

Naval Office, and he went out of the Naval Office to get his Clearance from the Collector but did not return.
certified by. Tho^s Johnson jun^r D.. Naval Offic^r

Lib. J. R.
& U. S.

These are to certifie all whom it may concern, that on the ninth Day of March last Captain George Watt of the Snow Christian made Application at the Custom House for a Clearance some time before the Embargo was laid, but before I had examined his Papers the Collector came in to the Office, and put a stop to my Proceedings. And these may further certifie that the said Captain Watt would have been cleared before the Collectors Directions to the Contrary had I not been employed in entring another Captain from New York, whose papers I had in Hand first. Given under my Hand at the Custom House in Annapolis this 25.. of May 1757

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Jn^o Davidson D.. Coll^r

Upon reading the foregoing Petition of John Wallace Merchant on Behalf of himself and the Owners and Freighters of the Snow Christian.

Ordered that the Officers of the Customs at the City of Annapolis clear out for Liverpool in Great Britain the Snow Christian George Watt Commander with such provisions as he may have on Board, he complying with all the Laws now in Force in this province.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Wednesday the first Day of June in the seventh year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoque Domini 1757:

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor.

The honourable Benjamin Tasker Esq^r Col.. Cha^s Hammond and Col: Benjamin Tasker.

Ordered that the following Letter be sent to the several Officers of the Customs within this province.

S^r

The Governor having thought proper by the Advice of the Council to discontinue the Embargo I hereby acquaint you that you are permitted to clear out any Vessel from your District for Great Britain or Ireland the Masters thereof complying with all the Laws now in Force in this Province

I am S^r

Your most obed^t humble Servant

1st June 1757..

J. Ross.