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Copy of a Letter from Vice Admiral Sir William Burnaby, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Squadron stationed at Jamaica, to Philip Stephens, Secretary of the Admiralty, dated Añive, off the River Balize, in the Bay of Honduras, the 26th of March, 1765.

S I R,

HAVING this Day received the Governor of Jucatan's Answer to my Dispatches, inclosing the Duplicate of the Order from the Court of Spain, I herewith send his Answer and a Translation thereof, and desire you will communicate the same to their Lordships, acquainting them likewise, that the Logwood Cutters, in the Bay of Honduras, have had Possession given them in Form, by the Commandant at Bacallar, agreeable to an Order he received from the Governor of Jucatan, to reinstate them at Rowley's Bite, the New River, and Rio Hondo, the Places from whence they had been driven.

I have the Pleasure to assure their Lordships, that I have strictly obeyed their Orders, in seeing His Majesty's Commands punctually executed; and likewise to assure them, that the Inhabitants of the Bay are perfectly satisfied.

Don Philip Remirez de Estenos, late Governor of Jucatan, who was the Cause of the Disturbances in the Bay, is dead. The present Governor seems greatly concerned at the Conduct of his Predecessor; and expresses the highest Regard and Esteem for His Britannick Majesty's Subjects; and assures us he will endeavour, in every Instance, to manifest by his future Conduct the Truth of his Assertion, by living in the strictest Harmony with them.

I have ordered the Ships with the Troops that came down with me, back to Jamaica, and am myself going to Pensacola, to execute their Lordship's Orders.

I am,

S I R,

Your most humble Servant,

W. Burnaby.

Translation of a Letter from the Governor of Jucatan, to Sir William Burnaby in the Bay of Honduras.

S I R,

I Received, by the Hands of Lieutenant James Cook, the esteemed Favour of your Excellency's Letter dated the 16th of January, and with it the Duplicate of the Royal Order of the King my Master; in which He disapproves the Measures taken by my Predecessor Don Philip Remirez de Estenos, in disturbing the Logwood-Cutters in their Occupation in Rio Hondo, and that they should be re-established in those Places where they cut before. Your Excellency assuring me, that the Intention of His Britannick Majesty is to preserve perfect Harmony and

Friendship with the Court of his Catholic Majesty and his Subjects; and in this Intelligence, and in Obedience to His Royal Order, I have wrote to the Commandant of Bacallar, that, without the least Demurr, he put the Subjects of His Britannick Majesty in Possession of Logwood-Cutting in Rio Hondo, where he is to permit them the free Use of that Trade without incommoding them, treating them with the utmost Politeness, as they are Subjects of a Nation at Friendship with us. And for my Part, I have the Honour to assure your Excellency, that under no Pretext whatsoever there shall be the least Extortion offered to the Subjects of His Britannick Majesty employed in Cutting Logwood; being assured his Majesty would be greatly concerned at any Change that might interrupt the good Harmony that subsists between the two Crowns.

I rejoice at your Excellency's safe Arrival at the Balis, and, at the Receipt of this, your Excellency may be in perfect Health.

I remain at your Excellency's Service with all Affection, desirous that God may preserve the very important Life of your Excellency many Years.

*Merida in Jucatan,
5th of March 1765.*

I am, &c.

Alvarez.

Naples, May 21. On the 13th Instant in the Evening, a Man about the Age of 30 Years, in a ragged Coffee-coloured Coat of English Cloth, Black Waistcoat and Breeches, and a Bob Wig, of a middling Stature, a broad Face, dark Eyes, and black Teeth, came to an Inn, (the Sign of the Three Kings) in this City, on Foot, and took a Lodging there; two Days after which, he bought the compleat Dress of an Abbé; and on the 17th went to Puzzole, about six Miles from Naples, and was brought Home, very drunk, about Two o'Clock in the Morning by the Patrole; when after drinking another Bottle of Wine, he shut himself in his Room, and was found the next Day in a Chair expiring; of which the British Consul being acquainted, sent the Chancellor of the Consulate and a Servant, in whose Presence, and in the Presence of a Person deputed from the French Consul, the Man declared himself to be English, born at London, and his Name Morin; soon after which he expired without uttering another Word.

No Papers were found about him; but sewed in the Lining of the Under-Waistcoat were two Purfes, containing Four Hundred and Seventy One Guineas, One Hundred and Seven Half Guineas, Twenty Roman Zechines, Ten Roman Half Zechines, Six Venetian Zechines, One Louis d'Or, Two Pieces of Six Ducats, Neapolitan Money; all of which has been deposited in the Hands of His Britannick Majesty's Minister, who made all possible Inquiry for more Particulars, that might give Light into this extraordinary Affair; but could procure no more than what is above related.

Cadix,