

Province nor any Provisions sent hence to Ports out of His Majesty's Dominions
I thought it my Duty on the Receipt of that Letter to lay it before the Genl.
:Members of the Council & to ask their Advice thereupon in pursuance of which
I have renewed my Instructions to the several Collectors & Naval Officers within
this Govern^t. enjoining them to take particular Care that no Provisions be expo-
:ted in any Vessel whatever from this Province more than a sufficient Quantity
for the Crew's Subsistence unless Bond with good Security shall be given agree-
:able to the Directions of the Act of Parliament that was made about five Years
ago to prevent the Exportation of Provisions from these Colonies to any place not
within the King's Dominions for landing the same at the port for which such
Vessel shall clear out. This they are of Opinion is all that can be done by me
unless a general Embargo was to be laid throughout the several Colonies & I
much question whether even that would hinder such Persons as have correspond-
:ed with the Enemy from supplying them with Provisions for I suppose such
Persons would not if they were reduced to the Necessity scruple to send their
Vessels out without any Clearances or to furnish their Masters with fictitious ones
There is but a small part of the inconsiderable Quantity of Provisions that are
exported from this Province sent to the West Indies the Rest is carried to Boston
& York & Phila.^a & I am pretty confident that if any Persons within this Go-
:vernment were to send a Vessel from any part of this Province to a Port of
the Enemy's the Transaction would not long remain a Secret nor could the
Produce they would bring back in Return be sold in the Country or shipped hence
to Europe as I am told is done in the Northern Colonies without my hearing of it.

To Mr. Jeffery Amherst. Ann. 1st Sept. 1762

Sir

The account given in the last Phila.^a Gazette of the Gaspar's being sailed
from Halifax for Newfoundland having made the Merchants & Gentlemen