

Lib. II. D. fforces sent thither under the Comand of the R^t hon^{ble} Coll: John Gibson Comānder in Cheif of that Expedition &^{ca} the which being Maturely weighed and Consider'd by this Board, what Course might be best for his Ma^{ts} Service to be taken they have thought fit to Ord^r as it is hereby Order'd that Copys of his ma^{ty}s s^d Letter and the Letter of the R^t hon^{ble} W^m Stoughton Esq read as afores^d be forthwith prepared and Sent to the Severall Counties of this Province to be made publick hereby Comāding that no Ships or other Vessells trading within this his Ma^{ts} s^d Province for any Provisions of Wheat, Corn, Beefe, Pork, or other Provisions whatsoever be Cleard to goe without giving Sufficient Security to go with the Same to Newfoundland for Supply of his Ma^{ts} land and Sea fforces there, under the Comānd of the R^t hon^{ble} Coll: John Gibson aforesam'd or to the R^t hon^{ble} W^m Stoughton Esq Lieuten^t Govern^r and Comānder in Chief of his Ma^{ts} Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England as afores^d in Ord^r to be sent thither. And for the Encouragem^t of all masters and Own^{rs} of such Ships and Vessells belonging to this Province or any other of his Ma^{ts} Governm^{ts} as will undertake to purchase and load with Provisions here, giving Security to goe with the Same, to the End and purpose afores^d.

His Ex^{ncy} does hereby Promise to pay all Duties and Impositions payable upon Exportation of Beefe and Pork and give them his own Dues & will also pay what ffees are due to the Coll^{rs} and Navall Officers for Entring and Clearing thereof, who are hereby Ordered not to take any of those Impositions or ffees but send the Acco^{ts} of the Same to his Ex^{ncy}

Signed p Ord^r Hen: Denton Cl Concil.

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Maryland Port of Annapolis, July the 2nd 1697.

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Yo^r Hon^{rs} Letter of the 29th of May past together with the Copy of his Ma^{ts} Royall Letter, to you inclosed, I did not Receive before the 29th of June after.

I am very sorry the Burthen of the Warr and the failing of the two last years Crops has so impoverisht and Streightn'd his Ma^{ts} Subjects in yo^r Governm^t that you cannot be able to give the Assistance Required by his Ma^{ts} s^d Letter in Ord^r to the Recovery of the Island of Newfoundland &^{ca}

The inclosed Ord^r will give yo^r Hon^r an Acco^t what Encouragem^t is (for his Ma^{ts} Service) here given for sending Provisions Victualls and Refreshm^{ts} thither, as may be Needfull for his Ma^{ts} Ships and Land fforces Employed on that Expedition, under the Comānd of the R^t hon^{ble} Coll: John Gibson Comānder in Chief, to whom I heartily wish good Success.