

To His Honor John Lubbock Esquire Comman-
der in Chief for the time being in and over
all His Majesty's Lewisiana Charles Islands in Amer-
ica Chancellor Vice Admiral, and Admirall of the
same &c.

The Memorial of His Majesty's Council of this Island
of Nevis and the Assembly of the same Island forming
two branches of the Legislative Government of the said Island

Sheweth

That at a Meeting of the said Council and
Assembly on the 1st day of June instant a Report was laid
before them from certain Members of the respective Bodies
constituting a Joint Committee for the purpose of investigat-
ing matters relating to certain parts of His Majesty's Colo-
nial Revenue arising from the Duty of Powder and Amm^o
under and by virtue of a certain Act of the Island com-
monly called the Tonnage Act, and to the conduct of the
Receiver of such Duties

That such investigation and Report were ground
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grounded upon the unanimous Resolutions of the Board of Council and House of Assembly resulting from communications which had taken place between His Excellency Sir James Smith and the President of the Island respecting the conduct of the Legislature in regard to the said Duty and to His Majesty's Fats and Satisfaction in the said Colony and from a great anxiety on the part of your Memorialists to enter into a full investigation of all matters relating thereto as well for their justification as to obtain a complete examination of the conduct of the Captain or Master Gunner of the principal Fort called Fort Charles.

That your Memorialists having long suspended the said investigation under the expectation and appointment of His Excellency that he would visit the said Island and personally investigate the matters in question, were reluctantly urged to prepare themselves with a statement of the Facts by the Report before stated.

And your Memorialists are now under the necessity of laying the same before your Honor in consequence of His Excellency's unforeseen departure to another department of the Government and in consequence also of the very unhappy state in which the Colony is placed by the conduct of the Captain Gunner.

That the Report of the said Joint Committee which your Memorialists now most respectfully lay before you Honor, discloses circumstances of the most serious nature as well relating to the general Interest and welfare of His Majesty's Colony as to the peace and good Government of its inhabitants.

That the circumstances disclosed in the latter part of the Report as relate to the procuring Affidavits for

for the purpose of rendering the community criminal in the Eyes of the Governor amounts to your Memorialists a system disgraceful to the Character of a Magistrate and a ~~...~~ repugnant to any principle of Honor. And your Memorialists apprehend that the British Laws view such proceedings as the most odious that can distract the Peace and good order of society.

That the Colony at present exhibits the extraordinary fact of an Officer commanding Six Marines in a Fort supported by the Colony for its protection and which Officer has in his Custody all the ammunition of the Colony avowing his right to act independent of the Constituted Authorities in the absence of the Governor in Chief and consequently the safety of the Colony as thus made to depend on the Capacity or Caprice of a subordinate Officer as the Master Gunner of a Fort.

That your Memorialists look with confidence to the head of the Government of the Suwara Islands for support in all legal measures to enforce that subordination which is particularly essential in such detached Colonies as constitute the Suwara Islands Government.

And your Memorialists call your Honor's attention in the present instance to the charges made against an Officer having an important trust under his charge without any security for the due administration of it otherwise than what arises out of his liability to criminal punishment.

Your Memorialists therefore most respectfully call upon your Honor to take into your Consideration the Acts charged against the said Captain Gunner and to direct such prosecution or dismissal from Office as may be deemed proper. And that your Honor will direct such a submission to the local Authorities of the President and Council

Council and Assembly as is essential to the government
of the Colony and will afford such other advice of the
grievances complained of as the interests of His Ma-
jesty's Colonial Subject and the good government of
the Colony require in as to your Honor shall seem
meet

(signed) T. J. Cottle
President of the Council
Magnum Morton
Speaker of the Assembly

His Honor The President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

This Board considers it to be consistent
with their Duty to join your Honor in the memorial
to the Command in Chief which accompanied your
last message and that the same with the Report of
the Committee and the Documents annexed thereto should
be laid before the Command in Chief by the President
and Speaker without delay

By Command
(signed) John P. Small
Clerk of the Council

Council Chamber
9th June 1715

His Honor The President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

In reply to the Message from your Honor
respecting the suspension of the Trade Duty ^{on Wares} with parts of
Cargoes or in small Vessels with Cargoes of no considerable
Value tending to this Country, a process which had been
accused

exercised by the Council and Assembly from time immemorial
This Board fully concurs with your Honor in the propriety
of submitting the circumstance to His Honor The Command
in Chief and praying him to grant his approbation to the
two Honors to continue to use that discretion in cases where
they shall judge them fit objects of Remission and that
the Message from your Honor and the one from this Board
be forwarded by the President and Speaker to His Honor the
Command in Chief

By Command
Council Chamber
9th June 1715
(signed) John P. Small
Clerk of the Council

His Honor The President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

Your Honor is now adjourned to Tues-
day the twenty second Instant

By Command
(signed) John P. Small
Clerk of the Council

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charles Town this
twenty second Day of June 1715 pursuant to adjournment

Present

His Honor Thomas J. Cottle Esq^r President
Walter Maynard
John C. Miller
The Honorable Peter Jefferys } Equires
Rev^d Sam. Lym
Samuel Lawrence

Read the last Days proceedings

Mr. President Cottle laid before the Board a Letter from
the James Leith as follows

Sir

I enclose for your information a Proclamation
issued by the Governor of this Island, which I occupied
by an auxiliary British Force on the 5th Instant.

The British Standard continues to be displayed
throughout Martinique and British Vessels are to be
permitted to enter the Port with the same privileges
as those of His Most Christian Majesty.

Read Quarters Fort Royal
Martinique 10th June 1715

Yours,
Sir,

Yours,
James Leith
S. General
Com^d Forces
Captain General
Ye.

The Honble

Mr. President Cottle
Ye. Ye. Ye.
Nevis

In want of an Assembly no further business
was done, and the Board adjourned to Thursday the
third Day of July next.

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charles Town
the 29th Day of June 1715 pursuant to Summons
Present

Mr. Hon. Thomas S. Cottle Esq.^r President
James Daniell
Honble. Ric^d Sam. Lyons } Esquires
James Weeks }
Sam. Lawrence }

Read the last Day's proceedings

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor The President Council

We beg leave to present to your Board "An Act to en-
force an Act intitled An Act to encourage the Trade
from North America to this Island and to oblige all
Vessels above Ninety Tons Burden to pay powder and Ammⁿ
and for raising a Tax or Duty upon Ships or other
Vessels trading to and with this Island" which has had
two readings, and which we hope will meet with the
concurrence of your Board.

This House will be ready by Saturday next to
go into a Committee on the above Bill, and proceed to
the passing of the same, and request His Honor The
President to call a Meeting of both branches of the Legis-
lature on that Day, so that it may be submitted to the
Commander in Chief without delay.

(Signed) Magnus Minton
Speaker

Assembly Room
29th June 1715 }

Motion made by the Honorable James Daniell Esq^r
seconded by the Honorable and Reverend Samuel Lyons
Esq^r that a Bill intitled "An Act to repeal An Act
intituled "An Act to encourage the Trade from North
America to this Island and to oblige all Vessels above
Ninety Tons Burden to pay powder and Ammⁿ and
for raising a Tax or Duty upon Ships or other Vessels
trading to and with this Island" be read a first time
and it was read a first time accordingly.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

In His Honor the President and Council

A new proposal having been submitted to His Honor by the Contractor for the Public Buildings, stating his readiness to receive one moiety of the sum allotted from the Council and Assembly as a remuneration for extra work say fourteen hundred, instead of the thousand Eight hundred pounds, have thought proper to accede to his proposition, with a view of procuring the assent of your Board to the passing of the said Bill so long due to the claims of the said Contractor, and having made this alteration accordingly, submit the Bill in its new form, in the full assurance that it will now meet with your approbation.

(signed) Magnus Morton
Speaker

Assembly Room
29th June 1753

Motion made by the Honorable James Wether Esquire seconded by the Honorable and Reverend Samuel Lym Esquire that a Bill entitled "An Act for granting an aid unto His Majesty his Heirs and Successors by a duty or tax of eighteen shillings current money per poll on the negroes and other Slaves belonging to the Inhabitants of, and the Plantations in the Island of Nevis and also the further sum of Ten Pounds current money in the hundred pounds on the yearly value of all Houses, Ware-Houses, Shops and Tenements in the several Towns of Charlestown, Jamestown, Indian-Castle and New-Castle and the other parts of the said Island not belonging to and in the actual employ of any Sugar Plantation for paying off and discharging the

the debts against the Public and defraying the other expenses of the said Island," be read a first time and it was read a first time accordingly

Motion made by the Honorable James Wether Esquire, seconded by the Honorable Samuel Lym Esquire that the above voted Bill be read a second time and it was read a second time accordingly

Motion made by the Honorable James Wether Esquire seconded by the Honorable Samuel Lym Esquire that the above voted Bill be read a third time and it was read a third time accordingly

His Honor the President then put to vote whether the said Bill should pass into a Law and it passed the Board accordingly

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

We herewith send you a Bill entitled "An Act for granting an aid unto His Majesty his Heirs and Successors by a Duty or Tax of eighteen shillings current money per poll on the Negroes and other Slaves belonging to the Inhabitants of, and the Plantations in the Island of Nevis, and also the further sum of Ten Pounds current Money in the hundred pounds on the yearly value of all Houses, Ware-Houses, Shops and Tenements in the several Towns of Charles-Town, Jamestown, Indian-Castle and New-Castle and the other parts of the said Island not belonging to and in the actual employ of any Sugar Plantation for paying off and discharging the

The Debts against the Public and repaying the other
"expences of the said Island" and we are glad that
the long protracted discussion of demands made by the
Contractor for the Public Building has at length finally
terminated

Council Chamber
29th June 1715

By Command
(signed) John P. Small
Clk. of the Council

Motion made by the Honorable James Daniel
Esquire seconded by the Honorable and Reverend Samuel
Lyons Esquire that a Bill entitled "an Act to repeal
"an Act intitled An Act to encourage the Trade from
"North America to this Island and to oblige all Vessels
"above Ninety Tons Burden to pay powder and Amm^o
"and for raising a Tax or Duty upon Ships or other
"Vessels trading to and with this Island" be read a
second time and it was read a second time according
to

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

We herewith send you a Bill entitled
"An Act to repeal An Act intitled An Act to encourage
"the Trade from North America to this Island and to
"oblige all Vessels above Ninety Tons Burden to pay
"powder and Amm^o and for raising a Tax or Duty
"upon Ships or other Vessels trading to and with
"this Island" which has been twice Read at this House

Council Chamber
29th June 1715

By Command
(signed) John P. Small
Clk. of the Council

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen
Your House is now adjourned to
Thursday the sixth Day of July next

Council Chamber
29th June 1715

By Command
(signed) John P. Small
Clk. of the Council

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charlestown
this 6th July 1715 pursuant to adjournment

Present

His Honor Henry Pauline Esq. Commander in Chief
His Honor Thomas J. Corle Esq. President
Walter Maynard
Peter Jefferys
Rev. & Sam. Lyons
Samuel Lawrence

Esquires

His Honor the Commander in Chief having intimated
that in consequence of the departure of Mr. Julius
from St. Kitts the temporary Command of the Leeward
Island Government had devolved on him as Senior
Member of the Council of that Island, and having
produced the Captain General's Commission and the great
Seal of the Leeward Islands the usual Oaths were ad-
ministered to him and the immediate attendance of
the House of Assembly being required in the Council
Chamber, His Honor was pleased to deliver the following
Speech

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Council
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly
His Excellency Sir James Outhwaite's military
arrivals

occasions requiring his absence from the Government of the Leeward Islands the temporary Command has devolved upon me. in consequence of the Honorable John Julius's departure for England, for the benefit of change of climate.

I have availed myself of the earliest opportunity of making this known to you in person. And I assure you Gentlemen that I shall use my interest and zeal during my administration to promote the individual interest of every Inhabitant throughout the Government.

The Harmony now existing between Great Britain and the United States of America must be truly pleasing to every well wisher of his Country. And as We have already felt the benefit arising from this amicable adjustment We are now to hope that a more immediate commercial intercourse will shortly be adopted between the two Powers as cannot but prove equally advantageous to both, affording the colonies some mitigation of that distress into which they were plunged by the unfortunate War which has so recently terminated.

I shall readily give all the facility I can to the impetration of such Articles into this Colony as are required, as far as my Public Instructions will permit.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly I am sure I need not urge your united exertions for the good of His Majesty's Service in cheerfully granting all such supplies as the necessities of the Country may demand for defraying its necessary expenses.

M^r President and Gentlemen of the Council
M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

As nothing is more conducive to the welfare of a community than that a perfect understanding should subsist between the two branches of the Legislature. I strongly recommend the promotion thereof to your serious attention and I beg leave to inform you that I shall upon all occasions feel infinite satisfaction in cooperating with you, whenever the interest and prosperity of this Island may be concerned.

(signed) Henry Rowland

Council Chamber

July 6th 1715

And Now the Command in Chief then retires from the Board.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

We herewith present to your Board "An Act Intituled 'An Act to repeal an Act to encourage the Trade from North America to this Island and oblige all Vessels above Ninety Tons Burden to pay Tonnage and Stems and for raising a Tax or Duty upon Ships and other Vessels trading to and with this Island"; which hath passed this House, and which We hope will meet with the approbation of your Board.

(signed) Magnus Morton

Speaker

Assembly Room

July 6th 1715

Motion made by the Honorable Walter Maynard Esquire; seconded by the Honorable Samuel Lawrence Esquire that a Bill intituled "An Act to repeal an

"an Act entitled an Act to encourage the Trade from
North America to this Island, and to oblige all Vessels
above Ninety Tons Burthen to pay Tides and Anns
and for raising a Tax or Duty upon Ships or other
Vessels trading to and with this Island" be read a
third time and it was read a third time accordingly

His Honor The President then put to Vote whether
the said Bill should pass into a Law and it passed
the Board accordingly

His Honor The President and Council
to the Gentlemen of The Assembly
Gentlemen

We herewith transmit a Bill entitled
"An Act to repeal an Act to encourage the Trade from
North America to this Island, and to oblige all Vessels
above Ninety Tons Burthen to pay Tides and Anns
and for raising a Tax or Duty upon Ships or other
Vessels trading to and with this Island" which hath
passed this House

Council Chamber
July 6th 1715

By Command
(signed) John P. Small
Clt. of the Council

His Honor The Commander in Chief then
resumed his seat at the Board and was pleased to
receive the following address

To His Honor Henry Paulus Esquire Com-
mander in Chief we and our all His Majesty's Leeward
Chamber Islands in America. Chancellor Vice Admiral
and

and Ordinary of the same &c. &c. &c.

The Members of His Majesty's Council of
the Island of Nevis feel the highest gratification in
seeing your Honor at the Head of the Leeward Island
Government. Tho' we cannot but regret the Cause that
has withdrawn His Excellency Sir James Litch from
administering the Government, yet contemplating the
success of His consummate Military Abilities in the
sphere of his profession as of greater advantage to
his King and Country, we find great cause for rejoicing.
With different feelings do we lament the reason which
has induced it necessary for our late Commander in Chief
to change the Climate.

Your Honor must allow us to thank you for
the Honor of this very early attention to this ancient,
loyal and Patriotic nation of your extensive Government
and for the very flattering and consolatory terms in which
you engage to promote our general and individual
Interests which will be mainly achieved by facilitating
an intercourse with the United States of America with
whom we now are again happily at Peace

We acknowledge our sense of the highly
favorable terms in which your Honor expresses your
readiness to co-operate in forwarding the Interest
and Prosperity of the Colony and of the Justice of
your Honor's Assertion that nothing is more con-
ducive to the Welfare of a Community than that a
proper understanding should subsist between the
two Branches of the Legislature, and we sincerely hope
that the perfect Harmony which at present exists
may not only continue but extend to every
branch

branch of the Government

(signed) J. S. Cottle President
Walter Maynard
Peter Jefferys
Sam Lyons
James Watkins
Sam Lawrence

Council Chamber
July 6th 1815

To The Honorable Henry Rawlinson Esquire Commander
in Chief in and over all His Majesty's Seaward Channel
Islands in America Chancellor Vice Admiral and Cap-
tainary of the same &c. &c.

May it please your Honor

We His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects
The Assembly of the Island of Nevis feel great satisfac-
tion in having, so early an opportunity afforded us of
congratulating your Honor on your accession to the
Government of the Seaward Islands.

Under the auspices of a Gentleman so con-
sistent with the true interests of our colonial Establish-
ments, and endued with a natural bias to benefit
those places under your protection, We shall venture
to look forward with confidence to your promised
adoption of all such measures as may appear cal-
culated to promote the prosperity of these Islands, as
far, as in their operation they may lead to a recip-
rocal advantage to the Mother Country.

We daily appreciate the advantages which are
likely to result to these Colonies from the restoration of
harmony between Great Britain and the United States,
and we confidently depend on the wisdom of His
Majesty's Ministers for the removal of a commercial
obstacle

Treaty so essentially necessary for the well being of these
Islands

It is with heartfelt satisfaction We can assure
your Honor that the most perfect good understanding at-
tended with sentiments of cordiality exists between both
branches of our Legislature, to cherish which feelings shall
be our greatest care.

We beg leave to assure your Honor that We
feel every disposition to afford you our hearty co-operation
in all the Duties of the Public Service, and to attend
respectfully to any suggestions you may be pleased to
communicate; anxious to prove to the Chief Governor of
these Islands that a reverence for the blessed Constitution
under which we live, and a proper regard for the interests
of our Constituents, shall ever mark the rule of our
conduct.

(signed) Magnus Moton
Speaker

Assembly Room
July 6th 1815

to which His Honor was pleased to reply
I beg you will accept my warm acknowledgements
for the sentiments conveyed to me in your address—
to promote the Prosperity of Nevis I shall be always
happy to contribute my aid.

(signed) Henry Rawlinson

His Honor The President and Council
To the Gentlemen of The Assembly
Gentlemen

Your Honor is now adjourned to Thursday
the 20th Instant
Council Chamber
6th July 1815—

By Command
(signed) John R. Small
Clerk of the Council

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charlestown the
20th July 1715 pursuant to adjournment
Present

The Honorable John C. Mallet Esquire President
Peter Jefferys
James Danwell
The Honorable Ro^d John Lopez Esquires
James Watkes
Samuel Lawrence

Read the last Days Proceedings

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor The President and Council

This House feeling desirous of offering a tribute of respect
to our present worthy Commander in Chief The Honorable
Henry Pauline Esquire from motives of personal regard
and in consideration of his Character, do give leave to request
the concurrence of your Board to the following Resolution
as the best means of illustrating such feelings

Resolved That the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds
Currency per annum be allowed to the Honorable Henry
Pauline from the day of his assuming the Government
of the Leeward Islands until the period when his Com-
mand shall expire and that an Act be brought in to
authorize the payment of the same

(signed) Maguins Motae
Speaker

Assembly Room
20th July 1715

His Honor The President and Council
To The Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen
This Board desirous of paying every tribute

of respect and personal regard to the present
Commander in Chief concurs most cheerfully with your
House in the Resolution that the Sum of £300 Cur-
rency per annum be allowed to the Honorable Henry
Pauline from the time of his assuming the Government
of the Leeward Islands until the period of his com-
mand shall expire

Council Chamber

20th July 1715

By Command

(signed)

John P. Small

Clk of the Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor The President and Council

We beg leave to submit to your Board the papers
of requesting His Honor the President to issue his Order
for the payment of the following accounts

To J. P. Huggins for the amount of £1200.10.9^{1/2}
of Furniture for the public Buildings
To the Post Master
To the Printer for printing the Acts &c. 54.10
To Ann Huggins for extra provision at the
last Dinner

These Sums have been agreed to by this House and
indue for the first and second the two Sums already stand
pledged but the accounts accompanying this for your better
information

We also beg to call the attention of your Board
to a Resolution which hath passed this House authorizing
the President to order the payment from the public Treas-
ury of the Tax for Salutes for the Judges of the
Court of Kings Bench and Common Pleas not only to
take place from this Day, but to include that lately
granted

granted to the Honorable Richard N. Parris Esquire

Assembly Room
20th July 1765

(signed) Maguier Morton
Speaker

His Honor The President and Council
To The Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

This Board agrees with your Honor in the propriety of paying the sums for which the publick debts are pledged and the other debts mentioned in your Message out of the moneys in the Treasury if the same can be done consistently with the laws received by the two last money and produce Acts, and in that case they apprehend the same may be paid by the order of the Commander in Chief or the President of the Island under his authority

This Board agrees cordially with your Honor in the propriety of paying the fees for Patents for the Judges of the Court of Kings Bench and Common Pleas out of the Publick Treasury including that lately granted to the Honorable Richard N. Parris Esquire

Council Chamber
20th July 1765

By Command
(signed) John R. Small

Mr. of the Council
The Gentlemen of the Council, to His Honor the President and Council, in consequence of the communication from the Board the communication in Chief stating his inability to give his vote in the last part of the last sitting of our Legislature, unless a suspension of the said Act be introduced into the Bill. The Board has taken the same into consideration, and having agreed to the alteration proposed, he

Motion made by the Honorable Samuel Lawrence Esquire seconded by the Honorable Peter Jefferys Esquire that a Bill entitled An Act to repeal An Act entitled An Act to encourage the trade from North America to this Island and to oblige all Vessels above Ninety Tons Burden to pay Tonnage and Amis and for raising a Tax or Duty upon Ships

and for raising a Tax or Duty upon Ships trading to and with this Island. It is read a first time, and it was read a first time accordingly.

first time, and it was read a first time accordingly

Motion made by the Honorable and Reverend Samuel L'Espeire Esquire seconded by the Honorable Samuel Lawrence Esquire that the before mentioned Bill be read a second time and it was read a second time accordingly

Motion made by the Honorable Peter Jefferys Esquire seconded by the Honorable Samuel Lawrence Esquire that the before mentioned Bill be read a third time and it was read a third time accordingly

His Honor the President then put to vote whether the said Bill should pass into a Law, and it passed the Board accordingly

His Honor The President and Council
To The Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

We humbly send you a Bill entitled An Act to repeal An Act entitled An Act to encourage the trade from North America to this Island and to oblige all Vessels above Ninety Tons Burden to pay Tonnage and Amis and for raising a Tax or Duty upon Ships or other Vessels trading to and with this Island which hath passed this Board

Council Chamber
20th July 1765

By Command
(signed) John R. Small
Clerk of the Council

His Honor The President and Council
To The Gentlemen of The Assembly
Gentlemen.

Your Honor is now adjourned to Thursday
the third Day of July next.

Council Chamber
20th July 1745

By Command
(signed) John P. Searall
Att. of the Council

At a Meeting of The Council held at Charleston this
3rd Day of August 1745 pursuant to adjournment
Present

His Honor Thomas J. Cottle Esquire President
John C. Mills
The Honbls. Peter Jefferys }
Rev. Sam^l Lyons } Equires
James Wickers

Read the last days proceedings.
The Honorable John C. Mills having produced a De-
putation from L. Gordon Esquire to act as Collector during
his absence & the usual Oaths were administered
and he subscribed the test

For want of an Assembly no further business
was done

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charleston
on Tuesday the 15th Day of August 1745 pursuant to Summons
Present

His Honor Thomas J. Cottle Esquire President
Walter Maynard
John C. Mills
The Honbls. Peter Jefferys }
Rev. Sam^l Lyons } Equires
James Wickers
Samuel Lawrence

Read

Read the last days Proceedings
His Honor The President laid before the Board a Letter
from John Peterson Esquire Captain Gunner of Fort Charles
which was read as follows

On His Majesty's Service
To The Honorable
J. S. Cottle Esquire
President of His Majesty's Council
and The Honorable
Magnus Mator Esquire
Speaker of the House of Assembly
at Fort Charles

News June 2th 1745
In Conformity with the Resolutions of the two
Branches of the Legislature of this Island passed on this
first Instant, We are to require that you will immediately
furnish the Council and Assembly with your quarterly ac-
counts as Captain Gunner of Fort Charles in the month and
manner till lately invariably attended to by yourself and
all your predecessors in Office, agreeable to the Act W. 1740
which authorizes the calling for this independence as well
as the receipts of the Fort and Arms.

We are Sir
Your very Obedt. Serv^{ts}
(signed) J. S. Cottle President
of His Majesty's Council
(signed) Magnus Mator
Speaker of the House of Assembly

To
John Peterson Esquire
Captain Gunner
Fort Charles

(Copy)

(Copy)

His Majesty's Fort Charles News
1st Augt. 1765

Sir

Your Joint letter bearing date the 6th June 1765 was delivered to me by the Deputy Payroll Marshal on the 22nd July, but I was without the most distant intimation of it previous to the last of those dates, and am even now, wholly uninform'd of the Resolutions of which it mentions. It is enough however for me, that I am under the most plain and unerring rules and orders for my guide. I am therefore to state, that the Act No. 100 or any other law whatever, not authorizing a call by the two inferior Branches of the Legislature for any other account from me, excepting an Account of the Tonnage Duty of Sugar and Stew, and likewise a further account of all such proceeds (only) as shall be expended in the Island, for the public use (all which is comprehended in the form some time since established) and the account of the expenditure of the Lines of Store in Fort Charles. I cannot under the latter to the Council and Assembly, without disobeying the positive injunctions of His Excellency the Captain General, or without the Orders of the House of the Government so to do, to whom a Copy of your said letter and of this answer must of course be transmitted; but that I shall be ready to furnish the forms made up according to the true legal constitutional construction of the act, regularly to the proper days, the 1st Janry, 1st April, 1st July and 1st October annually, whenever lawfully required for any given purpose that may be specified. I thank you, Sir, for the testimonial, which you have contributed by your letter

letter to the mode and manner unerringly attended to in the Accounts as Captain Ginnec of Fort Charles by myself and all my Predecessors in Office for although I know this to be indisputable in every material particular, and that the same had continued for between forty and fifty years, without fault alleged or pretended to me, until lately, yet I could not have made it appear so evidently, as I now can do, by means of this unsuspected and valuable piece of evidence.

I have the honor to be

Your Humble

Servant

The Honble
The J. C. de Equis
President of His Majesty's Council
and
The Honble
Magnum Union Equis
Speaker of the House of Assembly

Your most obedient and
Humble Servant
(signed) John Peterson
Captain &c.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the President and Council

We beg leave to submit to your Wisdom the following Resolutions for your approbation and sanction which we deem it essentially necessary to enforce against the Captain Ginnec of Fort Charles in consequence of the extraordinary and inexplicable Letter which the said Captain Ginnec has thought proper to write to the President and Speaker dated the 1st August this Year in answer to their Letter of the 6th of June preceding requiring him to render in his Quarterly Accounts as had been usual, by which Letter this House conceive that the Captain Ginnec has refused to comply with the wishes of the Council and Assembly, and that therefore he has been guilty of a high offence and has incurred the Penalties of the Act No. 100.

Resolved That the Captain Ginnec of Fort Charles

Sat-Charles having refused to order in his Quarterly Accounts agreeable to the directions of the two branches of the Legislature authorized by an Act to encourage the Trade from North America to this Island and to oblige all Vessels above thirty Tons Burden to pay Tonnage and Amos and to repeal two insufficient Acts to that purpose One made and passed in the Year 1738 Intituled an Act to oblige all Vessels to pay Tonnage Tonnage and Amos, the other made and passed in the Year 1738 Intituled an Act to amend and explain an Act Intituled an Act for all Vessels to pay Tonnage Tonnage and Amos has incurred the Penalties of One Hundred Pounds Current Money for said refusal and that the Commander in Chief or Commandant be requested to show his Warrant for the seizure of the Fine agreeable to Law.

Resolved. That the Captain Gunnes of Sat-Charles stands charged with various Acts of speculation and improper conduct in Capacity of Governor of said Sat, as set forth in a Memorial presented to His Honor the Commander in Chief. This House therefore think it proper to request His Honor to suspend the said Captain Gunnes from the exercise of the functions of his Office till such time as he may be able to clear himself from the charges brought against him by the two branches of the Legislature.

Resolved. That the Memorial presented to the late Commander in Chief John Julius Esquire in consequence of the Report of the joint Committee of both Houses on the Conduct of the Captain Gunnes of Sat-Charles be printed with the said Report.

Assembly Room
August 10th 1745

(signed) Magnus Morton
Speaker

News

The Gentlemen of the Assembly to His Honor the President and Council. The establishment of Peace with the United States of America having been effected for a considerable period; without bringing with it all those attendant blessings which the Colonies in particular stand so much in need of; This House deem it a duty which they owe to their Constituents to call the attention of His Honor the Commander in Chief to the distressed state of the Island arising from the suspended intercourse with America, and request the Concurrence of your Board to the following Resolutions which We are desirous of submitting to His Honor, and of requesting through the President and Speaker that he would be pleased to lay the same before His Majesty's Ministers (with this Message and your Answer) accompanied with such remarks as his own knowledge of our sufferings may induce him to make.

Resolved. That the Inhabitants of this Island induced with exemplary firmness the recent privations in consequence of an unavoidable War, which as British Subjects We feel now necessary to support the hona of the British Empire.

Resolved. That We hail with gladness the restoration of the relations of Amity with the United States, as the means of bringing back to us that accustomed intercourse, which the experience of facts now enable us to state is indispensably necessary for the well being of these Colonies.

Resolved. That with extreme regret We now perceive that all the cheering hopes which had supported us through eight Years of suffering occasioned by the constant apprehensions of famine, and which We fondly limited to the period of War, are now likely to be blasted by the

continuance

continuance of a restriction which will visit us with all the calamities of War, although in a State of Peace.

Resolved - That We humbly apprehend that in directing this mode of proceeding against the Colonies His Majesty's Ministers must be influenced by the misrepresentations of interested Individuals, and that a statement of the Commercial intercourse with British America for the last eight years, during which some very articles of Colonial Consumption rose on an average full One hundred per cent, and thereby afford an inducement to Trade agreeable to the improvement which the Mother Country has been so anxious to try, and far beyond what is likely again to occur, would exhibit the extraordinary fact established by extracts from the Custom House Books, that only seven Vessels with Cargoes presented themselves for sale in this Island, and they not with Articles of the first necessity, such as Flour, Oil, and Meal, but loaded principally with salt Fish and Novinags, which to a numerous and increasing Stage of our population, can only be denominated necessaries to food, and would demonstrate the futility of looking to such recourse for supplying the wants of these Colonies.

Resolved - That under the present System, His Majesty's Subjects are reduced to the necessity of proceeding for their want by having recourse to the Foreign Islands of St. Christopher's, which has precisely the effect of enhancing immensely the price of all the Articles We stand in need of, to the sole benefit of the Swedish Government, which now draw a large Revenue from the high Duties imposed upon all Cargoes imported to, and exported from that Island, to the great injury of the British Planters.

Resolved - That laboring as We have done for

so many years under every species of affliction, We had a right to expect that the return of Peace would have afforded us the same measure of comfort, and equal portion of Commerce enjoyed by every other branch of His Majesty's Subject. We therefore appeal to the Justice, and parental feelings of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and we hope that this exposition of our grievances, will lead to a consideration of the Subject, and produce in due time that relief, which the urgency of the case requires.

Assembly Room

August 10th 1765

(signed) Augustus Mottson
Speaker

Motion made by the Honorable James Oakes Esquire seconded by the Honorable John C. Mills Esquire that the Resolutions of the Assembly as communicated in their last Message be unanimously adopted by this Board, which was carried in the affirmative.

His Honor The President and Council

To The Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

This Board concurs with your House in the necessity of an appeal to the Government for a Remedy to the Evils which the Colony suffers by the present non-intercourse with the American States, and unanimously and cheerfully adopt the very proper Resolutions framed by your Board on that Subject.

Council Chamber

August 15th 1765

By Command
(signed) John P. Small
Clk. of the Council

His Honor

His Honor The President and Council
To The Gentlemen of The Assembly
Gentlemen

This Board concurs with your House
in adopting the Resolutions communicated in your Message
on the Subject of the Captain Gunner of Fort Charles

By Command
(signed) John R. Small
Clk. of Council
Council Chamber
August 13th 1715

His Honor The President and Council
To The Gentlemen of The Assembly
Gentlemen

Your House is now adjourned to
Thursday the 24th Instant.

By Command
(signed) John R. Small
Clk. of the Council
Council Chamber
August 13th 1715

At a Meeting of The Council held at Charlestown the
24th Day of August 1715 pursuant to adjournment
Present

His Honor Thomas John Coats Esq^o President
John C. Mills
Rev. & Sam. Lyons } Esquires
James Wickes }
Samuel Lawrence }
Humbles

Read the last Days proceedings.
Edward Thomas Wolfe Esq^o having produced a Deputation
from John R. Small Esq^o to act as Secretary and Clerk
of the Council during his absence. The usual
Oaths were administered and he subscribed the declaration.
William

William Slater also presented a Deputation from Richard
J. Woodhull Esq^o to act as Comptroller of His Majesty's Cas-
toms when the usual Oaths were administered and he sub-
scribed the declaration

His Honor The President laid before the Board the
following Letter from His Honor The Commander in Chief

New August 24th 1715

Gentlemen
Enclosed is the Solicitor General's
Opinion on the report of the Committee of your Board
and House relative to the Captain Gunner of Fort Charles
stated misconduct.

I herewith also send you the report

Sam
Gentlemen Your Obedient
Humble Servant

To The
Honorable J. J. Ogle Esq^o
President &
The Honorable Magnus Morton Esq^o
Speakers
(signed) Henry Rowland

New

So

I have according to your desire considered the
Report of the Committee of the Council and Assembly of
New in the Subject of alleged misconduct of the Captain
Gunner of the principal Fort of that Island.
The only matter of the Report on which I shall
take the liberty of offering my Opinion is the charge
brought

brought against the Captain Gunnice of having unlawfully
committed the duty of Powder and Amm^o for money and
of having appropriated that money to his own use; which
seems to me to be of such a nature as to require public legal
investigation

I have the Honor to be
Sir

To

His Honor

Navy Rowland Esq^r

Commander in Chief

V. V. V.

With great respect

Your ob^d faithful Serv^t

(signed) John Woodley

A. Kettle 12th Aug^t 1715

The Gentlemen of The Assembly

To His Honor The President and Council

We beg leave to submit to your Honor An Act intituled
"An Act to oblige all Persons carrying a Gun for the purpose
of amusement, to take out a Licence V. V. V."

This Act bearing a new Character in the Laws of this
Province has presented to your consideration in its present
state having only had two readings.

Assembly Room
August 21st 1715

(signed) Magnus Morton
Speaker

His Honor The President and Council

To The Gentlemen of The Assembly

Gentlemen

This Order herewith transmitted for your con-
sideration a Letter from His Honor The Commander in Chief
inclosing the opinion of the Solicitor General as to the mea-
sures to be adopted respecting some of the charges made a-
gainst the Captain Gunnice of Fort Charles in the Memorial
some time since presented to the Commander in Chief on
that

that subject, and we doubt not your Honor will immediately
adopt such Steps as the nature of the case requires.

Council Chamber

21st August 1715

By Command

(signed) Tho^s Woodley

Clk. of the Council

The Gentlemen of The Assembly

To His Honor The President and Council

This House having taken into consideration the Letter of
The Commander in Chief to the President and Speaker inclosing
the Solicitor General's opinion on the conduct necessary to be pursued
against the Captain Gunnice of Fort Charles, begs leave to return
in answer that the President and Speaker should write to the
Solicitor General, to engage his professional aid in a
prosecution against the said Captain Gunnice, and that
the assistance of Mr. Samuel Pemberton should also be
requested on this occasion, adequate fees being transmitted
at the same time to both Gentlemen, and requiring
them to take all measures best calculated to bring The
Captain Gunnice to immediate Trial.

This House recommends that the sum of Fifty
Pounds Sterling be sent to John Woodley Esquire as Solicitor
General, and that the sum of Thirty Pounds Sterling be
presented to Samuel Pemberton Esquire for their services,
whose Expenses this House pledges themselves to make good.

(signed) Magnus Morton
Speaker

Assembly Room

August 21st 1715

His Honor The President and Council

To The Gentlemen of The Assembly

Gentlemen

His Honor agrees with your Honor that the
Solicitor General and Mr. Samuel Pemberton be engaged

in the Prosecution of the Captain Gunner with the few specified
your message, and that the President & Speaker apply to
them for that Purpose, and this Board is of Opinion that
it would be advisable to furnish the Captain Gunner
with a Copy of the Report of the Committee upon which the
Charges against him are grounded in order that the
subject may be brought to a decision immediately.

By Command
(Signed) Edw^d. J. Wolfe
Clerk of the Council
Council Chamber
August 24th 1715.

The Honour the President and Council
to the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Your Honour is now adjourned to Thursday
the 7th of September

By Command
(Signed) Edw^d. J. Wolfe
Clerk of the Council
Council Chamber
August 24th 1715.

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charles Town this
9th Day of September 1715 pursuant to adjournment

Present
The Honour Thomas J. Coates Esquire President
Peter Jefferys
Honourable
Rev^d. Sam^l. Lyon } Esquires
James Wake
Samuel Lawrence

In want of an Assembly there was no business done

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charles Town this 11th
Day of September 1715

Present
The Honourable J. C. Melles Esquire President
James Danell
Honourable
Rev^d. Sam^l. Lyon } Esquires
James Wake
Samuel Lawrence

Read the last days proceedings

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honour the President and Council

We beg leave to present to your Board an Act for providing
an Honourable Support for the Honourable Army Rawlins Esquire
Commander in Chief in and over all His Majesty's Inland
Cherribbee Islands, Chancellor, Vice Admiral and Ordinary
of the same Y. Y. Y. during his Government and also for laying
a Duty or Toll Tax on Negroes and other Slaves for the pay-
ment thereof" which being in Conformity with the Resoluti-
ons of both branches of the Legislature We hope will meet
with your concurrence.

(Signed) Micaiah Minton
Shaker
Assembly Room
September 11th 1715

Motion made by the Honourable James Wake Esquire
seconded by the Honourable Samuel Lawrence Esquire that a
Bill Intituled an Act for providing an Honourable Support
for the Honourable Army Rawlins Esquire Commander in Chief
in and over all His Majesty's Inland Cherribbee Islands,
Chancellor, Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the same Y. Y. Y.
during

reading his Government, and also for laying a Duty on
Toll Tax on Negroes and other Slaves for the payment thereof
be read a first time, and it was read a first accordingly.

Motion made by the Honorable James Daniel Esquire, seconded
by the Honorable and Reverend Samuel Lyons Esquire, that
the above mentioned Bill be read a second time and it was read
a second time accordingly.

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

Since Honor is now adjourned to Thursday the
fifth Day of October next.

Council Chamber
21st Sept. 1715

By Command
(signed) Geo. W. Wolfe
Ck. of the Council

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charles Town this 5th Day
of October 1715 pursuant to adjournment

Present

His Honor Thomas J. Cotte Esquire President

Honorable Rev. Samuel Lyons } Esquires
Samuel Lawrence }

For want of other Members to form a Board there was no
business done.

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charlestown this 10th Day
of October 1715 pursuant to Summons

Present

His Honor Thomas John Cotte Esquire President

John C. Little

Honorable Rev. Samuel Lyons } Esquires

For want of other Members to form a Board no business
was done.

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charlestown
this 26th Day of October 1715 pursuant to Summons

Present

His Honor Thomas John Cotte Esquire President

Walter Maynard

John C. Little

Honorable Peter Jefferys } Esquires

Rev. Sam. Lyons

James Wake

Samuel Lawrence

Read the Proceedings of the 21st September. Vc.

Motion made by the Honorable

Esquire, seconded

by the Honorable Esquire that the Bill intituled in the
Act for providing an Honorable support for the Honorable Henry
Paulinus Esquire Commander in Chief in and over all his Majesty's
High Landward Charibbe Colonies in America, Chancellor, Vice Ad-
miral and Ordinary of the same Vc. Vc. during his Government,
and also for laying a Duty a Toll Tax on Negroes and other Slaves
for the payment thereof. be read a third time, and it was read
accordingly.

His Honor the President then put to Vote whether the said
Bill should pass into Law, and it passed the Board accordingly.

His Honor

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

We herewith send you a Bill intituled "An Act for providing an honorable support for the Honorable Henry Ruiz Esquire, Commander in Chief in and over all His Majesty's Leeward Charibbe Islands in America, Chancellor, Vice Admirant and Ordinary of the same &c. &c. &c. during his Government and also for laying a Duty or Tax on Negroes and other Slaves for the Payment thereof" which has passed this Board.

By Command
(signed) Edw. Wolfe
Ck. of the Council
Council Chamber
26th October 1815

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor the President and Council

This House is of opinion, that it may appear necessary to give assistance to the Council already engaged to prosecute the late Captain Grimes of Fort Charles John Peterson, and therefore request the Concurrence of your Board to authorize the President and Speaker to act on that occasion as they may deem proper to fulfil the ends of Justice by offering Fees to such other Council as the nature of the Circumstances may seem to require - and this House pledge themselves to make good the expences attending the same.

Assembly Room
(signed) Mignios Alderson
Speaker
26th October 1815

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

This Board concurs with your House in authorizing the President and Speaker to engage such additional

additional assistance to the Council already concerned in the prosecution of the late Captain Grimes of Fort Charles John Peterson as they may deem necessary.

Council Chamber

26th October 1815

By Command
(signed) Edw. Wolfe
Ck. of the Council

His Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen,

Your House is now adjourned till Sum-
mer.

Council Chamber

26th October 1815

By Command
(signed) Edw. Wolfe
Ck. of the Council

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charlestown this
2nd Day of December 1815 pursuant to Summons
Present

His Honor Tho^s J. Cottle Esq^r President

John C. Miller

Walter Maynard

The Anibles. Res^t Sam. Lyons

James Wether

Esquires

Read the last Days Proceedings

Orders for the Election of a new Assembly having expired returnable this Day, the following Members were thereby returned as duly elected.

John Richardson

Samuel Nicholson

Joseph Jones

Esquires For the Parish Saint Paul

William

William Lawrence }
 William Pemberton } Equires For Parish Saint John
 George C. Forbes }
 William W. Wilkes }
 Magnus Manton } Equires For Parish Saint George
 Thomas Selwood }
 Edward Muggins Junr }
 Edward Muggins Junr } Equires For Parish Saint James
 William Maynard }

All the aforesaid Members except Magnus Manton, Joseph Jones, Geo C Forbes, William W. Wilkes and William Maynard Equires attended the Board took the Oaths and subscribed the Test.

The Writ for the Parish of Saint Thomas was returned unexecuted in consequence of the sick illness of the returning Officer Samuel Lawrence Equire to whom the same had been directed, and a new writ for the said Parish was duly applied for.

His Honor the President reported to the Board that further Council had been deemed necessary, and that George Maudslough Equire had been engaged with a Fee of 50 £ Sterling to assist in the Prosecution of Mr. Colegrove the Captain Guinnee.

A sufficient number of Members not attending to form an Assembly no Business was done.

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charlestown this 11th Day of December 1715

Present

The Honorable Thomas John Cottle Equire President

Samuel Daniell

Assisted

Rev.^d Samuel Lyons } Equires
 James Wilkes }
 Samuel Lawrence }

Read the last days proceedings

A New Writ for the Parish of St. Thomas having issued returnable this Day, the following Members were chosen and sworn duly elected.

John Henry Clarke

Peter Thomas Muggins } Equires

John Rainey

Magnus Manton, Joseph Jones, William W. Wilkes, John Rainey and William Maynard Equires this Day attended the Board, took the usual Oaths prescribed by Law and subscribed the Declaration, the aforesaid Members also this Day unanimously chose Magnus Manton for their Speaker.

George Abbott Equire by permission of the Board presented a Commission which was ordered to be read as follows

In the name, and on the Behalf of His Majesty

George R^o

(L.S.)

Trusty and well beloved We greet you well Wherunto We have taken into Our Royal Consideration that Loyally Integrity and

and Ability of Our Navy and well beloved George Abbott Esquire. We have thought fit hereby to authorize and require you forthwith to cause Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal of Our Islands of Antigua constituting and appointing him the said George Abbott Clerk of the Naval or Navy Office of Our said Island in the room of James Esq. Molloy Esquire deceased to have hold execute and enjoy the same to him the said George Abbott by himself or by his sufficient deputy or Deputies during Our Pleasure and his residence within Our said Island together with all and singular the Fees, Rights, Privileges, Prequisites and Advantages to the said Office or Place belonging or appertaining with a Power that nothing in the said Letters Patent contained shall extend or be construed to extend to the prejudice or disadvantage of the Office of Our Right Admiral of Great Britain or of the Admiralty of Our Foreign Plantations for their time being or of any the Rights, Privileges, Jurisdiction Powers and Authorities to the same in any wise appertaining in as full and ample manner as the said James Esq. Molloy or any other Person heretofore held and enjoyed or of right ought to have held and enjoyed the same. And for so doing this shall be your Warrant and we will give you full power at Our Court at Carlton Place the twenty second day of July 1765 and in the fifty fifth Year of Our Reign.

By Command of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty
(signed) Bathurst

At the said George Abbott took the usual Oath prescribed by Law and subscribes this Declaration.

Francis J. Galpine Esq^r by permission of the Board presented a Commission under the Great and Seal of the Colonies in Chief appointing him Captain and Master Gunner of Fort Charles when the usual Oaths were administered and he subscribed the declaration.

Now Upon the President laid before the Board the following Letters, which were read as follows.

St. Johns 11th Decem^r 1765

Gentlemen

I herewith enclose you a Copy of Carl Bathurst's Letter to me in reply to the Resolutions of the Council and Assembly of Antigua.

Your Obedtⁿ Servant

humble Servant

(signed) Henry Rawlins

To

The Honorable

Thomas J. Cottle Esq^r

President of the Council

and

The Honorable

Magnum Macton Esq^r

Speaker of the House of Assembly

St. Johns

Downing Street 19th Oct: 1765

Sir

His Majesty's Government have not failed to take into their consideration the various statements contained in the Minutes of the Council of Antigua and in those of the Council and Assembly of Antigua relative to the consequences
resulting

welcoming from the suspension of intercourse by means of American Ships between the British West India Islands and the United States. The General tenor of the Resolutions appears to be to point out the inapplicability of the British Navigation Laws to the particular Islands of Antigua and Nevis and the Advantage of dispensing with them in the behalf of the Colonists; and I have only to acquaint you that as there does not appear from the Statements transmitted by you to be any such immediate and pressing necessity as to warrant His Majesty's Government in dispensing by their own Act with the established Laws it is not in my power to hold out any expectation that the measures which the Council in question consider calculated to afford them relief can be adopted.

(signed) Bathurst

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor The President and Council

We have appointed the following standing Committee for Trade and Fortifications Edward Duggins Esq. John Richardson and William Pemberton Esquires and for Public Accounts William Lawrence, Finlay Nicholson and Joseph Jones Esquires to join such Members of your Board as you may think proper to appoint

(signed) Magnus Morden
Speaker

Assembly Room
December 14th 1765

His Honor The President and Council
To The Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

We have appointed The Honorable James Weches

and Samuel Lawrence Esquires to join William Lawrence, Finlay Nicholson and Joseph Jones Esquires as the Committee for Public Accounts and The Honorable John C. Miller and James Daniell Esquires to join the Members by you appointed as a Committee for Fortifications

Council Chamber
14th Decemb. 1765

By Command
(signed) Geo. T. Wolfe
Clerk of Council

His Honor The President and Council
To The Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

We herewith send you a Letter from His Honor The Commander in Chief enclosing a Copy of a Letter from Carl Bathurst stating the sentiments of His Majesty's Ministers upon the application of the Council and Assembly for the admission of Vessels from the United States

Council Chamber
14th Decemb. 1765

By Command
(signed) Geo. T. Wolfe
Clerk of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor The President and Council

We request the Concurrence of your Board to the following Resolution, so that the Speaker may be able to suit himself of the assistance of His Honor the President in making the necessary application to the King's Council or Solicitor General.

Resolved that the Council for the Crown be required to procure a certified Report of the Trial of John Utson, late Captain Gunner of Fort Charles, at the suit of the King

Assembly Room
December 14th 1765

(signed) Magnus Morden
Speaker

To His Honor The President and Council
To The Gentlemen of The Assembly

Gentlemen

This Board concurs in the Resolution of your
House that the Council for the Crown be required to procure a
certified Report of the trial of John Peterson late Captain
Gunnice of Fort Charles at the out of the King.

Council Chamber
11th Decemb. 1715

By Command
(signed) Geo. T. Wolfe
Ck. of G. Coun

To His Honor The President and Council
To The Gentlemen of The Assembly

Gentlemen

Your House is now adjourned to Thurs-
day the 14th Day of January 1716

Council Chamber
11th Decemb. 1715

By Command
(signed) Geo. T. Wolfe
Ck. of G. Coun

The Honorable James Waker requests that his
deport to the Resolution to join the House of Assembly
in a Committee to be annexed a Committee of Forts
and Fortifications should be entered in the Minutes - the
same was decided accordingly

At a Meeting of the Council held at Charleston on Thursday
the 14th Day of January 1716 pursuant to adjournment
Present

His Honor Thomas J. Cottle Esquire President

James Waker

The Honorable

Sam. Lyons

Peter Affays

Sam. Laurence

} Esquires

Read the last Day's proceedings

This Day John May Clarke and Alex Thomas Higgins Esquires
attended the Board and took the usual Oath subscribed by Law
as Representatives in the House of Assembly.

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor The President and Council

The Command of the Chief Fort having advised upon
a Gentleman of respectable Character, from whom We have every reason
to expect exact and regular Accounts, attended also with a res-
pectful behaviour towards the Legislative Power of this Island -
and taking also into consideration the propriety of curtailing the
number of artificers now employed in said Fort. This House
have unanimously agreed to the following Resolutions - to which
We hope for the concurrence of your Board.

Resolved - That the Sum of Ten Pound p^{er} month
Currency should be the salary affixed to the situation of
Captain Gunnice of the Chief Fort called Charles Fort in
lieu of the stipend now allowed providing all prerequisites
whenever, and requiring in consequence a faithful account
of every expenditure of Power and Arms laid under the
Act. n^o 100.

Resolved - That the number of artificers should be
reduced

reduced from six to four allowing the Captain Guinee to employ on all proper occasions such additional hands as the nature of the service may require.

(signed) Maguaw Moton
Speaker

Assembly Room
Jan^y 14th 1716

The Gentlemen of the Assembly
To His Honor The President and Council

We beg leave to lay before your Board the following agreement which this House have adopted as the best means of forwarding the Public Business attended with the least inconvenience to each individual Member, and we earnestly request the attention of your Board to a Corresponding measure.

Agreed by the House that the Speaker should take the Chair precisely by Eleven O'clock in the morning of each day of the Meeting of the Legislature, and that he be authorized to lay a fine of £2.10.0 on every Member neglecting to attend at that hour.

(signed) Maguaw Moton
Speaker

Assembly Room
Jan^y 14th 1716

His Honor The President and Council
To The Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

This Board concurs with your House in the Resolution that the Salary of the Captain Guinee of Charlesfort should be two hundred pounds per annum in future.

This Board has no objection to the removing of the Matignon staves in the Resolution of your House but is of opinion that His Honor The Commisary in Chief should be consulted

consulted on the propriety of that Measure.

Council Chamber

14th January 1716

By Command
(signed) James T. Lawrence
Sec^y J. Wolfe
Clk. of the Council

His Honor The President and Council
To The Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

This Board highly gratified with the determination of your House to meet at eleven O'clock have resolved that this fine by Law established shall be enforced against such of their attendants as cannot assign a satisfactory reason for their nonattendance at the Board by Eleven O'clock in the morning of the days of the Meeting of the Legislature

Council Chamber

14th January 1716

By Command
(signed) James T. Lawrence
Sec^y J. Wolfe
Clk. of the Council

His Honor The President and Council
To The Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

Your House is now adjourned to Thursday the first Day of February next.

Council Chamber

14th January 1716

By Command
(signed) James T. Lawrence
Sec^y J. Wolfe
Clk. of the Council

At a Meeting of the Council held at Chatestown on Thursday the First Day of February 1716 pursuant to adjournment
Present

The Honble Thomas S. Cottle Esq^r President
Walter Maynard
Jm^r C. Mills
James Daniell
Honorable Peter Jefferys Esquire
Rev^d Sam^l Lyons
James Wicks
Samuel Lawrence

Read the last Days Proceedings

The Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

We beg leave to acquaint your Honor the President has informed the Board that he had seen the Solicitor General and acquainted him with the determination of the two Honors to apply to the Council for the Council for a certificate of the death of John Petersen late Captain Gunner of Fort Charles at the suit of the King and that he had stated his readiness to produce the same

Council Chamber
1st February 1716

By Command
signed Edw^d T. Wolfe
Clerk of Council

The Honor the President and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen
Your Honor is now adjourned

Council Chamber
1st February 1716

By Command
signed Edw^d T. Wolfe
Clerk of Council

At a Meeting of the Council held at Chatestown the twenty second day of February 1716
Present

The Honor Henry Rowles Esquire Commander in Chief
Thomas John Cottle
John C. Mills
Honble Rev^d Sam^l Lyons Esquire
Samuel Lawrence

Read the last days proceedings

The Honorable John C. Mills laid before the Board a report of the Committee for Facts and Satisfaction which was ordered to be read

The Honor the Commander in Chief and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

This Board herewith submits to your Honor a report of the Committee for Facts and Satisfaction and recommends the concurrence of your Honor thereto

Council Chamber
22nd February 1716

By Command
signed John A. Small
Clerk of Council

The Honor the Commander in Chief and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly
Gentlemen

The President informed the Board he had received a letter from the Honor the Commander in Chief including a communication from Capt. Bathurst to him on the subject of advising the destruction of the Colony by admitting supplies from the foreign Islands, the instant communication

we have no time in forwarding for the information and consideration of your House.

Council Chamber
27th February 1816

By Command
signed, John R. Small
Clk. of Council

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the Commander in Chief and Council

This House fully concurs with your Board in the Desirability of fulfilling the recommendation of the Joint Committee of Facts and Investigations, and beg leave further to suggest that His Honor the Commander in Chief be requested to give his sanction to the Sale of as much Good Land as will suffice (with the Commutations & Messagery in the Township) to make good the Expenses of the same.

Assembly Room
Feb. 27th 1816

signed, Marques Moton
Speaker

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To His Honor the Commander in Chief and Council

It is with much regret that this House have heard the Letter from My Lord Bathurst to His Honor the Commander in Chief read before them this day - its consequences appear so fatal to the vital interests and indeed to the actual existence of the Inhabitants of this Island, that we cannot lose a moment in requesting your Board to nominate a Committee to join one from this House to make such a representation to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent through His Honor the Commander in Chief, or some good Officer on this Occasion we confidently trust as may induce the Ministers of His Majesty's Government to grant a relaxation of its late Acts so imperiously demanded by the existing state of our wants.

This House have appointed John Richardson George Clarke

George Clarke and Sulay Nicholson Esquires as a Committee for the above purpose.

This House also in order to give the best possible effect to such representations as the two branches of the Legislature may think proper to make beg leave to recommend that Patrick Colquhoun Esquire be appointed the Agent for this Island, and that the same be communicated by the President and Speaker forwarding at the same time Duplicates of all proceedings, and all other matters as may be conducive to the general good - This House agree to allow the Sum of One Hundred and five pounds Sterling to the above Agent, and to pay all reasonable expenses attending the duties attached to that Office.

Assembly Room
Feb. 27th 1816

signed, Marques Moton
Speaker

His Honor the Commander in Chief and Council
To The Gentlemen of this Assembly
Gentlemen

This Board perfectly coincides with your House that the Communication of Lord Bathurst appears to threaten in its consequences the vital interests of the Inhabitants of this Island and have appointed the Honorable Thomas John Cottle and Samuel Lawrence Esquires to join the Members of your House mentioned in your Message as a Committee for the purpose of making such representations to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent through His Honor the Commander in Chief as the exigencies of the case may require.

This Board also concurs in nominating Patrick Colquhoun Esquire as Agent for this Island with the Salary of One hundred and five Pounds Sterling per annum
Council Chamber
27th February 1816

By Command
signed, John R. Small
Clk. of Council

This House the Commander in Chief and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

This Board considering the various state of
the Magazine of Charles Fort and consequent Damage to the
Inhabitants of the Town from the exposed situation of the same
do hereby leave to communicate to your House that His Honor
the Commander in Chief has respected his undertakings to author-
ize a Sale of so much Gun Powder as will suffice with the
Communitation Money now in the Treasury to make good the
expences which may be necessary to carry into immediate effect
the Recommendation of the joint Committee on that Subject
and for the more speedy furtherance of this Object This House
The Commander in Chief will procure the assistance of the Offi-
cer of Engineers commanding at Ft. Kettle.

Council Chamber

22nd February 1716

The Gentlemen of the Assembly

To This House the Commander in Chief and Council
A representation having been made to this House of
the extreme state of distress in which M^{rs} Jefferys (Widow of
the late James Connor Jefferys) is placed in consequence of being
burthened at this moment with three Orphan Children and it
appearing that the said M^{rs} Jefferys is a proper Object of Cha-
rity, This House requests the concurrence of your Board in a Reso-
lution that the sum of Four Dollars per Week be allowed for
her support, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue the
same, which Expense this House pledges themselves to make good

Assembly Room

February 22nd 1716

By Command
(signed) John A. Small
Chk. of Council

This House the Commander in Chief and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Gentlemen

From the representation of the extreme distress and poverty in which
M^{rs} Jefferys, Widow of the late James Connor Jefferys is placed
in consequence of being burthened with three Orphan Children
this Board cheerfully agrees that Four dollars per Week in
Money be issued out of the Treasury for her support.

Council Chamber

22nd February 1716

This House the Commander in Chief and Council
To the Gentlemen of the Assembly

Your House is now adjourned

Council Chamber

22nd February 1716

By Command
(signed) John A. Small
Chk. of Council

Now follows the report of the Committee of Trade and
fortifications read at this Meeting
At a Meeting of the Committee of Trade and
fortifications to Consider of the State of Charles Fort

Present

The Honble J. C. Wells

James Daniell } from Council

Edward Higgins Senr

William Pemberton } from Assembly

John Richardson

The Committee considering the various state of the
Magazines and the quantity of Gunpowder therein collect-
ed for duties and the augmented quantity soon to be
supplied

resolved them, to unanimously recommend a Magazine to be immediately built of such dimensions as may be approved of by the Board and House effectually to secure the powder.

This also recommend the present Magazine to be converted into Barracks sufficient for the accommodation of Militias and security of small Arms. The Water to be repaired, also the Gate leading into the Fort, and necessary against the swelling of the Captain Gunner.

The Committee also recommend the four twelve pound Gun Carriages to be painted and kept in the best Condition, the flat form to be repaired and kept in good Condition.

The Captain Gunner requires a small Union Flag, and Bunting to repair the flags in use, and a Speaking Trumpet, which we recommend to be supplied.

Committee Room
20th February 1815

(signed) J^r C. Mills
Chairman

Here follows the Letter from Earl Bathurst read at this Meeting

(Circular)

Sir

Downing Street
23rd December 1815

The long protracted Warfare in which this Country has been engaged having occasioned frequent and almost continued Relaxations of the Colonial Policy, which in a time of Peace it would be highly inexpedient to authorize, I have to call your attention to the necessity of strictly enforcing in the Island under your Administration

Administration the Laws which regulate the Trade of the British Colonies.

I am more particularly desirous of bringing under your observation the Act of the 28th Geo. 3rd c. 5. Act 10 & 11 which at the same time that it prohibits all Intercourse between the British Colonies and the Islands possessed by a foreign power nevertheless gives the Governor with authority to allow the importation of certain Articles in cases of necessity or great urgency. It cannot have escaped your observation that this power if not exercised with great discretion is calculated to defeat the main Object of the Law and that that Privilege which was intended merely to prevent actual Famine or Distress arising from a Calamity which it was not possible to foresee, may be converted into the means of carrying on with Foreign States a lucrative Trade which the Mother Country or other British Colonies would otherwise enjoy.

You will therefore not consider yourself authorized under ordinary circumstances to exercise the power with which this Act of the Legislature has invested you without having first communicated to His Majesty's Government the reasons which appear to justify it, and having received their approbation; and if any case should arise in which from sudden and unforeseen Calamity the Colony under your Government should be exposed to actual distress, you will in exercising this discretion bear in mind that you will be considered responsible in the event of its appearing to have been exercised on insufficient grounds, and you will not fail immediately to report to me the

The circumstances under which you have felt obliged
to act.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedient
humble servant
(signed) Rathbun

M^r President Rawlins

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do solemnly and sincerely in the presence of God, Profess, Testify and Declare that I do believe that in the Sacrament of the Lords Supper there is not any Transubstantiation of the Elements of Bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, at or after the Consecration thereof by any Person whatsoever; and that the Invocation or adoration of the Virgin Mary or any other Saint, and the Sacrifices of the Mass, as they are now used in the Church of Rome, are superstitious and Idolatrous, and I do solemnly in the presence of God profess, testify and declare that I do make this Declaration and every part thereof in the plain and ordinary sense of the Words read unto Me as they are commonly understood by English Protestants without any Evasion or Equivocation or Mental Reservation whatsoever, and without any dispensation already granted or to be granted by the Pope or any other Authority or Person whatsoever or without any hope of any such Dispensation from any Person or Authority whatsoever or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before God or Man or absolved of this Declaration or any part thereof although the Pope or any other Person or Persons or Power whatsoever shall dispense with or annul the same or declare that it is null or void from the beginning.

Robt Broadbent Comptroller of His Majesty's Exchequer
this 22nd day of May 1812 - as per Commission
under the Hands of the Commissioners in England

John Pemberton

John Richardson

John Hanley

Joseph Jones

William King

Tom Lawrence

William Mather

J. H. Mather

John Hanley

Edward Higgins

Wm. Mather

Edward Higgins jun

The Rev. Mr. Mather

J. T. Higgins

Wm. Mather Mather

John Mather

W. Mather Esq. at Arms

Joseph W. Hanley Esq. by Post
the 5th December 1812.

John Brooks Coroner this 10th

Day of December 1812

Wm. Mather King's Council

a Justice of the Peace this 10th Dec. 1812.

Wm. Mather a Justice of the Peace this
10th December 1812

Adm^r Boddie forner this 10th
December 1812

Mr. Winstanley as a Justice of the Peace for
10th December 1812

Wm Lawrence Chief Justice. 19th Febry
Lockhart Gordon Collector of Customs

25th February 1812

Wm Lawrence
John Richardson

E. M. Buntley
Surj. at Arms

Joseph Jones

Jam^s Stanley

Edward Higgins Jun

Wm^r Tomlinson

Thos. Sibbald

Mr. Winstanley

Edward Higgins

J. Higgins

M. Martin

J. H. Marks

Wm Worthington Collier.

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