

To Mr Pitt. the 10th of Feby 1750

Sir As soon as I had the honour to receive the Earl of Mordaunts Letter dated the 20th of May last I sent to each of the Naval Officers in this Province a Copy of the Additional Instruction which His Majesty was pleased to give the 5th of Oct. 1750 for preventing more effectually any Depredations being committed by the Masters or Crews of British Privateers on any Spanish Vessels I directed the Naval Officers to examine the Masters of all Privateers or Vessels having Letters of Marque that should come into their respective Districts & in case any of them should not have received a Copy of that Instruction I desired the Naval Officers to deliver them One & to enjoin the strict Observance of it I shall however upon the Receipt of Your Letter dated the 16th of Sept. last write again to the Judge of our Court of Vice Admiralty & to the Naval Officers upon this Subject & if any Person that might be suspected of having committed any such Outrages as are mentioned in the paper You were pleased to inclose me shall come into this Province I will give Orders for his being proceeded agst with the utmost Severity

To Mr Pitt the 16th of March 1750

Sir I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of Your two Letters dated the 30th of Dec. & to assure You that I will to the utmost of my Power obey & execute His Majesty's Commands thereby signified, but at the same time I think it my Duty to tell You that I am very much afraid the Assembly of this Province will not be prevailed on to exert themselves in such a manner as You seem to expect — In my Letter dated the 22nd of Octob. I informed You that they were determined to make no farther Provision for the Support of any Troop that should be placed as a Garrison in Fort Cumberland & that I had thereupon desired the Earl of Loudoun to take such Measures & to give such Orders as he should think proper for the Preservation of that Place