

It having been represented that one David Hughes had been convicted for Breach of a Seal & stealing some small Quantity of Rum & Sugar in which said this Master was found to have been concerned with him it being considered that the said David Hughes was to be sent under the Power of his Master & being very young upon his Great Promising has fully & altered his Majesty's gracious Pardon be extended to the said David Hughes

His Excellency acquaints the Board that since Coll^o Thomas Smithson the present Chief Justice of the Provincial Court had refused to serve in that station any longer than this present Court & asks them what they would advise to supply his Place who say they know of none ^{near} so well qualified for that Employment. There was read the petition of M^r Joseph ^{and} Gent his Majesty's Atty Gen^l & other the petitioners of the Provincial Court expressing how easy the said Coll^o Smithson had made the Business of that Court by his knowledge of the Law & Breach of other his Excellency to use means to secure the said Coll^o Smithson in the said Station of Chief Justice or otherwise as in his Wisdom he should think fit to supply the said Office with some other able Person and by Discreet person

Read also the endorsement of the said petition by the honble the Justices of the Provincial Court approving the said petition & being desirous the said Colonel Smithson's desert should meet with a suitable Reward for the extraordinary pains he takes in Discharging that just and Employment

And thereupon it was resolved that in regard