

Come to you by (intending your friend Mr. Plater her  
Majesty's Receiver to take the same into his Custody &  
Possession on Behalf of her Majesty unless you think  
fit to bring her up better where to your Speedy dispatch in  
her Condemnation my best Endeavours shall be contributed as  
well as many other things wherein I may be able to assist  
myself

Sir

When you come up you must  
take care to bring the <sup>French</sup> Commander &  
some of the... Sailors and all the  
Papers found on Board for inspection  
of the Government especially the Bills  
of Lading

Your most humble Servant  
The French

To Captain Josiah Moore Commander  
of her Majesty's Ship Oxford in Pursuance

After which was read the said Captain Moore's Letter  
to the honorable President & unto the Judge of the Court of Vice  
Admiralty desiring that a court might be appointed for the  
Condemnation of the said private Adventure &c. which was  
Answered as follows

Capt. Josiah Moore West River August the 28 1703

Sir Yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant to the honorable President  
being said before this Board we have thought fit for her Maj-  
esty's Interest and your better satisfaction to acquaint you that  
this is her Majesty's Government wherein we act by powers  
from her most sacred Majesty under the Great Seal of England  
by all the Laws of which Kingdom when made acquainted  
with them we are regulated in all matters wherein our  
particular acts of Assembly are silent & not providing  
Otherwise in regard to the Constitution of this Province