

but rather to aid and Assist him in any thing Needfull or Necessary, Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at Annapolis in the said Province of Maryland the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Thirty third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King and Defender of the Faith and so forth Anno Domini 1759. Lib. J. R.  
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Instructions to be observed by Robert Ferguson Commander of the Ship Rainbow a Flag of Truce bound to on the Island of Hispaniola

1<sup>st</sup> You are to take on board the said Ship the French Prisoners in the List Annexed Mentioned and sail with the first fair wind and make the best of your way directly for \_\_\_\_\_ and take care during your Passage that all the Prisoners be well treated according to their Rank

2<sup>dly</sup> On your Arrival at \_\_\_\_\_ you are to Cause my Commission for Exchange of Prisoners to be shewn to his Excellency monsieur De Bart captain in the Navy and Lieutenant General of French Hispaniola or to the Commander in Chief of \_\_\_\_\_ and to make known to him that you have brought so many French Prisoners to be Exchanged for such British Subjects as may be Prisoners there according to the Tenour of my Commission. 3<sup>d</sup> You are not to Put any of the French Prisoners on Shore before the Commander in chief shall have Acquainted you what British Subjects are in his Government as Prisoners of War and shall have agreed with you as to the Numbers of them to be Delivered up in Exchange Pursuant to my said Commission and if there should not be an equal Number of British Prisoners to be Exchanged for French Prisoners you are to take what British Prisoners there are, and request a certificate from the Governor or Commander in Chief Setting forth that he hath received the Prisoners sent by you and what Number he Returns in Exchange

4<sup>th</sup> If there be any Prisoners there, Lately Inhabitants of or belonging to Maryland you are to insist that they be of the Number delivered to you in Exchange

5<sup>th</sup> When you have got the British Prisoners on Board you are to desire a Passport or safe conduct from the Governor or commander in Chief to Protect you and the said Ship from being molested by any men of War Privateers or Subjects of the most Christian King or any of his Allies.

6 You are to take care not to offer any Insult to any of the Subjects of his most Christian Majesty or his Allies nor carry any kind of War like Stores or Provisions except what is necessary for the Maintenance of the Prisoners and Crew,