

St. Eustatius March 1779

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Saturday 20 Embarked for St. Cruz arrived there next day at Noon — This Island belongs to the King of Denmark — But ^{9/10} of the Inhabitants are British ^{& Dutch} Subjects born — Strangers coming into this Island are inspected by the Officers of Government like other goods — I was obliged to go personally to no less than 4 offices — Custom House — Fort — Town Major — & The General's at the Fort — we went to three different offices — I don't know their names — The English Language is universally spoken here — The very Slaves & Children know ~~it~~ ^{it} — The Danish is used in the Courts — in the Custom House Papers — & ~~in~~ in the Danish Church — Natural Danes coming hither find themselves in a strange Country — tho' in the Dominions of the Prince — All Religions

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are tolerated here — and besides the Danish Chh. Here are the Chh of England — a Presbyterian congregation — a Dutch Chh — The Roman Catholics — a Quaker meeting House — & a moravian Preacher — This last is intended principally if not totally for the Slaves — over whom he has great influence & whom he keeps in very good order — He is supported by government — who to recompense these miserables for the loss of greatest earthly blessing — very liberally allows ^{them} the use of all Christian mysteries — with I suppose the pious Clergy think a valuable consideration — I saw here a cargo of those poor Creatures landed out of a King's Ship (For it seems His Danish Majesty is a Merchant as well as a King) ~~but~~ drove like so many cattle to a large yard men & women boys & girls all together — each as naked as God made ^{them} — saving a piece of course Linnen just to cover what Nature