



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1777.

BY MAJOR-GENERAL ROBERT PIGOT, Commanding His Majesty's Forces at Rhode-Island, &c. &c.

WHEREAS there is great Reason to believe, that the Islands are frequently supplied with Rum and Salt, by its being sent from hence to Block-Island and Conanicut, and then transported to the Main.

I do therefore hereby declare, that whoever shall be detected and found guilty of such Mal-Practice, shall be severally punished, and his Property confiscated.

And the more effectually to prevent, in future, all such Commerce, I do further order, under the like Penalties, that no Person shall sell, without Permission, Rum in Quantities exceeding one Quart, or Salt one Pound, to any Person, whose Occupation or Dwelling may reasonably render him suspected of such dangerous Practices.

Given under my Hand, at Head-Quarters in Newport, this 4th Day of September, 1777.

R. PIGOT.

By the General's Command, HENRY BARRY, Secretary.

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STATIONARY:

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- Crown,
- Fish's Cap,
- Pott,
- Letter,
- Canidgs,
- Bounce, and
- Made's Paper;
- Quills,
- Account Books,
- Ordnery Books,
- Red & black Pocket Books,
- Small Memorandum Books,
- any ditto,
- Playing Cards,
- Pounce and Pounce Boxes,
- Sand,
- Waters,
- Red and black Wax,
- Cake Ink,
- Red and black Powder ditto,
- Pewter Ink-Chests,
- Ink-Stands,
- Ink-Holder,
- Pencils,
- Slates and Pencils,
- Pen-Knives,
- Gunter Scales and Dividers,
- Wax Tapers, and Battledores.

LIKE WISE,

- SPECTACLES,
- Jack Knives,
- Razors,
- Rizz-Strops,
- Padlocks,
- Tobacco-Boxes,
- Ivory Combs,
- Horn ditto,
- Buckle-Buffers,
- Working-Sticks,
- Gun-Worms, &c. &c.

LONDON, June 2.

Translation of a MEMORIAL presented by Sir Joseph Yorke, to the STATES GENERAL, on the twenty fifth day of February, 1777.

SINCE the commencement of the unnatural rebellion, which has broke out in the English Colonies against the legal constitution of the Mother Country, the undersigned Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the King of Great Britain, has had frequent occasions to address himself to your High Mightinesses in the name of his Master, to engage them by all motives of national interest, of good neighbourhood, of friendship, and finally of treaties, to put a stop to the clandestine commerce which is carried on between their subjects and the rebels. If the measures which your High Mightinesses have thought proper to take, had been as effectual as your assurances have been amicable, the undersigned would not now have been under the disagreeable necessity of bringing to the cognizance of your High Mightinesses, facts of the most serious nature.

The King hath hitherto borne, with unexampled patience, the irregular conduct of your subjects in their intersted commerce at St. Eustatia, as also in America. His Majesty has always flattered himself, that in giving time to your High Mightinesses to examine to the bottom this conduct, so irregular and so insufferable, they would have taken measures necessary to repress the abuse, to restrain their subjects within bounds, and to make them respect the rights and friendship of Great Britain.

The complaints which I have orders to make to their High Mightinesses, are founded upon authentic documents annexed to this Memorial, where their High Mightinesses will see with astonishment, and I doubt not at the same time with displeasure, that their new Governor, M. Van Graaf, after having permitted an illicit commerce at St. Eustatia, hath passed his forgiveness of his duty to the point of conniving at the Americans in their hostile equipments, and the permitting the seizure of an English vessel, by an American pirate, within cannon shot of that island. And in aggravation to the affront given to the English nation, and to all the powers of Europe, to return from the fortrefs of his government, the salute of a rebel flag. In return to the amicable representations made by the president of the neighbouring island of St. Christopher's, on these facts of notoriety, M. Van Graaf, has answered in a manner the most vague and unsatisfactory, refusing to enter at all into the subject, or into an explanation of the matter with a Member of his Majesty's Council of St. Christopher's, dispatched by the President for that purpose to St. Eustatia.

After exhibiting the documents annexed, nothing remains with me but to add, that the King who had read them, not without some degree of indignation, hath ordered

me to expressly demand of your High Mightinesses, a formal disavowal of the salute by Fort Orange, at St. Eustatia, to the rebellion; the dissolution and immediate recall of Governor Van Graaf, and do declare for her, on the part of his Majesty, that until that satisfaction is given, they are not to expect that his Majesty will suffer himself to be smothered by assurances, or that he will delay one instant to take such measures as he shall think due to the interests and dignity of his Country.

(Signed) SIR JOSEPH YORKE.

Given at the Hague, Feb. 21; 1777.

Copy of a MEMORIAL delivered under the Order of the STATES GENERAL to the King of Great-Britain, by the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the High Mightinesses.

“ SIR,

With the most profound respects, I beg to inform your High Mightinesses, that I have the honor to refer to your Majesty, that the memorial which your Ambassador hath presented to their High Mightinesses, on the 21st of Instant, hath touched them very sensibly; and that they find themselves obliged to make complaint of the reproach which are contained in it, as if their High Mightinesses were to be suspected of a wilful intention of opposing your Majesty by micable differences which they have furnish'd by their acts; also of the menacing tone which reigns in that memorial, and appears to their High Mightinesses too highly strained, beyond that which is the accustomed and place between two sovereign and independent powers, and especially between two neighbouring powers, which have been of so many years continuance, united by the ties of good harmony and mutual friendship.

Their High Mightinesses trust that on all occasions, and particularly in respect to the unfortunate troubles of your Majesty's Colonies in America, they have held a conduct towards your Majesty, which has been expected from a good neighbour, and a friendly and affectionate power.

Their High Mightinesses, Sir, hold your Majesty's friendship in the highest estimation, and wish to do every thing in their power (as far as the honor and dignity of their state will permit them to go) to cultivate it still more and more; but they cannot for the Remainder of this, see the last Page

This is the answer to his Majesty's complaints made to the States in the preceding memorial. Dissolving the Spirit and manner of the complaint, they passed by the Ambassador Sir Joseph Yorke, and to the Secretary of State Lord Suffolk, and commended their Minister at London to address himself directly to the King, and to deliver their answer into his own hands