

and Experience; and wherein therefore, if in any way, I may be able to do something toward the preserving the good Opinion you have been pleased to entertain of me. 'Tis a further Satisfaction to me that my Employment is of such a Nature, as does not alienate me from your Lordships more peculiar Jurisdiction, but places me more immediately under it, and chiefly accountable to your self. Whatever parts of the World I shall range into, I shall carry this comfort along with me, that next under the Providence of God, and his Majesty's Protection, I shall be, so long as I am upon the Seas, in the Province, and under the Direction of your Lordship and the Honourable Board: for whose favours to me in general I have no better way of Expressing my Gratitude, than by doing it thus to your Lordship, who Presides there And with these Sentiments, I am bold to subscribe my self,

My Lord,

Your Lordships Most Faithful, and
Devoted Humble Servant,

William Dampier.