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relating to ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ politics in the end
among wit. Their method of determining
who were Tories — is of most curious, & unbecom-
ing method of — a Town meeting it seems
was convened — a list of all the Male Inhabi-
tants was laid before the Town. The question
was put is he a Tory — if he is, signify it by
holding up of hands — in this manner
They determined upon about 30 persons that
they were Tories — — This is being tried by
one's Peers with a Vengeance — —
Tis ~~however~~ ^{however} ~~fipping~~ ^{fipping} a man's Character ~~of~~
~~being~~; He can at any time, should any dis-
pute arise about it, produce authentic
testimony — what it is — — fine —
glorious Constitution — !

Monday April 4 The mate & 3 hands only at
work to day — We have only 4 Seamen belong-
ing to us —

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Tuesday) 5. We have only 3 hands before the mast. The two young fellows who have been at work ⁴ few days past - are only for their victuals - They are not shipped ———. This day began to purchase Sugars —

The French have played a ~~xxx~~^{fine} Stratagem to get down a fleet from Martinique; which arrived here yesterday - consisting of about 30 sail under convoy of two frigates -

'Twas thus — Last Saturday 5 French Tri-
-gates appeared off St Kitts in a way of challenge.
— 5 ~~the~~ English Frigates immediately put out
after ^m them. — The French went thro' the Channel
to windward of this place — The English after
them — & chased them all that ^{& part of next} day without be-
ing able to come up with ^m them as they had much
the start — In y^e mean time the fleet above
mentioned sailed from Martinique & arrived
here safe all but one who was taken off St.
Kitts ~~in~~ — They have now to get back
again