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Commandant of a party of Troops, & George Leonard
Esq. Commander of a Fleet of armed vessels
in the service of his Majesty George the Third
King of Great Britain &c.

To the Inhabitants of the island of Nantucket.
Whereas we have this day received in-
formation by John Dowell officer of
marines on board the sloop of war
armed schooner Royal Charlotte, That
on the 12th inst. a certain sloop in the
service of his Majesty, & enemies, was
standing into the harbor of Nantucket,
and that a number of the inhabitants
of that place assembled, and by Waifs &
signals prevented the said sloop from
becoming a prize to the said Royal Charlotte,
of the sloop General Carleton then ~~was~~
anchor there. And whereas the Inhab-
itants of the said Island have (notwith-
standing the generous indulgences
to them granted by their Excellencies the
Commanders in Chief of the Army & Navy)
discovered in various instances a dispo-
sition to aid & assist his Majesty, &

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Enemies, and to molest & disturb such
of his Majesty, & servants as have in
pursuance of their duty, put into that
place. And by such ungrateful & per-
fidious conduct have justly forfeited
all pretensions to that protection which
a continuance in peace would have
secured them the enjoyment of. We
hereby proclaim & declare to you the
Inhabitants of Nantucket that unless
an immediate & sufficient explanation
of your conduct is made to us relative
to those transactions We shall consider
you as the professed enemies of our
most gracious Sovereign, and shall
commence our operations against you
as such. And having been this day
furnished with a true list & descrip-
tion of all the Vessels now in your
harbor, We do by these presents
expressly forbid you from suffering
any of those vessels to remove from
thence without special license first
obtained