

that might most effectually ensure the welfare and interest of the colony he presides over.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER.

Gentlemen,

I RECEIVE your address with much satisfaction, and sincerely congratulate you on the peace; an event interesting to humanity, and from which I hope this island will reap the most salutary advantages.

Convinced that a mutual and happy intercourse between the British empire and the United States of America, would soon be established on the most liberal principles, and be productive of beneficial consequences to the merchants and planters of Jamaica, I had anticipated your wishes as early as the 10th of April, by directing the officers of his Majesty's customs at Kingston, to give every encouragement to American vessels entering the ports of this island; and for the more effectual support of these instructions, I summoned the Council to meet on the 3d of this month, persuaded that they will unite with me, in adopting some temporary expedient to remove the obstructions that are in the way of our trade with the United States of America, until full authority is received from England.

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