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Popular Opinion, and the Money of the People, with infinitely less Reluctance, when they know how every Shilling granted by them, is to be applied.

Honble Robert Morris Esq.

13th April 1702.

Sir,

Capt. Bryan, who has Orders to attend you in the Boat Plate, brings the Articles wanted for fitting out the Barges, which we earnestly hope will be effected without the least Delay, the more especially as so much Time has already been consumed. That you may not be subject to the Inconveniences resulting from too particular, or too confined Instructions, we will inform you generally that to afford Security to the Bay Trade, Safety to the Inhabitants on the Shores, by taking, destroying, or driving off the Vessels of the Enemy, and to depopulate the Tangier Islands, within the Limits of this State, are the Objects of your Cruise, and we leave it to your Judgment and Experience to execute them in the Speediest and most effectual Manner in your Power, suggesting only our Opinion that, as there is great Cause to suspect the People of the Tangiers have acted a very principal Part in the late Depredations, your first Object should be, to seize all the Inhabitants of these Islands, within this State below Asper's Straights, and between the Sound and the Bay, with all their Vessels, Boats, Lances, and other Property, and turn the whole over to the Lieutenants of the Counties in which they respectively reside to whom we have written on the Subject, and who will dispose of them agreeable to Law. Should there be any Men willing to go in the Barges, you may take them, if you think proper. It will be necessary for you to take an Account of the Number and Names of the People you deliver over, and their Property. You will write us by every Opportunity, of your Progress and Success, and we wish you to keep a Journal of your Proceedings, to be laid before this Board on your Return, which must be as soon as you have effected the Purposes of your Cruise. The Barges are to be brought to this Place.

Commodore Graffon

Circular

Sir

13th April 1702

Commodore Graffon, in the Barges belonging to the State, has Orders to remove the Inhabitants and their Effects from the Tangier Islands, and to deliver them over to the Lieutenants of the Counties in which they respectively reside. You will make out exact Returns of those you receive and transmit them to us. The Effects, you will have taken Care of for the present, and furnish us with an Account of them. The old Men, Women and Children must be disposed of as the Law directs, for which Purpose you will send a List of their Names to the County Court, that Provision may be made for them. The Men deemed enlisted Soldiers for the War, must be secured for the present, as far as it may be permitted to go on Board the Barges. You will be pleased to give all the Assistance in your Power, to the Lieutenants in this Business. We send Extracts from the Law alluded to.

To the Lieutenants of Worcester, Dorchester and Somerset Counties

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Sir,

You will proceed with the Barges, when you will put yourself under the Command of Capt. Bryan.