

Lib. C. B. His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter

Whitehall 4<sup>th</sup> August 1749.

Sir

In consequence of the Agreement between the Crowns of England & Spain by which it was Stipulated that all Hostilities in the American Seas, should cease between the two Nations, Six Weeks after the King of Spains Accession to the Preliminary Articles, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 1748, which term consequently Expired on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August following; His Catholick Majesty has been pleased to direct a General Order to be sent to all his Governors requiring them to make restitution of all Prizes taken after the said 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1748—as will more fully Appear by a Copy of the said General Order, which I herewith transmit to you, Authenticated by a Notary Publick; I have his Majestys Commands to Signify his Pleasure to you, that you do give Notice of the said Catholick King's said General Order, to all his Majestys trading Subjects under your Government and Likewise that you do Assist to the utmost of your Power, all his Majestys Subjects who may have any Claims on this Occasion I am

Sir

P. S. Your Most Obedient Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
 You will likewise Receive Bedford  
 herewith Inclosed a Translation of his  
 Catholick Majestys General Order to his Governors  
 Governor of Maryland.

p. 399 Whereas by a late Agreement between this Court and that of London, the last day of Hostilities in Spain on this Side the line, whether in the American Seas or elsewhere is to be understood to be the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1748, being the day whereon the Six weeks from the Kings Acceding to the Preliminaries at Aix la Chapelle the 28<sup>th</sup> of June Preceeding; expired, His Majesty has Commanded me to Acquaint you therewith; to the end that in Conformity to the said Agreement you may order to be restored to the English all such Prizes taken from them either by Men of War or Privateers on this side the line, since the said Ninth day of August, as have been Carried into any of the Ports under your Government: And you are further to take Notice that such Restitution is to extend to the Ships Rigging Stores & Cargo of said Prizes; And that in Case the whole or any Part thereof has been Sold or divided amongst the Captors the just Value shall be made Good to the owners

The English in like manner are to Restore on their Side, such Prizes as they may have taken from us in like Circum-