

the Honble } Colonel & Major Hammond  
 } Lieut Col W<sup>m</sup> Moulton  
 } James Simons Esq<sup>r</sup>

The Honble President presented to the Board a Letter  
 from George Mather Esq<sup>r</sup> her Majesty's Receiver General  
 at Putnam requesting his Honor that Captain Moore  
 Moore in her Majesty's Ship Oxford who was one of the Company  
 to the Virginia Fleet had brought into Putnam River a Ship  
 Pure and that he the said W<sup>m</sup> Mather on behalf of the said  
 Captain Moore desired in case Colonel John Hammond the  
 Judge and W<sup>m</sup> Moulton Register of her Majesty's Court of  
 Vice Admiralty could not conveniently come down to Put-  
 nam in order to condemn the said Pure that a special  
 Commission might be granted appointing some other persons  
 at Putnam Merchants in regard the said Captain Moore  
 was much indisposed & his stay very short in that Province.  
 In answer whereunto his said Honble the President had wrote  
 to W<sup>m</sup> Mather & Captain Moore as follows to wit:

W<sup>m</sup> Mather

Annapolis August the 21<sup>st</sup> 1703

Sir I had yours by your servant & have considered  
 what you write in relation to Captain Moore commander  
 of her Majesty's Ship Oxford & the Pure by him brought  
 within this Government. I have seen the Honble Col<sup>o</sup> John  
 Hammond chief Judge of her Majesty's Court of Vice  
 Admiralty in this Province who being apprized that Capt  
 Moore had brought his Pure into this District of Putnam  
 thought it reasonable that he by himself or procurator ought  
 to exhibit his Title to the Court here in order to her condem-  
 nation which will be executed as soon as desired if he thinks