

May it please yo^r Hon^{rs}. Langet 16th Decemb^r 1675

This is onely to advise yo^r Hon^{rs} that Mr. Mathews of
Cadiz sent to this place a ship (which came from Spain) & was brought
to him that had on board some 30. Indians, per order that as
many of them as should be serviceable for his Ma^{ty}s Gallies should
be delivered to mee, and that he would receive just the price of them.
w^{ch} yo^r Hon^{rs} have therefore taken them, but 9 of them proving sick
w^{ch} had usage on board are since dead so that as onely 21 remain
whoe will prove very good men and in my opinion as good if not better
then the Moorish Slaves, soe that if there were very spare a Recruit
from those parts after the Gallies were once made, it might be
very advantageous for his Ma^{ty}s service. I have sent yo^r Hon^{rs} a full
Acct by the Mary Rose of the Gallies wants, I onely desire now
that yo^r Hon^{rs} would be pleased to send over money for y^e paying
off the Gallies Arrears charge, And alsoe money for y^e making
the making of Bonavoles and buying of Slaves. And I think
that it were very requisite that there should always be here a
Fund for Extraordinary uses for the Gallies. At this present we
have neither money nor credit, and it is necessary for y^e Gallies
to be carried for feare of y^e worms, I was forced to send
upon my own acct for Spaine to gett stuffe for to burne her
I am now forced to send for Tallow for her, In the Kings of
France & Spaines Gallies there is always a sume of money al-
lowed for extraordinary uses, as for making of Bonavoles in
all Ports that they come, as alsoe buying of Slaves if need
require as well as Provision for sick and wounded men, and
for the Gallies in case of want. We have here no manner of
Medicines for our sick men, and noe allowance for y^e Chirurgion
for the buying of them. The w^{ch} I hope yo^r Hon^{rs} will take into y^e
Consideration & give us a Remedy to it. I hope yo^r Hon^{rs} will
not take it amisse that I have not writt of every thing that I think
in my weak Judg^{mt} fit for his Ma^{ty}s service. I have nothing
more to trouble yo^r Hon^{rs} wth but desire yo^r Hon^{rs} would be pleased
to lett mee have an answer as soone as possible. Most of the
people belonging to the Gallies (especially Officers) have a great
deale of Provisions due to them & are still demanding that they
might be victualled in s^{me}de as all other Gallies are. We have
a great want of Bread, Luggs, and Shoots for to buy our sick men in
for at the present in the Hospital they have noe such thing. I remaine



red & read
14th Febr.

I had almost forgot to recomend to yo^r Hon^{rs}
Care & Consideration the provision for mens Quarters
whilst in Harbour, and how the Quarters they have
already had shall be ~~renewed~~ ^{renewed} & substituted this
being a matter that requires as speedy answer
as any of the others. An allowance is likewise
required for lights and fire for the Officers &
Mariners & Soldiers in their Quarters,

Yo^r hono^r most humble Servant
Mr. Hamilton

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