

Related being much abused Iust before by the s^d Goss, and at the funerall of the afores^d Goss, one Cap^t Sneads one of the Justices of Philadelphia coming amongst them that were drinking tould them that they should behave themselves sivilly or else goe their ways homewards: they being in drink gave him some Oprobrious words, and fell upon him, upon which he drew his Sword and stabb'd one of them, who it was I do not know I hear he is since Recover'd. The Pyrats were much allarm'd at that time, being as I was tould Occasion'd by Cap^t Thomas Robinson his Coming up there with some Comission to call them to Acco^t I do not question but his Ex^{ncy} hath had a full Acco^t of the s^d Robinson before now of what Occur'd in his Stay there, he being gone Down last week to Virg^a

While I was up at Philadelphia one Cap^t James Trent came up who had left his Ship mounted with 36: Guns below the Town of New Castle and brought in above 150 Scotts Servants but little Goods, he did search for me understanding I did live in Maryland, and asked me whether I could give him encouragem^t to Come to Maryland he wanted a Loading Tobacco to w^{ch} made Answer that none or little was to be gott before the New Crop, upon w^{ch} I do believe he doth intend to make a voyage to Barbadoes, and so in the ffall to Come there, I doe suppose he doth serve in the same employ with M^r James Coutts: this being the Substance of what I doe know of the matter, have thought my Duty in Ord^r to his Ex^{ncys} Comands to acquaint you with and Subscribe,

Yo^r humble Serv^t
Matt: V: Heyden

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Codringtons
I re to the
Gov^r of
Bermuda abt
the English
& ffrench
West India
Squadron . . .

I have yo^{rs} of the 13th instant by the Bearer John Jordan Master of yo^r Express Sloop who Arrived here Yesterday ab^t noone In Answer to which I shall give you the best Acco^t I can of the State of our Enemies Fleet which is as followeth. Its now three months since an Express boat arrived at Barbadoes & from thence dispatch't, i^mmediately for Jamaica, who brought a pacquet for me (as he did for the President of that Island) from his Ma^{ty} Dated at Whitehall the 23th of Novemb^r last, Giving me Acco^t of the ffrench their making preparations of Twenty Six men of Warr Including ffire Ships and Tenders, then at Brest, with 3000: Land Souldiers, with design (as was believed) on some part of the West Indies, and w^{ch} Acco^t hath been since confirmed by severall private hands, and who further said that s^d Squadron had left ffrence in Ord^r to their intended design; and w^{ch} hath Occasioned the Islands of my Governm^t to have been on strict Guard untill