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which went up Palawmack. Under these Circumstances, apprehensive that you have not yet got men enough to fit out three Barges, and being very desirous that the two Barges up Palawmack should pay for their Seniority. We send over Capt. Baquer, who will accommodate himself to your Commands, with 30 Men, and we wish you, without the least Delay, to proceed in the Barges to the Mouth of Palawmack and take every Step Prudence may suggest, to capture these Vessels of the Enemy. This Service performed, Capt. Baquer and the Soldiers must be returned, and you will again recur to our former Orders for your Government. It will be proper that you leave some Person to engage the Men you may want, against your Return.
(Commodore Graffon).

In Council 26th April 1702

Sir.

We requested your Attention to the Subject of our Letter of the 24th, that the Public might not twice pay the same Debt. We are satisfied by your Reasoning, as to the Time for which the nine Months Men must be paid by the State, but cannot admit any of the Vouchers to be sufficient, except the one which is signed by the Man to whom the Money is due.

Humble Intendant.

In Council 26th April 1702

Sir.

We are honored with your Letters of the 15th and 17th Instant. We have not time to reply to your Enquiry respecting China by this Opportunity, but will give you full Information on the Subject by next Post, when the Duplicate of the Recommendation referred to by General Giff, shall be forwarded. We are much obliged by the Information you favor us with.

Major General Lincoln.

In Council 27th April 1702

Gentlemen

We received your Letter of the 23^d April 1702. The Naval Officer must be governed by the Law and we do not think ourselves authorized to give the Order you request. The French Agents will not be burthened with any Imposts or Duties, to which the Subjects of this State are not liable, and it does not appear reasonable they should enjoy more extensive Immunities. However as we have no Power to dispense with any Regulation established by Law, it must be submitted to until the Legislature think proper to change it. We observe, by the 5th Article of the Treaty of Commerce, that the Ships of the United States, passing from one Part of the Dominion of France to another, are subject to a much heavier Duty.

Mrs. W. Ridley & Pringle.

In Council 27th April 1702

Sir.

There are a Number of Invalids and Soldiers Wives, whose Husbands are in the Army in Town, who occupy the Quarters destined for the effective Soldiers. We are told that there is a good Deal of spare Room in the Poor House, and as we are not aware of any Inconvenience it would be attended with, we should be glad these People could be suffered to be sent thither, where they will be supplied with Rations. Reasonable

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