



Practice of the pilots since we arriv^d on this station, to go on board vessels appearing in the offing & give intelligence of our strength & situation - & thereby prevent their falling into our hands.

In consulting with Mr Leonard, on these subjects - 'Tis determin'd to take some immediate steps to punish those individuals who have been guilty of a breach of articles agreed on between Coll: Stirling & them. - and also to prevent as far as possible such trespasses in future. Mr Leonard accordingly wrote the masters of his vessels at Old Town to take up all such persons against whom positive

proof can be produced, of their having ~~been~~ transgress'd in any of the beforementioned instances & if they will not consent to enter into the service of the Refugees - to carry them prisoners to Newport. He also authorizing Capt B Baxter to take up the collector of Taxes to demand his Rate Bill &c. - And he issu'd a Proclamation to all pilots forbidding them at their peril from going on board any rebel vessels inward or outward bound.

Observation..

The Inhabitants of this island are in a predicament peculiar to themselves - their situation is such as to admit of a free & constant intercourse with the people of the main while