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It seemed necessary to write a few lines to Mr James Harris by last Nights Post, and before the Drt could be prepared your Maj^{ty} was gone to the Play.

There was a little Mistake in the Note Mr Thayer sent to yr Maj^{ty} last Night. He wrote 16 Degrees of Longitude instead of sixty. I have just had a long conversation with Capt More who gives a very clear and consistent account.

Jesking never appeared off the Coast of Georgia or Carolina but the five Ships detached from this Fleet off Long Island in the Bahamas may have been those that were seen off

off the Isle of Pybee the 4th of Sept^r.
Capt More says that even before the
Storm Sestings Fleet was in very bad
Condition and thinks that they can
visit no where but at the Huannah
I trouble your Majesty with these
Particulars of an event which I hope
taking in all its Consequences may
be considered as the most important
that has happened in the Course
of the war.

I have this Moment learnt from yr
Maj^{ty}s Doctor that in consequence of
the orders transmitted to the Navy Board
and executed by them, there has this
Morning been a decision in the Court of

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Demerage of 20 Dutch Ships.

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