

Geo Jackson to the Sandwich

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My Lord

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It was yesterday requested by M^r Heppel, that all Masters summoned to give Evidence should be required to bring in their Log-Books to lay on the Table - Sir Hugh Palliser thought it would be sufficient for the Courts information if each Master after giving his Evidence was then to leave his Log-Book for that purpose - The request was agreed to be granted - The Masters this Morning in Court produced them - It was agreed to swear them that they were in point of time between 23^d and 30th July without any alteration or addition - The Master of the *Probest* objected saying his Book had been altered and added to, respecting what had passed between the days named, by order of his Captain. His examination to this particular has given a strong impression. It was agreed not to examine him on the nature of the Alterations and additions - He was only required to ascertain that such had been made; since it was known M^r Heppel would be tried.

Captain Marshall has been under examination all day, and comes on again tomorrow; hitherto in my judgement his evidence has not produced what was expected from it.

Your Lordships will not I hope forget the liberty I took in begging your excuse for such rough and hasty hints; nor refuse me the indulgence at a moment so peculiarly due, to one who has not time for even necessary refreshments. I am with the highest respects

Portsmouth
Jan. 7. 1779

Your Lordships
most faithful and most Obedient
Humble servant Geo. Jackson
(signed)

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of Mr. Jackson's letter to
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