

In Council 14th Sept. 1770.

The Terms on which you proposed to go in the Defence to France appearing to us very high, we made what Enquiry we had an Opportunity, into the Terms given by the Merchants for the like Voyage, and propose, if agreeable to you, to allow thirty Pounds a Month to be paid here, the Wages to be paid up to the Time of sailing from hence and considered as due to your Arrival in France, On your the Event of your arriving there, fifty Pounds Currency to be paid here for Cabbin Stores from hence, the Freight of six Hogsheads of Tobacco, sixty Pounds Sterling to be paid in France and half a Crown Sterling a Day whilst in a foreign Port, the same Quantity of Freight in as out, ten Pounds Sterling to be paid in France for Cabbin Stores there and one Half the Passage Money, if any Cabbin Passengers, this to be full of all Wages, Privileges and Perquisites whatever, and is considerably better than any Allowance we hear of and soth better than many, equal to the Business, have accepted. If you accept, we shall be glad of having your Assistance as soon as may be, and if our Offer should not be agreeable to you, we wish your Answer, that we may endeavour to get a Captain without loss of Time.

We are &c

Capt. James Thomas.

In Council Annapolis 14th Sept. 1770.

Sir. We have delivered Mr. Harrison Bills of Exchange payable in Paris for the Value of £2500 Sterling. We hope and expect that £2200 of it will pay off fully Mr. Harrison's Claim against this State, the other £300 we should be glad you would take for £1000, our Money, the Terms on which we bought the Whole. Mr. Harrison has with him, a Copy of the Receipt he gave for the Bills; we do not know any Thing of the Exchange at Martinico, but suppose Circumstances concur to make it in Favor of Bills. We shall be obliged to you to mention to Mr. Harrison, the disadvantageous Terms on which we purchased them and our Hopes that he will be able to sell them well. We do not think we can, with Justice to the Public, confirm Mr. Harrison's Sale of the General Smallwood; your Offer in your Letter of the 29th of August, we esteem fair, and shall be obliged to you to send her round immediately to us, and to send us, as soon as you can, your Account on this disagreeable Subject.

We are &c

Robert I. Wood }
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