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TRINIDAD, 5th FEBRUARY, 1802.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR PICTON.

WE the Subscribers, British Inhabitants of Trinidad, having been informed that great Pains have been taken in some of the neighbouring Islands to rouse a spirit of dissatisfaction against your Excellency's administration of Government in this Colony, and even to represent it as generally disagreeable to the British Inhabitants, have thought it proper and incumbent upon us, to address your Excellency upon this occasion. We should consider ourselves as highly guilty of Ingratitude, could we see such Proceedings take place with silence or indifference.

Of the general Conduct of your Excellency, and the Services which you have rendered your Country in the discharge of your duty here, we believe there is but one voice. To your decided energy of character and conduct, in a situation of much difficulty and danger, our Country now owes, under Providence, the Preservation of a valuable Conquest, in a tranquil and flourishing Condition; and most of us are proud to acknowledge, that we owe to the same Qualifications, the Preservation of our Properties, and probably of our lives. We now therefore come forward to express to your Excellency our Gratitude, and our sincere attachment to your Person and Government.

And whereas we have been informed, that in consequence of some circumstances which arose from the drawing up and signing of an Address on the happy event of Peace, lately forwarded to his Majesty's Minister by your Excellency, to be humbly presented to his Majesty, various reports have arisen, and we are confidently informed that measures have been, or are to be taken, tending to injure your Excellency's name and character: Such, therefore, of the present Subscribers, whose names were annexed to the above mentioned Address, find themselves called upon by their duty to themselves, as well as to the Colony, and to your Excellency, to disclaim all connection with, or approbation of any such report, or measure, as absolutely repugnant to their Sentiments or to their Wishes.

For the same reasons we have to request, that your Excellency would give to these our Sentiments, whatever Publicity you may think proper, in this or the other West India Colonies; also requesting your Excellency to make use of the same in Great Britain, should your Excellency find it necessary in that quarter to vindicate yourself from Charges that may imply any thing like a dislike to your Government.

Your Excellency has been obliged to administer Law, and modes of Justice different in many instances from those of our Country, which we so highly revere. If any Individual finds himself aggrieved, his Appeal is as unquestionable as your Excellency's Responsibility. But we cannot, without expressing our positive disavowal of the same, allow any thing to go abroad in the world so wide from the truth, so prejudicial to your Excellency, and to the immediate Interests of this valuable Colony, which has experienced from you a Solitude almost paternal, as that the body of the British Inhabitants of Trinidad do not feel for the present Representative of their beloved Sovereign, all the Attachment and Regard due to his high Station and distinguished Merit.

(SIGNED)

John Black,	Richard Rosco,	James Shennan,
John Nihell,	James Johnston,	John O'Meara,
John Nugent,	William Coxall,	Thomas Warwick,
James Park,	George Bostock,	Peter Morris,
Philip Langton,	John Wilson,	Mathew Gallagher,
William Lockhead,	David Park,	Charles Audain,
Andrew Clarke,	William Perry,	Abraham Shaw,

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Whereas in consequence of a Meeting of the British Inhabitants of this Island, called by Public Advertisement the Twenty-eighth day of November, for the purpose of presenting a loyal Address to his Majesty, on the event of Preliminaries of Peace having been ratified, and this valuable Island retained by Great Britain; an Address was brought forward and signed by a number of the said Inhabitants, to be forwarded by his Excellency to be laid at the feet of his Majesty; and whereas in consequence of the Address and of some circumstances that took place during the Signature the same, we are credibly informed Pains have been taken, and measures adopted to carry on a Prosecution against his Excellency Brigadier General PICTON, our present Governor. We therefore take the most public method of disavowing all Connections with any such Proceedings; and we declare to the World at large our Sense of the important Services his Excellency has rendered to this Colony; and our concurrence with the general Sentiments of the West Indies that, under Providence, it is to his unwearied Attention and Diligence that our Country now owes the Possession of Trinidad, in tranquil and flourishing condition. (SIGNED)

William Harrison,	Andrew Thonison,	William Kewley,
William Lockhead,	Charles Audain,	Thomas Kenny,
Robert Bond,	James Ruddach,	David King,
P. T. Winterhood,	William Coxall,	Robert Baker,
Robert Mitchell,	Thomas R. Robinson,	Mathew Gallagher,
John Downie,	William Perry,	John O'Meara,
Edward Gallie,	James Shennan,	William Eccles,
John Edmondson,	David Park,	Edward Rivers,
William Dickson,	George Bostock,	James Bruce,
James Johnston,	Ephraim Paynter,	James Bourke,
James Fisher,	C. A. Gellineau,	

To be Sold at Public Vendue (if not disposed of before), on FRIDAY the 19th instant,

A NEGRO BOY, TWO MULES AND CARTS.

Port Spain, 13 Feb. 1802.

To be Sold by Public Auction, on THURSDAY the 14th instant, at the end of the Wharf, the SLOOP BUMPER, British built, well calculated for a Drogher, drawing a very easy draught of Water.—Terms of Payment, CASH on delivery.

C. MAROTTE, Auctioneer.

The Subscribing Copartners request all Persons who have Accounts open with them, to present the same for Settlement with as little delay as possible; and request those indebted to them, to make immediate Payment.—Port Spain, 13 Feb. 1802.

BARTHELIER, CRETEAU, and O

Ship COMET, EDWARD TATE, Master, will positively sail for LONDON the first Week in APRIL. Captain Tate requests the Shippers on the Comet, to be speedy as possible in forwarding their Sugars.—Apply on board, or at the Store of

Port Spain, 13 February, 1802.

JOHN NIH

The Public are respectfully informed, that

Divine Service

will be performed by the Rev. Mr. CLAPHAM on SUNDAY 21st instant, at the New Church in BRUNSWICK—SON