

inform You that our Assembly broke up again the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst without  
granting any Supplies for His Majesty's Service; the Lower House  
having once more declared their Resolution to adhere to their old Bill  
& the Gentlemen who compose the Upper House being conform'd by  
the Advice of His Majesty's Attorney General Mr Pratt in their  
Opinion that they ought not to pass it. As I presume a particular  
Account of the Proceedings of the two Houses on this Occasion would  
afford You very little Satisfaction I shall not trouble You therewith  
but only add that I am

Annapolis in Maryland 2<sup>d</sup> May 1760

To His Excellency Major General Shirley Governor of the Bahama Islands  
Esq<sup>r</sup>

It being reported here that several Vessels belonging to the Northern  
Colonies having been lately taken & carried into Providence by some Pri-  
vateers fitted out from that Island were libell'd in the Court of Vice  
Admiralty there & condemned for the Benefit of the Captors & that not-  
withstanding the Owners of such Vessels were advised by Lawyers that such  
Vessels were not liable to be made Prize & that upon an Appeal home  
they may be reliev'd yet that having no Correspondents at Providence to  
become joint Sureties with the Masters of their Vessels agreeable to the Di-  
rections of the Act of Parliament they were deprived of the Benefit of Ap-  
pealing; Some Gentlemen of this Province who are Owners of a Vessel call'd  
the Alexandria of which one John Bullom is Master being apprehensive  
that she might possibly be captured by some Privateer belonging to  
Providence & dealt with in the same manner tho they seem confident that

I am