

*Extract of a Letter from General Sir Henry Clinton, Knight of the Bath, to Lord George Germain, dated New-York, July 27, 1778:*

I HAD the Honour of writing to your Lordship, on the 19th Instant, by way of Halifax, and took that Opportunity to transmit Duplicates of my Dispatches, sent by the Grantham Express Boat.

There were some Days since Appearances, which seem'd to indicate an Intention of a general Attack upon this Place, in order to co-operate with the French Fleet; but as they have quitted their Station near Sandy Hook, and General Washington has re-inforced Sullivan, it is more than probable that Rhode Island is become their Object; however as that Place and been re-inforced with Major General Prescott and five Battalions; and Major General Pigot, with the great Assistance he has met with from the Navy, has had time to put the Sea Defences in a tolerable State; it is to be hoped that he will be able, at least for a Time, to resist the Attack.

Major Agnew, of the 24th Regiment, will have the Honor of delivering my Dispatches: Permit me to recommend him to your Lordship's Notice as a deserving Officer.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 19th of *August*, 1778,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was graciously pleas'd, by His Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the 25th Day of October 1776, to promise and declare, That the Bounties of Five Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Two Pounds Ten Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, fit for His Majesty's Service, should be paid in the Manner thereby directed, to every such Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Eighteen Years, who should, on or before the 31st of December then following, enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of His Majesty's Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board such Tenders as should be employed for raising Men for the Service of the Royal Navy. And whereas His Majesty was also pleas'd, by His Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the 8th Day of November, 1776, to promise and declare, That a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, should be paid in the Manner thereby directed, to any Person who should discover any Seaman or Seamen, who might secrete themselves, that so such Seaman or Seamen should be taken for His Majesty's said Service, by any of His Majesty's Sea-Officers employed for raising Men, on or before the 31st Day of December, 1776. And whereas His Majesty was likewise pleas'd, by His Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the 15th Day of August 1777, to promise and declare, That every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who should voluntarily enter himself to serve on Board any of His Majesty's Ships, on or before the 31st Day of October then next, should receive, as of His Majesty's Royal Bounty, the Sum of Thirty Shillings each Man, to be paid in Manner thereby directed. And whereas the Time limited by the said Proclamations, for Payments of the said Bounties and Rewards, hath been prolonged and extended to the 31st Day of this instant August; and it being judged expedient

for His Majesty's Service that the said Bounties and Rewards should be continued to be paid for some Time longer; His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, doth therefore order, and it is hereby accordingly order'd, that the Time limited for Payment of the said Bounties and Rewards be prolonged and extended from the said 31st Day of this instant August to the 31st Day of October next, inclusive. — Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

*Steph. Cottrell.*

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 19th of *August*, 1778,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council of the 22d of May last, for prohibiting the Exporting out of this Kingdom, or carrying Coastwise, Gunpowder, Saltpetre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, will expire on the 23d of this instant August: And whereas it is judged expedient that the said Prohibition should be continued for some Time longer, except in those Cases where (for the Benefit and Advantage of Trade, and for the Use and Defence of Ships trading to Foreign Parts, and of the Transports and Victualling Vessels employed in His Majesty's Service) His Majesty, by His several Orders in Council of the 13th and 27th of October, and of the 6th and 22d of November, 1775, of the 5th and 19th of February, and the 23d of August and 25th of September, 1776, of the 16th of April, the 13th of August, and the 3d and 10th of October, 1777, of the 19th of July last, and the 7th of this instant August, has thought proper to permit and allow the Exportation of, and carrying Coastwise, Gunpowder, Saltpetre, Arms and Ammunition, under certain Conditions and Restrictions mentioned in the said Orders: His Majesty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby order, require, prohibit, and command, that no Person or Persons whomsoever (except the Master-General, Lieutenant-General, or Principal Officers of the Ordnance, for His Majesty's Service) do, at any Time during the Space of Three Months, to commence from the said 23d Day of this instant August, presume to transport into any Parts out of this Kingdom, or carry Coastwise, any Gunpowder, Saltpetre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, or ship or lade any Gunpowder, Saltpetre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, on Board any Ship or Vessel, in order to transporting the same beyond the Seas, or carrying the same Coastwise, except in the Cases comprized within the aforementioned Orders in Council, without Leave or Permission in that Behalf first obtained from His Majesty or His Privy Council, upon Pain of incurring and suffering the respective Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by an Act passed in the 29th Year of His late Majesty's Reign, entituled, "An Act to empower His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Saltpetre, and to enforce the Law for empowering His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms and Ammunition; and also to empower His Majesty to restrain the carrying Coastwise of Saltpetre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms

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