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The Answer of the Marquis de la Quadra to the Memorials presented to the Spanish Court, by Mr. Keene the British Minister, the 10th of December last.

SIR



He King having caused the Representations you have made to be seriously examined in his Council of the Indies, also the Memorials of the English Ships supposed to be taken in divers Ports of America, by Ships carrying Spanish Colours, and the Proofs of the Facts annexed to them; his Majesty after mature Consideration has commanded me to tell you.

That concerning the Ship *Prince William*, taken the 24th of March, 1737, by two Spanish Ships, and carried into the *Havannah*, as the Governour and Royal Officers have written, that they are busy in drawing up the Acts upon the Declaration of that Capture, they shall be enjoined to send them without Delay; and as soon as they shall have been examined, according to Justice, his Majesty will order Satisfaction to be made to the Parties concerned for their Losses, if it appears that they have really been Lovers and in that Case he will order also the Guilty to be punished.

As to the Ship *St. James*, which is also claimed, the King has already ordered her to be restored.

As to the Brigantine, the *George*, taken the 2d of May, 1737, by four Spanish Ships, for having Gold in Bars among her Cargoe, as the Governour and Royal Officers of the *Havannah* have written, that they were drawing up the Acts, &c. as soon as they are received, his Majesty will order, as before-mentioned in the Affair of the *Prince William*.

I am to assure you, that the same shall be done with respect to the *Loyal Charles*, and the *Dispatch of London*, taken in the Month of July, 1737, and carried into the *Havannah* by a *Guarda Costa*, the Governour and Royal Officers are drawing up Acts to determine whether those Vessels are lawful Prizes or not.

We have received no Account of the Insult laid in the Memorial to be committed upon the *Sea-Horse of Bristol*, reported to be pillaged the 28th of August, 1737, by a Spanish Man of War in her Passage from *Jamaica* to *Bristol*.

Nor have we any Account of the Plundering, Ransoming, or Outrages supposed to be done to the *Neptune Brigantine*, going from *Jamaica* to *London*, said to be pillaged the 7th of May, 1737, and three Days after by four Spanish Ships; nor of the like Insults pretended to be committed much about the same time upon the *Prince William* and a Brigantine from *New-England*.

In like manner we have no Advice of what is said to have happened to the *Cesar Brigantine* going from *Barbadoes* to *Curacao*, who was attacked the 1st of July, 1737, by a Spanish *Guarda Costa*, and after being several Times boarded, by a brave Defence got into a Place of Safety; his Majesty has given Orders for the most positive Accounts of these Facts to be forwarded to him, and his Intention is, that the Governour's and Royal Officers of the *Havannah* and *Porto Rico*, shall each in his Jurisdiction cause an exact Search and Verification to be made of these Facts, any of his Subjects that shall be found guilty to be seized, and the Acts to be sent over to him, that Prevaricators may be punished according to their Desert: and that they may be able to give him the most exact Informations the King has enjoined to be communicated to them a List of the Names of the Ships and Captains, and also of the Times and Places, where the Insults complained of have been committed. At the same Time his Majesty will order the *Guarda Costa's* and Ships that go a cruizing, to conform themselves exactly to what is regulated by Treaties in such a manner, that the ill-conduct of their Crews may give no Occasion for such Complaints.

As to the King's Orders being disobey'd, which you suppose eluded by his Majesty's Officers in *America*, it may have proceeded from the Reports made to obtain those Orders not being found so sincere as is supposed here, or from the Facts not having been sufficiently verified, which ought to be done before the Royal Orders are put in Execution; wherefore his Majesty desires you to specify, which are