

Extract of a Lett.<sup>r</sup> from Edw.  
 S.<sup>t</sup> Lo Esq.<sup>r</sup> at Jamaira Dated at  
 Port Royal the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1728. to  
 Mr. Burdett.

I take Leave to acquaint You that Yesterday  
 His Ma.<sup>ties</sup> Ships Chatham & Mary Galley arriv'd  
 here having on board about Five or Six & Thirty Men  
 Sick, as they came down the South side of  
 Hispaniola they were followed by two  
 Spanish Sloops which they Chas'd and came  
 so very near that they fired a great many Shot  
 at them, but the Sloops being Clean they left  
 them as they pleas'd, and they have now found  
 out the Tract that starts any of our Trade can  
 come to this Island without great Danger of  
 being taken & the People cruelly us'd: They  
 on board Daily having 7 or 8 fitted out from  
 S.<sup>t</sup> Jago de Cuba, I am lately inform'd that on  
 the 12.<sup>th</sup> of June last a small Spanish Sloop  
 of 60 Men the greatest part thereof being  
 English & French took about two Leagues to  
 the Westward of Hispaniola the Anno Galley  
 Joseph Speckman Ma.<sup>r</sup> from London, but cast  
 from Guinda and Round to this place with  
 250 Negroes 4 of whose Men with one of the  
 Spaniards made their Escape and got on board  
 the Rippon, as she was watering there in her  
 passage home.



