

Sir,

I have yours of the 5th of August past, wherein you assure me of the fidelity of the Inhabitants of Port Royal, & with what ready Obedience & duty they received the Orders of the Kings Government here, I am not unsensible of the difficulties they labour under by Reason of an Ill Neighbourhood, & the need they have of better Settlements & assistance for their Protection; which has been laid before his Majesty. I doubt not but the next Spring such effectual Order will be taken thereabout, that they will be made easy, & freed from those inconveniencies to which they lie now exposed; I have permitted this Vessel, James Gooch Master to come with necessary supplies for your people — whom I trust you will receive with all kindness & grant him what assistance he may need; I do not readily entertain the report of that Peoples countenancing & succouring of the Privateers; well knowing they are laid under necessity thro' force to permit their coming thither; you may assure yourself I shall not be wanting to give them what relief & assistance is within my compass, & in particular to testify my Respect unto yourself being persuaded of y^r. good affection to his Majestys Service & Interest. I am Sir

Boston Dec^r 2^d 1695

y^r. lov^e. Friend
W. Stoughton

Mr Petit

True Copy
attest: John Perry Secy.