

Extract of a Letter from Edw. D. Esq.  
 To Esq.<sup>r</sup> Command.<sup>r</sup> of His Ma.<sup>ties</sup> Ships  
 at Jamaica Dated at Port Royal  
 19<sup>th</sup> May 1728. to M.<sup>r</sup> Burkhett.

I am sorry to acquaint your Lordships that the Spanish Privateers out of S. Jago de Cuba on the South side and Barraco on the North continue to fit out Privateers to infest our Coast, and have lately taken several of our Northern Trade and a Ship from London bound to the Northside of this Island, Laden with Goods for the Plantations there which they put Guns into and fitted her out, the Prizes are so inconsiderable that its my Opinion that I could go in and destroy most of them had I but His Ma.<sup>ties</sup> permission and did design to send the Tryal to have cruiz'd upon them had she not been ordered home, the Sculls well and I doubt not but would soon have brought some of them in here who according to my Notion are no better than Pyrates being a Mixture of all Nations and have no Commission for what they do, but from the Gov.<sup>r</sup> of the Place, which I take to be of no Validity.

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