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OBSERVATION. 30

The Inhabitants of that Island have permission to purchase from the King, & Garrison at New-York & Newport, any West-India commodities, particularly Coffee, Sugar & molasses, on condition that they discontinue their commerce with the French West-Indies, notwithstanding which they have declin^d. taking the benefit of that indulgence & persevere in trading to those Islands, as a proof indisputable of this assertion — Mr. Whippley a native of that place is taken in a sloop belonging there directly from Cape Breton with those commodities on board. —

Word of all other matters go on much to our mind.

The Wind continues exceedingly high at E. N. E. & N. E. difficult passing with Boats.

15th.

Wind increases — no possibility of passing with Boats — a very heavy sea.

16th

Wind continues — very disagreeable sea. — Arriv^d Mr. Dowsell officer of Marines on board the Royal Charlotte, & Dr. Tupper both from Nantucket.

Dowsell makes the following declaration.

" The declaration of John Dowsell, officer of Marines on board the Royal Charlotte J. Duggan Commander. That on Sunday Sept^r 12th, then laying in Nantucket harbor on or about 5 o'clock p.m. there appeared off the bar five sail of fishermen & a sloop from the West-Indies laden with Rum, Coffee, a few bales of cloth, some Tea & 500 stands of small-arms, — That they stood in for the harbor — That on some of the Fishermen, arriving in the harbor a number of the Inhabitants to the amount of fourteen or fifteen assembled