

West Indies particularly of the Peggy of New York, one Hadden Master, & of a Privateer from Halifax commanded by one Snooke.

It was with the greatest Indignation that his Majesty received this Account of Proceedings on the Part of his Subjects not only contrary to all Humanity & good Faith but to the general Instructions given to Privateers & in direct Breach of the additional one of the 5<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> last, with regard to Spanish Ships; & the King, being determined that the most rigorous Justice shall be put in Execution against such notorious Acts of Violence has directed the Governors of New York, & Nova Scotia to commence Prosecutions against the Owners, Masters & Securities of the Two Privateers abovementioned; and it is his Majesty's Pleasure in Case either or Both of them shall put into any Port within your Government that you do cause them to be detained giving immediate Notice to the Governor of New York of the Arrival & Detention of the Peggy Hadden Master; & of that from Halifax commanded by Snooke to Gov<sup>r</sup> Lawrence in order that they may send you such Directions thereupon, as they shall judge most expedient for the Execution of the Kings Commands signified to them upon this Occasion

Tho' the additional Instruction abovementioned of the 5<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> last, has been already transmitted to you from the Council Office, I send you herewith some printed Copies thereof & am to signify to you his Majesty's Pleasure, that you be particularly careful not only to deliver the same to all persons, who shall hereafter take out Commissions for Privateers but also that whenever any Privateers come to the Ports in your Government, You do make Enquiry whether they have already received the said Instruction; & in Case you have Reason to think they have not you will cause a Copy thereof to be delivered to the Commanders of such Privateers, & at the same Time acquaint them that the King is determined to require the most exact Obedience thereto; & that the severest Prosecutions will be carried on against those who shall in any manner act contrary to the same, & thereby endanger that Harmony which his Majesty is so desirous to preserve with the Court of Spain.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient  
Humble Servant  
Holderness