

St. Eustatius April 1779

The goodly Chks by Heaven design'd
To help the weak to lead the blind
To check the rash to warm if cold
To engage the young to amuse if old
Th' unthinking from yonself to save
And bring all kindly to the grave
anon—

Wednesday 28th — Have got if last of
the Cargo on board this day — ~ ~ ~

The People in trade, here, are many of
m deeply in with if Americans — That has
makes if American mad — It is their in-
terest that if Americans should succeed &
be independent; that they may be able to
pay their debts — They have ofore persua-
ded themselves that it will be so — The
reason makes if believe the most impro-
-ble reports we are favorable to if American
Cause — it has been, & is now, rumoured

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yet He has been writing constantly day & night
for this week past.

The Stupidity & inattention of man-
-kind is amazing — I wanted to know
if method to be observed in clearing the Brig
out — I applied to P L — who had been a ship
master to if Port many Voyages & a merchant
here many years — He gave one ^{such} directions
as could not be followed they were contrary
to if settled rules in the Office — I asked ano-
ther of my acquaintance here — He gave me
a very confused acc^t. of what I was to do —
mad at if. wrong-headedness — I determined
to follow if direction of my own understand-
ing — & observing — Candour & Goodness mark-
ed in if features of Weigh. master's countenance
~~a Mr. de la Roche~~ a Mr. de Fèvre — I asked him
what was the Line to be observed in clearing
out my Vessel — for being a stranger I did not
know — would he please to tell me — Oyes
Sir — you must ^{first} come to me — Tis end.