

Extract of a Letter from Captain  
 William Berkoley Comander of His  
 Majesty's Ship the Rippon to M<sup>r</sup>  
 Burchott Dated at Spithead 3. Aug<sup>t</sup>  
 1728.

Whilst I was watering in my passage at donnie  
 Mario's Bay upon Hispaniola, there came in a French  
 Sloop, upon Searching her, I found on board four  
 Englishmen, who had been taken Eight Days  
 before by a Spanish Sloop, four Guns & upwards  
 of Sixty Men, most of English & French: They were  
 in a Guinea Man consign'd to Pizaro and Woodcock  
 Merchants at Jamaica, with Two Hundred & Fifty  
 Negroes on board; These four One of them the Mate  
 found means to escape in their Boat, and forc'd one  
 of the Spaniards with them, whom I have secur'd  
 and shall take care of till such time as I have  
 directions from the Board: The Spanish Sloop came  
 out of S<sup>t</sup> Jago de Cuba, which is a Nest of Pyrates  
 and upon Complaints made several times in Old  
 Spain of their Depredations, It has been order'd  
 that they have any lawfull Comissions and that  
 they were to be look'd upon as Pyrates.



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William Berkeley Commander of the  
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Council of Virginia 1738

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