

will, we trust, be ever offered up to the Almighty for your future Preservation.

*Assembly Room, July 25, 1780. E. Parrit, Speaker.
Gwyn V. Jaques, Clerk of the Assembly.*

To Sir George Brydges Rodney, Baronet, Rear-Admiral of Great Britain, Admiral of the White, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Fleet in the West Indies.

S I R,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of the Island of Nevis, are happy in embracing this favourable Opportunity of expressing the Satisfaction we feel, in having an Officer of such distinguished Rank and Merit intrusted with the Command of His Majesty's Fleet in these Seas.

We are at a Loss for Words to express the high Sense we entertain of the Intrepidity, Firmness, and Naval Knowledge, which have so eminently marked your Conduct in all the different Engagements you have had with His Majesty's Enemies, and particularly in the memorable Action of the 17th of April last.

May your illustrious Example be the Means of diffusing such a Spirit of Emulation through the Navy, as will effectually frustrate every Attempt of our combined Enemies, and render the British Flag a subject of Terror and Admiration through the World.

We esteem ourselves bound by every Motive of Gratitude to acknowledge our Obligations to you, Sir, for the Security we at present enjoy, which is the happy Result of your spirited and seasonable Exertions, with a Force greatly inferior to the Enemy.

We most ardently wish, that you may continue to enjoy perfect Health, and live to have a Series of the most distinguished Services acknowledged by a grateful Country, and amply and honourably rewarded by the best of Kings.

J. R. Herbert, President.

By Command,
Ibo. Wall,
Clerk of the Council:

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 18th of *August*, 1780,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was pleased, by His Order in Council of the 24th Day of September last, to prohibit the Transporting to any Parts out of this Kingdom, or Carrying Coastwise, any Plates of Copper, and Shipping and Lading any Plates of Copper on Board any Ship or Vessel, in order to the Transporting the same beyond the Seas, or Carrying the same Coastwise, without Leave or Permission in that Behalf first obtained from His Majesty or His Privy Council; which Prohibition hath been since continued, and now subsists under certain Exceptions and Restrictions: And whereas an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, to empower His Majesty by Proclamation or Order in Council, for such Time as shall be therein expressed, to prohibit the Exporting, or Attempting to Export, out of this Kingdom, or the Carrying Coastwise in this Kingdom, any Sort of Copper in Sheets, or

Copper in Bars, therein described, in such Manner, and under such Restraints, as His Majesty shall think fit: And His Majesty judging it necessary for the Publick Good, at this Critical Conjunction, to prohibit the Exporting of Copper out of this Kingdom, or Carrying Coastwise the same, His Majesty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby order, require, prohibit, and command, That no Person or Persons whatsoever do, at any Time during the Space of Six Months, to commence from the Date hereof, presume to Export, or attempt to Export, out of this Kingdom, or carry Coastwise, any Copper in Sheets, or under the Weight of Two Pounds and an Half to the Foot Superficial, unless under the Restraints herein after contained; or any other Copper, without Leave or Permission in that Behalf first obtained from His Majesty or His Privy Council; but it is His Majesty's Pleasure, that the said Prohibition shall not be taken to extend, to any Sort of Copper to be Exported or sent Coastwise for His Majesty's Service, by Order and under the Directions or Licence of the Commissioners of the Navy, nor to prevent the transporting or carrying Coastwise of any Sort of Copper (except Sheets of Copper of and under the Weight of Two and an Half Pounds to the Foot Superficial) without any Security being required; nor to the exporting the same to any Parts beyond the Sea, to which it may lawfully be exported (except to any of the Ports belonging to France or Spain) upon Condition that all such Copper as is intended for Exportation shall be inspected and examined by an Agent or Agents, appointed or to be appointed by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy; and that a Certificate, under the Hand and Seal of the said Agent or Agents, shall be first had and obtained, setting forth, that no Part of the same consists of Plates of Copper, or Sheets of Copper (except as hereinafter excepted) or Nails made in Whole or in Part of Copper, which can be made Use of for the Purpose of sheathing and coppering Ships or Vessels; which Certificate from the said Agent shall be delivered to the proper Officers of the Customs at the Port in which the said Copper is intended to be shipped, and shall be their Authority for allowing the Quantity of Copper specified in the said Certificate to be put on Board and exported.—And as touching Sheets of Copper of and under the Weight of Two Pounds and an Half to the Foot Superficial, His Majesty is further pleased to permit and allow the same to be carried Coastwise without any Restriction, provided that no greater Quantity than Ten Hundred Weight shall be laden on Board any one Ship, unless Security by Bond hath first been given to the proper Officers of the Customs, in Treble the Value of the Copper intended to be sent Coastwise, to carry the same to the Place proposed, and none other: and to produce and deliver a Certificate or Certificates, within Four Months from the Date of the Bond, from the proper Officers of the Customs at the Ports for which such Copper shall be entered and cleared out, of the same having been all duly landed at such Ports; which Certificate or Certificates such Officer is required to give, and the Commissioners of the Customs to transmit to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in order to be laid before this Board: And His Majesty is likewise pleased to permit and allow the Exportation of Sheets of Copper,