

Annapolis 10th Sept 1770

In June last, Mr Thomas Leon was sent from this State to Philadelphia, he had
 been an Officer in the British Service and came out of Philadelphia; he said that
 he had resigned his Commission and referred to several Gentlemen who had been
 Prisoners in Philadelphia, to clear up the suspicions which were entertained of
 him here. He was, undoubtedly, discharged by you, either generally or on Terms, and
 has a Pass dated 1 July, from Lewis Nicholas Town Major. Mr Bradford
 Commissary of Prisoners told Capt. Campbell that Mr Leon was fit at Liberty
 Paroll to appear when called on. Mr Leon having returned hither and shewing
 a Desire to go to the West Indies, the Council and I, have enquired of him
 whether he is not on Paroll, but he says that his Discharge was absolute
 and that you were fully satisfied by Major Giles and others, that the
 Suspicions here entertained of him, were groundless. I shall be obliged to
 you to inform me whether Mr Leon's Discharge was absolute, or, if on
 Terms, what those Terms are.

I am &c J. J.

General Arnold }
 Philadelphia }

In Council Annapolis 11th Sept 1770.

(Circular)

Sir,

From the Information received by this Board, we entertain strong Suspicions
 that the Avarice and Generosity of Individuals will prevent the salutary Effects
 of the late Act prohibiting the Exportation of Provisions, unless the Officers
 of Government are vigilant in their Duty. It belongs to your Department
 in a particular Manner, to be active in enforcing the Observance of Laws
 respecting our Trade, and we request your Attention in a particular
 Manner, to prevent Breaches of the above mentioned Act. It will be
 well to desire the Captains of Vessels, at the Time of their Clearing, to give
 in an Account of their Provisions for the Voyage and, if the Quantity
 appears to you necessary, give a Provision Bill; this Method will
 prevent the Exportation of Quantities for Sale, under Pretence of their
 being for the Use of the Vessel, and secure the fair Trader from the
 bad Consequences of a Difference in Opinion as to what may be
 necessary for the Voyage.

To the Naval Officers }
 of the several Districts }

We are &c