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His Excellency is pleased with the Advice of this Board, Lib. J. R. to order that the following Letter be sent to Col^o Golds- & U. S. bourough.

Sir

The Lower House of Assembly having declined making any Provision during the late Session for the Support of the French Prisoners that have been already or may be hereafter brought into this Province, and his Excellency being unwilling to burthen the Sheriffs more than is absolutely necessary, he has advised with the Gentlemen of the Council that are in Town, and in Pursuance of their Advice, orders me to make the following Proposal to Capt. Viviat, or to desire the Favour of you to make it, vizt if the Captain's Correspondent at Philadelphia, or any other Person will fit out a small Vessel to transport him and his Crew to New Orleans, or elsewhere, the Governor will permit them to embark and put to Sea, on Mons.. Viviatts' promising to obtain the Releasment of as many English prisoners as his Crew consists of, but if the Captain cannot procure a Vessel, or is averse to this proposal, the Governor will distribute the Prisoners among the first Ships that sail for Europe, or the West Indies, and any Master of a Vessel that is outward bound, may have as many of them as he shall choose to take on Board.

I am Sir, your most obed^t humble Servant 9th January 1759.. J. Ross Cl Com.

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State, that the present General Assembly of this Province which stands prorogued to Tuesday the twenty seventh Day of February, be further prorogued to Monday the twenty sixth Day of March next, and Proclamations issued accordingly.

10th of March 1759.

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the Advice p. 262 of his Lordship's Council of State that the present General Assembly of this Province, which stands prorogued to Monday the twenty sixth Day of this Instant March, be further prorogued to Monday the second Day of April next and Proclamations issued accordingly.