

The Secretary for y^e plantations



To be acquainted y^t Privateers Do Infest this coast &
usually but in June July & August, their Majesty's ships
attending this place being only to cruise for y^e French
sh. of Lys I do 3 y^ers off y^e coast, or will be sent
out wth 4000 Hops of Drilling Drives, whereas if y^e
Liberty Were given to convoy y^e more ships of
this place to y^e Banks of Newfoundland who
are settling a trade there Jamaica and Barbadoes
their two great supports failing them y^e first by
the French having done great spoils there y^e latter
being supplied from y^e land wth provisions

There are likewise severall vessels of force y^e would
fit out and attend her on any service to go to places
till or as y^e French when we have notice here of
their coming on y^e Banks of wth I Intend not but
they would give a good acct. We have here several
P. B. ships fit for y^e purpose I should always take care
y^t she may be ready at a time of Danger for
preparing this Coast

The Capt of y^e ship ~~Bellevue~~ complains of y^e great Expence
the King must be at for y^e Lying of this ship here
there being no place where she can Hall on shore wth
our being great Expences for Drills to furnish her by land
the Incertainty of Drills getting to Hall her Down
by ~~land~~ and y^e more here will Disburse any Money

for the Refitting of the ship a boat having come hither
from England lately by name Mr Thomas Wrenham
Who formerly had laid out Money for the fitting of
the Albrough Letch and could not have the full of
the Letch his bills paid but with difficulty got a tally
struck payable three years hence, this act has made the
people here stop their hands from supplying the King's
ships with any thing save provisions, w^{ch} bills are
paid the not wth such punctuality as I am informed
as the King's ships foreign bills ought to be, if the
attending this way
ships be not kept in a good trim the can be of no
service

If the Coll: it^h Hon^{ble} Orderd out of the Queen's to
disburse for the ships Refitting. the ships would be at a better
certainty

There is a convenient place here for the making of a Dock
w^{ch} may be done for five or six thousand Pounds w^{ch}
would not only preserve the King's ships all the winter here
and all Merc^t ships w^{ch} otherwise lie in great danger
of the ice cutting their cables and forcing them on shore
yet but would on all occasions be ready and useful for
their Refitting wth ease & security and would be a
great encouragement of Trade here and the building of
ships tho they were 500 tunns, and is a necessary good
works

Honourable

My dear

By y^e most
humble serv^t

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