

R. Adm. Jos. Rowley to Adm. Pigot  
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London Port Royal Jamaica 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1782.

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As I think it of the utmost consequence for the preservation of this Island that the enclosed intelligence N<sup>o</sup>. 1 should be immediately forwarded to you, I doubt not but you will give every Assistance in your power to frustrate any Attempts which the Enemy may make, and from every Account I can learn they certainly mean to Attack this Island in a very short time, should not the Arrival of a Reinforcement put a stop to their present Intentions for that purpose.

His Majesty's Ship London arrived here the 28<sup>th</sup> Ultimo. she having had an Action with a French Ship of the Line, and enclosed I send you a Copy of Captain Humphreys Letter to me respecting the Action N<sup>o</sup>. 2. but for further particulars I cannot say until the Arrival of the Torbay which I expect every hour, but it is I believe certain that the Ship run on Shore and will not be recovered to the Enemy.

I shall not send home the Ajax as intended with the Convoy which is to Sail the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant, but keep her and the Torbay ready to join you should you wish me to send them.

As this place is bare of every Material for refitting the London there being neither Spars nor Cordage on Shore nor can they

Haught Pigot Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Admiral of the Blue

and Commander in Chief

be

be procured, I am much afraid it will be a long  
time before she is refitted, but you may depend I  
shall use every Expedition in my power to get her  
as forward as possible — The Lords here is in want  
of such Timbers to repair her, that it will be  
impossible to accomplish it as they cannot be  
procured here.

I dispatched to you last Month  
the Jamaica and Post Boy to the Windward Islands,  
and the Gulway Frigate to New York, by the  
return of which Vessels I shall be in hourly  
expectation to receive some Letters from you.

Enclosed I send you my private  
Signals, and the Signals to be made by Ships on  
their bringing Intelligence of the Enemy N<sup>o</sup> 381.

You will receive this by Captain  
Douglas of His Majesty's Ship Leorne, and am  
to request you will dispatch him back to me, as  
soon as the Service admits, as I want every  
Opportunity to watch the Enemy's Motions.

I have the Honor to be

with great regard

Sir,

Your most Obedient  
Humble Servant.

Jos. Rowley.

P.S. I am happy to congratulate you on the loss the  
Spaniards have sustained at Gibraltar —

Copy of Clear Adam Rowley's  
Letter to Lord Pigot  
11<sup>th</sup> November 1782.

(a Copy.)