Sir,

From Governor Pownall

The Intelligence you sent me of the Enemy’s meditating an attempt upon Georges proved not only true but came very seasonably. Immediately upon receipt of it, I fitted out an arm’d Sloop as a Tender to the King George: went down to Georges. Threw into the Fort a reinforcement of thirty three men stores ammunition and provisions. Saw the Fort prepared to receive the enemy, visited the other little fortified places and then proceeded directly by two routs in the King George on the outside of the islands of Penobscot bay, and by the Tender on the inside the Islands, to Mount Desert Harbour. The Sloop discovered two bodies of the Enemy one on Long Island the other on Naskeag Point. Some of the latter party of the Indians showing themselves separate from the main body. Lt. Saunders and ten more, contrary to the orders I had given the officer commanding the Tender, went out in the boat in pursuit of them, were drawn into the very snare laied for them, and taken by about forty canoes. As soon as Cap Saunders is the armed sloop, whom I had left with orders to proceed to Georges and to any place where he heard of an attack, appear’d in sight in Georges River the enemy withdrew, and soon after sent in a flag of Truce with a woman they had taken. Whom Capt North commanding at the Fort, redeem’d for 9£ I have thus the
satisfaction to hope that I had put the Fort in a posture of
Defense beyond the strength of the Enemy force, however
as soon as I heard of this matter I sent down again imme-
diately Capt Hollowell. I have also sent down some French
Prisoners to exchange with such as the Enemy may have of ours.
I must expect that some of the straggling out settlers must
be drove in if not taken, in the same manner as the outposts of
an Army are driven in upon attack.

I am Sir

Your Honor's

Most obedt
And most humble
Servant

T. Pownall

P.S. By a letter I have from L'd Howe dated Gibr' June 22. I learn that M De LaClue's Squadron is at
Toulon fitting (as they pretend) to push out. That Mr. Osborn
is to sail for England with some ships the first fair wind,
That by their last accounts from the K of P he was gott
within 60 miles of Vienna & had taken all 7 Magazines
in Moravia.

The Hunter Sloop is just come in here from the bay
of Fundi — and last from the mouth of S' John R' saw nothing.

Gibr' = Gibraltar