

from whom all others Governors of particular provinces should receive their orders, in all cases, for your Majesty's service, & cease to have any command respectively in such province, where the said Captain General shall at any time reside, as is at present practised in the Leeward Islands, where each Island has a particular Governor, but one general over the whole.

The said Captain General should be constantly attended by two or more Councillors deputed from each plantation, he should have a fixed Salary, sufficient to support the dignity of so important an employment, independent of the pleasure of the Inhabitants; and, in our humble opinion, ought to be a person of good fortune, distinction & experience.

By this means, a general contribution of men or money may be raised upon the several Colonies, in proportion to their respective abilities, & the utility of this proposal is so evident, that we shall not trouble your Majesty with any further reasons to enforce the same; but in case your Majesty should be graciously pleased to approve thereof, we shall take a further opportunity of explaining, in what manner it may best be executed.

But we humbly crave leave to inform your Majesty, that it will be further necessary for your service, that whoever presides at this Board, may be particularly and distinctly charged with your Majesty's immediate orders, in the dispatch of all matters relating to the Plantations, in such manner, as the first Commissioner of the Treasury, & Admiralty, do now receive & execute your Majesty's commands; with whom the Captain General, & all other Governors of your Majesty's Plantations, may correspond.

We the rather mention this, because the present method of dispatching business, relating to the Plantations, is liable to much delay & confusion; inasmuch as there are at present no less than three different ways of proceeding herein; that is to say, by immediate application to your Majesty by one of your Secretaries of State; by petition to your Majesty in Council, & by representation to your Majesty from this Board; from whence it happens, that no one Office is thoroughly informed of all matters relating to the Plantations; and sometimes orders are obtained by surprize, disadvantageous to your Majesty's Service; whereas if the business of the Plantations were wholly confined to one Office, these inconveniencies would be thereby avoided.

All which is most humbly submitted.

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