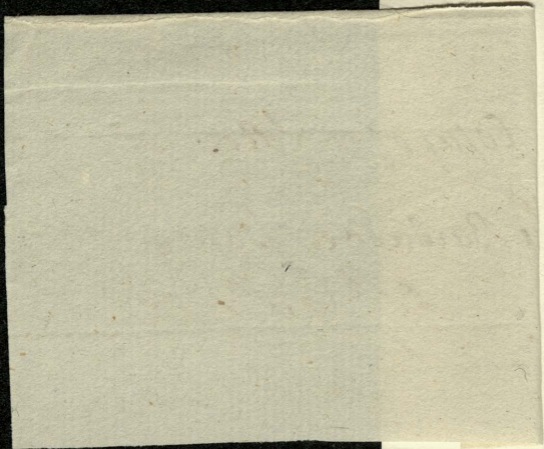


Copy of a letter from  
the Barbadoes papers  
5<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1782



Mr. Printer,

I beg you will please to insert the following  
paragraph in your paper and you will  
oblige

Your Humble Servant

John Ford

Captain of the *Nymph*

Whereas there appears in the *Morning Chronicle* and *London Advertiser* of Nov. 13. 1781 a letter dated *Nymph* at Sea off the *Chesapeake* September the 14<sup>th</sup> 1781 said to be wrote by an Officer of the said Ship to his relation in London relative to the action with the French fleet on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 1781 off the *Chesapeake*, and containing a variety of unjust remarks and reflections thereon, I do in consequence thereof, think fit to declare, that I have conferred with the several Officers of the Ship on that subject, who have declared to me, on their honor, and are ready to confirm the same by oath that no such Letter was ever wrote on board the *Nymph*, and I do also assert (in my own opinion) from an infinity of concurring circumstances, that the said letter is an avrant, notorious, and iniquitous counterfeit, and all which must appear distinctly evident to every reader, who will pay the smallest attention to the substance and circumstances of the letter, detailing events, transactions, and judicious conduct of Admiral Graves when the *Nymph* was in the West Indies under the Command

of



Sir Samuel Hood, and more especially to the  
Officers &c of this Fleet, who will know the Medea  
was sent to England without any previous  
notice, & that the Nymphe was stationed off  
the Chesapeake and did not arrive in Port untill the  
16<sup>th</sup> of October following without any opportunity  
of conveying a letter on Shore before that time.