

informed that they have been a Receptacle of Pirates with their Lib. X.
Effects & have also given encouragement to illegal traders
running their Goods there neither have the inhabitants had
much regard for the Government imposed on them by the
Proprietors having at their pleasures imprisoned their Gov-
ernor & again receive him as such according to the Prevalency of the several parties

His Excellency having laid before the Board the Accounts
of the vestries of the several parishes in the several Counties
of this Province which are ready to be sent to their Lordships
of trade & plantations &c^a in order to the obviating some false
Objections which have been made in England against the raising
and disposal of the 40^l of Tobacco p Poll here for the Support
of the Ministry p. 278

Ordered that the Clerk of the Council see the said Accounts
regularly stated and fairly transcribed in order to be sent to
their said Lordships

His Excellency proposes to the Council that in regard an
opportunity now presents of buying some powder already in
the Country whether it may not be advisable at this Juncture
to embrace the Occasion

To which the Gentlemen say they are sensible there is a
considerable Quantity of Powder already in the Country
which is continually decaying and Damnifying therefore do
not at present think it Necessary

His Excellency says he has often called upon George Plater
& George Muschamp Esq^{rs} his Maj^{stys} Receivers to give
Security for their Receivers places who now propose Thomas
Tench Esq^r & Lieu^t Col^o Jacob Moreland to be their securi-
tys which are well Approved of

Upon the Application of George Plater Esq^r Ordered that
the several Clerks of the respective County Courts do forth-
with return an exact List of all Fines & Forfeitures in there
County Courts w^{ch} have fallen since his Majestys more im-
mediate happy Government.

Whereas it is now the winter Season and his Majestys p. 279
advice Boat Eagle under the comm^d of Captain Nathaniel
Bostock is in this River it is thought advisable that he bring
the Vessel into the Creek where she may be ready upon all
Occasions if the weather will permit.

Came Sr Thomas Lawrence Bar^t & produced his Majestys
Letters pattents to him for the Secrys Office in this Province
upon which occasion these Following Minutes which had been
taken before his Excellency & the honble Col^o John Ham-
mond were read & well approved of