

These are to certify all whom it may concern, that on the ninth Day of March last, Captain George Watt of the Snow Christian made Application at the Custom House for a Clearance some time before the Embargo was laid, but before I had examined the Papers the Collector came in to the Office and put a Stop to my Proceedings and there may further certify that the said Captain Watt would have been cleared before the Collector's Return to the contrary had I not been employed in writing another Captain from New York whose papers I had not then seen. Given under my Hand at the Custom House in Annapolis this 25. of May 1757.

John Davidson Esq.

Upon reading the foregoing Petition of John Wallace Merchant on behalf of himself and the Owners and Freighters of the Snow Christian.

Ordered that the Officers of the Customs at the City of Annapolis clear out for Liverpool in great Britain the Snow Christian George Watt Commodore with such provisions as he may have on Board, he complying with all the Laws now in Force in this Province.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Wednesday the first Day of June in the seventh Year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1757.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor.

The honourable Benjamin Taffer Esq. Col. Cha. Hammond, and Col. Benjamin Taffer.

Ordered that the following Letter be sent to the several Officers of the Customs within this Province.

Sir The Governor having thought proper by the Advice of the Council to discontinue the Embargo I hereby acquaint you that you are permitted to clear out any Vessel from your District for Great Britain or Ireland the Masters thereof complying with all the Laws now in Force in this Province.

I am Sir Your most Obedt. humble Servant.

1. June 1757

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At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on the 12. day of June in the seventh Year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1757.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor.

The honourable Benjamin Taffer Esq. Col. Cha. Hammond, and Col. Benjamin Taffer.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letters.

Whitehall 29. May 1757.

Sir

The crops of Corn having from the Badness of the Season last Year great