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"assembled & ran for about one mile, making signals all the way they went, to prevent the other vessels that were out, to come in, from their signals one of the vessels, a sloop hauled her wind & stood out & ran to the shore where the people were assembled. The people from the shore hailed her & told her there was English privateers in the harbor, and desired the sloop to acquaint the vessel that we were there. The sloop went out & spoke the vessel informing her of the above. The vessel being on the Bar, at about 5 o'clock a.m. that she beat over the Bar at about $\frac{2}{3}$ of a mile on the shore; The sloop that gave the information was along side of her, taking out part of her cargo. — That the mate of said sloop (who is now a prisoner) says that they must inevitably have fallen into our hands, was it not from the information they received from the sloop, & the master of the sloop says he had his information from the Inhabitants. I likewise am thoroughly convinced that

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the must of necessity have fallen into our hands, provided intelligence had not been given by the Inhabitants.

J. Dowell. —

Many other circumstances respecting this matter are related by Mr. Dowell, & by — others. by all which it appears that the inhabitants of the island of Nantucket (so far from being inoffensive) are on all occasions, ever-ting themselves to assist the Rebels, & cautiously avoid every act which resembles loyalty. The ingratitude & baseness of this conduct is so glaring that we are determined to furnish them for it, after consulting some very discreet persons on this subject, we agreed to issue the following proclamation, which we shall forward by D.^{ns} Tupper, Mess^{rs}. Nantucket & others who are here in consequence of our requisition of the 10th inst.

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