

together, and prevented from making any Reprisals on an insulting Enemy, by the secret and wonderful Power of this little Creature, &c.

Mr. John Bates, who has been examined before the Lords of the Admiralty, and his Schemes well approved of, is gone on-board his Majesty's Ship the Blandford, in order to find out the Longitude.

Die Martis, 18 Martii, 1728.

The Order of the Day being read for taking into further Consideration the State of the Nation,

It was moved to Resolve, That it is the Opinion of this House, that for the Honour of his Majesty, and the Preservation and Security of the Trade and Commerce of this Kingdom, effectual Care should be taken in the present Treaty, that the King of Spain do renounce all Claims and Pretensions to Gibraltar and the Island of Minorca, in plain and strong Terms.

After Debate, the Question was put thereupon, and it was resolv'd in the Negative.

Dissens.

1. Because we think our Right to a Place of such Importance to our Commerce, should be secured by more than general Stipulations, which may be liable to different Constructions, and will probably be interpreted by the Spaniards in their own Favour, however we may interpret them in Ours.

2. Because the King of Spain having claim'd by his Ministers several times, not only from the late King's positive Promise, as he asserts it to be, but from our Forfeiture of it too, by our Infractions of those Conditions, on which he gave it up to us, and having actually besieged it since he yielded it to us by Treaty; it seems reasonable to us that we should insist upon his making Renunciation in Words as plain and strong as he has made his Claim to it; especially, since as far as we have heard, our Plenipotentiaries have not been able to prevail on him to shew any Inclination to relinquish his Pretensions to it, during the long Course of these perplexed Negotiations, in which we have been unskillfully, as we fear, and are sure we have been unfortunately, involv'd.

3. We think it is incumbent on us to take particular Care that our Right to it should not in the least be precarious; because we apprehend, and we have great Reason to fear, that the King of Spain's Allies are very desirous to have it again in his Hands, and no reason at all to believe that our Allies are solicitous to have it continue in ours. If there should be the least room left, upon a Peace, for the King of Spain's Pretensions to it, from any loose or doubtful Expressions, we are apprehensive it may lay a Foundation for Uneasiness and Animosity, and might interrupt a perfect Harmony between us and a Nation, whose Friendship must be always of the greatest Advantage to us. We thought our Zeal to preserve our Title to it in the most effectual manner we propos'd, would have terrify'd any wicked Ministers, even from the Thoughts of giving it up, if ever we should be in such wretched Circumstances, as to have any who might think a War more dangerous to themselves than the Nation, and who might for that Reason be tempt'd to purchase an inglorious Peace at the Price of so valuable a Part of the British Dominions.

Beaufort	Coventry	Stafford
Scarfsdale	Bathurst	Gower
Oxford	Litchfield	Abington
Foley	Craven	Plymouth
Weston	Beyle	Willoughby D. Brook
Berkshire	Montjoy	

Haverford-West, in South-Wales, March 8. The Colliers have lately risen divers Times, at several Places, viz. twice at Tenby, but were beat off by the Townsmen; once here, but their Number not being great, they were also dispersed; but several were wounded on both Sides. At Black-Pool, four Miles down our River, they have been twice; the first Time in great Numbers, arm'd with Hatchets, Bill-hooks, and Clubs; and having Horses and Sacks, they broke open Mr. Thomas Morris's Granary there, and carried off above 200 Bushels of Oats; who being informed of it, he got some Friends to his Assistance the next Day, when at Noon about 120 of them came armed as before, and attempted to break open Mr. Thomas Cornock's Granary, who not being in that Country, Mr. Morris and his Friends resolv'd to defend it; and after some Dispute, Insults and Affronts, a Battle ensued, wherein, tho' he and his Friends were much hurt and bruised, they at last gained the Victory, and saved Mr. Cornock's Corn; but in the Evening Mr. Morris, with two of his Friends, returning hither, they were set upon by sixteen of

the Gang, who cried out, *Here he is, we'll murder him*; and immediately a Shower of Stones came about his Ears, upon which one of his Friends snapt a Pistol at them, but it miss'd Fire; then Mr. Morris drew his Sword, and the other presented a Gun, when they fled to the Wood; but being followed, from the Wood they threw Stones again at them; but one offering to shoot at them thro' the Bushes, they ran away. The Colliers now threaten to rise all in a Body, which is supposed to be about 1000 Men, and attack our Town, which cautes us to provide Arms, and to be upon our Guard.

Philadelphia, June 13, 1729.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in South-Carolina, dated the 19th of May, 1729

Captain Forrester, Commander of his Majesty's Ship *Dursey Galley*, arriv'd at this Place three Days ago; he was sent from Jamaica in April last, by Capt. St. Lee, Commodore there, to *La Vera Cruz*, to demand the Ship *Prince Frederick*, which was denied by the Spaniards; and having Orders not to come to an Anchor, he immediately sail'd towards Jamaica again; but meeting with hard Gales of Wind, was obliged to beat some time before he reach'd the Coast of Cuba, where (May the 11th) he chanc'd a Sloop to the Windward, which bore down upon him, and he suspecting her to be a Spaniard, kept all close, until such time as she came up with him, under an English Jack, and as soon as he had her under the Command of his Guns, he hoisted King's Colours and bid them send their Boat on board, but was answer'd in Denial, *Luego, Luego*; and she still taking him for a Merchant Man, hoisted Spanish Colours, run along side, fired her great Guns, with a Volley of Small Shot (which luckily did no Execution) and endeavour'd to board him, which he prevented by a broad side, that kill'd and wounded several of the Spaniards; and forc'd the Sloop to sheer off. She perceiving her Mistake, immediately clapt upon a Wind, and endeavour'd to get clear, but after Ten Hours Chace, was taken and brought in here; she had certainly escaped, if a sudden Squall had not sprung up, which oblig'd her to furl some part of her Sails, and the Man of War keeping all standing, run on Board, and had almost sank her; and entering their Men soon submitted. She had a Commission from the Governor of the Havana, as a *Guarda La Costa*, mounted 10 Guns, and 75 Men, chiefly Mollato's and Negroes, and was very well stored with Arms and Ammunition, not having been above four or five Days from the Havana. Two Days before Capt. Forrester met with her, she attack'd a Dutch Ship of thirty six Guns, but was warmly receiv'd and beat off; on which Disappointment, the Crew made a Resolution to board the first Ship they met; and happily caught a Tartar. Capt. Forrester, after he had taken the Prize, falling short of Water, and not being able to beat up to Jamaica, was obliged to sail thro' the Gulf, for this Place, where he arriv'd with the Sloop, and Prisoners on Friday last; he has offer'd them to the President of this Province, to be try'd by a Commission lodg'd here, for the Trial of Pyrates; but the Publick at present are not willing to bear the Charge, and therefore have refus'd to receive them; so he intends to sail for Jamaica in a few Days, where I hope they will be punish'd as they deserve; The Sloop was built at Rhode-Island, and taken by the Spaniards some time ago; and as this is the first Account that can possibly come to Philadelphia, I have been the more particular, believing it will give Satisfaction to my Trading Friends there.

Price Current, at Philadelphia, June, 12th, 1729.

Wheat, 4 s 4d. India Corn, 2 s. Flour, 7 s. to 10 s 5d. White Bisket, 18 s. Middling Bisket, 13 s. 6 d. Brown Bisket, 11 s. Rum from 2 s. 4 d. to 2 s. 6 d. Muscovado Sugar, 30 s. to 40 s. Mallasses, 18 d. to 20 d. Rice, 18 s. Tobacco, 10 s. to 16 s. Pork, 50 s. to 52 s. 6 d. Pitch, 13 s. Tarr, 12 s. Loaf-Sugar, 1 s. 8 d.

Custom-House at Annapolis, July 1. Clear'd for Departure. June 27. Speedwell, of London, Thomas Hewitt, Master, for London.

- 28. Sloop Abigail, of Boston, Amos Breed, Master, for Boston.
- Blossom, of Barnstable, Will. Leill, Master, for Ditto.
- Sloop Benedict, of Maryland, Henry Baldwin, Master, for Antigua.
- 30. Bonera, of London, Thomas Reed, Master, for Ditto.

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