

Spithead: You are hereby required and directed to take his Majesty's Ship the *Warwick* under your Command, WHOSE CAPTAIN IS DIRECTED TO FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS, and making all possible Dispatch in getting ready for the Sea; and then making Enquiry for, and taking under your Convoy, all Merchant Ships and Vessels bound for *Newfoundland*, or any Part of *North-America*, that are ready and desirous to accompany you; you are to proceed out to *St. Helens*; and, so soon as the Ship *Beaufort* joins you from the *Downs*, you are to repair, without Loss of Time, to *Plymouth*, where you are to collect together what Trade are bound to *North-America*, or *Newfoundland*, and proceed with them under your Convoy to *Newfoundland*.

You are to send Word to the Mayors, or chief Magistrates of the Ports named in the
Poole,
Weymouth,
Bridport,
Lyme,
Topsham,
Dartmouth.
 Margin, to let them know the Orders you are under; that you shall call off their respective Ports for the Trade from thence; by what Time you shall probably appear in Sight, and what Signals you shall make; and you are accordingly to call off those Ports in your Way to *Plymouth*, to make the appointed Signals, and stay a reasonable Time for the Trade to come out to you, and then take them under your Care and Protection.

When you arrive at *Newfoundland*, you are to inform yourself what Force the Enemy have in those Parts, and what Danger the Fishing Ships, or the Island itself, may be in from the Enemy; and whether any of his Majesty's Ships are guarding the same: And, if you find all quiet, you are to proceed on to *Louisburgh*. But, if there be no Ship employed for the Protection of the Fishery at *Newfoundland*, you are then to remain, with his Majesty's Ships under your Command on that Service; observing the inclosed Instructions for your Guidance therein; and send the
Warwick,