

May itt please yo^r Hono:^{rs}

Tanger 16:^o Decemb:^{rs} 1675

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This is onely to advise yo^w y^t M:^r Mathews of Cadiz sent to this place a Ship (w^{ch} came from New England & was Consignd to him) that had on board Some 30 Indians, hee ord^d that as many of them as should bee serviceable for his Ma:^{ts} Galley s[] bee delivered to mee and that hee would adjust the price of the[] w:th Yo:^r Hono:^{rs} I have therefore taken them, but 9 of them proveing w:th bad usage on boord are since dead Soe that 21 onely remayne whoe will prove very good men and in my opinion as good if not better then the Moorish Slaves, Soe that if there were every yeare a Recruit from those parts (after the Galley were once mand) itt might bee very advantagious for his Ma:^{ts} service: I have sent yo:^r hono:^{rs} a f[] Acco:tt by the Mary Rose of the Galleys wants, I onely desire now that yo:^r hono:^{rs} would bee pleased to send over money for y^e paying off the Gallyes Arreares cleare, And alsoe money or Creditt for the makeing of Bonavolios and y^e buying of Slaves: And I think that itt were very requisitt that there should always bee here a Fond for Extraordinary uses for the Galley: Att this p^rsent wee have neither money nor Creditt, and itt is necessary for y^e Galley to bee Carreen'd for feare of y^e Worms, I was forced to send ~ upon my owne acco:tt for Spaine to gett Stuffe for to burne her & am now forced to send for Tallow for her, In the Kings of ffrance & Spaines Galleys there is alwayes a sume of money allowed for extraordinary uses, as for makeing of Bonavolios 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 Galley in case of want. Wee have here noe manner of Medicines for our sick men, and noe allowance for y^e Chirurgeon for the buying of them: The w:^{ch} I hope yo:^r hono:^{rs} will take into yo:^r Consideracõn & give us a Remedy to itt: I hope yo:^r Hono:^{rs} will not take itt amisse that I inform yo:^w of every thing that I take in my weake Judgem:^t fitt for his Ma:^{ts} Service: I have nothing more to trouble yo:^r hono:^{rs} w:th but desire yo:^r hono:^{rs} would bee pleased to lett mee have an answeare as soone as possible: Most of the people belonging to the Galley (especially Officers) have a great deale of Provisions due to them & are still demanding that they might bee victualled in kinde as all other Galleys are: Wee have a great want of Beds, Ruggs, and Sheetes for to lay our sick men in for att the p^rsent in the Hospitall they have noe such thing: I remayne

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I had almost forgott to recomend to yo:^r hono:^{rs} Care & Consideration the provision for mens Quart:^{rs} whilst in Harbour, and how the Quart:^{rs} they have already had shall bee ~~xxxxxx~~ satisfied this being a matter that requires as speedy redresse as any of the others An allowance is likewise ~ requilite for lights and fire for the Officers ~ Marriners & Soldiers in their Quarters,

Yo:^r hono:^rs most humble S^tvant

Tho. Hamilton

For his Ma:^{ts} service ~
To the Right hono:^{ble} the Principall ~
Officers and Com:^{rs} of his Ma:^{ts} Navy
att. the Navy Office in ~
London

[reversed text:

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Tanger 16 xber 1676
Capⁿ Hamilton – hath
rec^d 30 Indians from M^r
Matthews at Cadix – 9 of
them since Dead – likes them
well – hath sent by y^e Maryrose
y^e Gallys wants. – want Mony
to cleare y^e Arreare of y^e Gally
& Buying Slaves – hath neither
Money nor Creditt to buy burning
Stuff & Tallow – or to Secure
Buonavoghios – wants Medecins
for Sick men – prays excuse for
his giveing a plaine Acco^t, & asks
an answer – Officers &c much
in Arreare for Victualls, they pray
to bee Victualled in kinde – wants
Bedds ruggs &c for Sickmen – prays
Satisfaccons for Quarters -- & for
Fireing &c:

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