

Pegasus  
Port Royal  
June 10<sup>th</sup> 1797.

Sir,

According to what I had the honour of writing

to Your Majesty we sailed from the island of Pavis on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May with  
the Rattles under my command for Jamaica: the ship of war sailing so  
much heavier than the Pegasus, as Captain Wallis having informed me  
that the frigate had called in at Barbadoes a few days before in her way  
down to Jamaica, I thought proper to make the best of my way to Port  
Royal, where I arrived on the 2<sup>d</sup> to the Rattles came in next morning: I  
immediately waited upon Commodore Gardner with Captains Morris dis-  
patches and I delivered him my narrative: after a long conversation  
he approved of my conduct, but started an objection which I had from  
the first seen want of evidence as the circumstances had all happened with-



and not to see that I had ever assumed a very great difficulty, therefore  
to the Commodore that a letter was brought but by him and the Captain  
of the fleet, I could be happy to do, as every officer who is zealous for his  
Majesty's service, should give up his private feelings to the public good: the  
Commodore's decision was a matter of importance and will be one of the  
ships should return to the island to take his ship: he repeated to me again  
his entire approbation of my conduct. On the 7<sup>th</sup> the Europeans in  
from the Havannah so that the Commodore had two good and experienced  
officers to consult. Captain Brown of the Infanteria and Captain Thorne  
of the Europa. in the course of that day we assembled and talked the  
matter over, and discussed the opinion of these officers that we had not  
power to force Lord Martini and as in my letter to the Commodore I had  
mentioned the peculiarity of the case and of my own particular situa-  
tion, they strongly recommended to me to accept an apology from the  
Schomburg before Captain Brown and Jackson which I totally avoided  
in agreement thereto. I had determined and to what I had informed the Com-



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moderate: on the 20<sup>th</sup> Brown and Tashen read before the same moderate Pub-  
 lic's letter, and my narrative: it was then determined that they two  
 should talk the matter over with Mr. Schomburgk, convince him of his  
 impracticability, and give him a. under based it was requisite to make  
 me in their presence as a apology. Mr. Schomburgk next morning being  
 sent for by Brown and Tashen said as much as was to be said, saying  
 that they therefore desired me to go on board with them and to  
 accept his compliments, which I did before them two and the officers  
 of the ship. I will not trouble Your Majesty with the particulars  
 as I have enclosed my letters to Commodore Gardner: Mr. Schomburgk  
 has quitted the ship, and I have by the Commodore's desire appointed  
 one of my gentlemen to the duty of Lieutenant. I have every reason  
 to be most heartily and sincerely thankful to the consideration of  
 Brown and Tashen: the officers of the ship I am happy to say pay  
 attention to the duty and behave with respect and propriety to



Thus situated I performed Governor (part of the necessity of my manner  
in my official character, which has arrived for the high respect of  
Majesty's birthday therefore I went with the Captain to pay my respects  
to the Governor. Tomorrow morning at daylight I sail for America,  
from whence I shall make it my duty to write before any opportunity

Dear Sir,

Your Majesty's most affectionate  
and most dutiful son and subject

J. P. Williams

James Williams

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June 15. 1789