

enabled by peculiar circumstances from making a second application to their Lordships for a renewal of it, and hoping under such a predicament to be able to justify his conduct in his proposed departure finds himself under the necessity of making immediate application to this committee for the grant of such a passport as may enable him to leave the province with safety to himself and that security to his property, which he hath ever hitherto enjoyed so soon as he can with convenience to the present situation of his affairs, procure a passage for that purpose.

Thereupon Resolved unanimously, that the said Daniel Wolstenholme Esq have leave to depart this province (with his effects unmolested) to Great Britain at any time hereafter as shall by him be judged most convenient for his health and private concerns, and that the Chairman make out a passport, to be delivered to the said Danl. Wolstenholme Esquire agreeable to this Resolve.

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Test. Timothy Bowes, Clerk.

[Wolstenholme to Barnes.]

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Sir.

St. Mary's 18th July 1776.

By Colo Read I am just now favor'd with yours of this date, acquainting me that you have communicated my request to Gen^l Dent relative to sending and receiving a flag of truce from the fleet and that he is against sending a flag on board, and permitting any one to go on board from this part, and that you therefore hope I will decline all thoughts of going at present.

If you will please to refer to my letter sent on the occasion, I presume, you will find that the purport of it hath been entirely mistaken, as I only acquainted the Commanding officer at St George's, which I find you was at that time, that I thought it necessary to inform him, a Flag would be sent for me, and desiring that a proper officer might be appointed on the occasion, and that every due respect might be paid to it, as the militia who had return'd to my house since the affair, which I had mentioned in my letter, were very little acquainted with ceremonies of that nature. How from the above request it could be imagined that I asked the General's permission to depart the Province, or to go on board any ship in the Fleet for that purpose, I am at a loss to determine, as he must no doubt have been well acquainted with the genteel treatment I met with from the committee of observation of this county and the unanimous consent they gave me to embark at any time I should judge most convenient to my health and private con-