

what to do with the remaining stores and money in my hands.
 And am Sir, Your humble Servant,
 Amos Garrett

Original.

[G. Cook to Council.]

At Sea, Ship Defence 30th October 1776.

Hon^{le} Gent.

On the 4th of this Instant I wrote you by Capt. Brown & Walker who I sent in with a Snow and Sloop taken off St. Augustine, which I hope have got safe in. I flatter'd myself at that time that you would have heard from me sooner. I this day have taken a small schooner with 40 hhd^s Rum, three hhd^s Sugar, 1 Cw^t Coffee, a few Barrells Limes &c. from Dominica by her clearance bound to Newfound Land, but have reason to believe the Capt of her intended to New York to supply the Ministerial army, he gives me Information of two Briggs and three schooners to sail from Dominica in a day or two with rum, sugar & Coffee for New York, or Hallifax. I shall endeavour to be in their way, and hope you'l be no way uneasy should I stay rather longer out than you might expect. I have spoke a schooner from Charles Town for Cape Nichola, and yesterday spoke a French Ship from Cape Nichola bound for France. We have spoke every thing that we have seen, but one schooner which we did not attempt, being in chase of the French Ship which gives me great reason to think our Ship sails fast.

Our Ships Company keeps their health extremely well, and have the Pleasure to inform you we are well satisfyed, and that the greatest harmony subsists between us.

I hope you'l pardon the freedom I hear use, being a young officer in this service, in pointing out to you those officers under my command that is deserving of appointments, but I should in every degree think myself blameable to my country, should I not mention such to you; M^r Auchenlick and M^r Burnell my two Lieut^{ts} from every circumstance since with me, I find them to be experienced and brave officers, have been a considerable time in the British Navy, and from every thing I can observe hath entered into our service entirely from Principle. I have likewise occasion to mention M^r Joseph Smith second Lieu^t of Marines on board, who has behav'd extremely well. From those circumstances they hope for your favour at the time of appointments in the country service.

I am Hon^d Gent y^r most obed^t Hum^l Serv^t
 Geo. Cook

P. S. I have inclosed you a list of all the officers and men belonging to the Ship. I would have transmitted sooner, but it was not in my power
 G. C.