

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 29b

THE KING'S ORDER TO SIR WILLIAM ALEXANDER RESPECTING THE  
DEMOLITION AND ABANDONMENT OF PORT ROYAL.

Signed Charles R.

July 4, 1631.  
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Forasmuch as a final Agreement hath been passed between us & our good Brother the Most christian King, & that for the conclusion thereof we have consented that Port Royal, Shall be restored to the same condition wherein it was prior to the beginning of the last wars to the end there may be no advantage on the one side or the other during the existence of the said place & Without prejudice to any previous right or title by reason of any thing done then or to be done in consequence of this our command Our pleasure & will is, & we command you by these presents, that with all diligence you give order to George Hume Knt or other commanding for you in the sd. place, to demolish the Fort built there by your Son, & to remove thence the people, goods, Cannon, ammunition & cattle, and other things belonging to this plantation; leaving the limits thereof altogether desert & depeopled, as they were when your sd. Son arrived there to settle there in virtue of our Commission. Whereof you shall not fail as you shall answer to us.

Given at our Court at Greenwich this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1631.To our trusty & well-beloved Coun<sup>r</sup>.

William Alexander Knt  
our first Secr<sup>y</sup> of State  
for our Kingdom of Scotland.

*Endorsed.* Copy of the command of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> to Sir [W] Alexander to the end he may give orders to those who command for him at port Royal to demolish & to leave the sd. place

THE KING'S ORDER TO THE INHABITANTS OF PORT ROYAL RESPECTING  
THE DEMOLITION AND ABANDONMENT OF THE PLACE.July 11, 1631.  
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Trusty &c. Forasmuch as a final agreement hath been passed between us & our good Brother the Most christian King, And that for the conclusion thereof we have consented that port Royal shall be restored to the same condition wherein it was prior to the beginning of the last wars, To the end that there may be no advantage on one side or the other during the existence of the sd. place, & Without prejudice to any previous right or title by reason of anything then done, or to be done in consequence of this our command, Our pleasure & will is, and we command you by these presents, that with all diligence you cause to be demolished the Fort which was built at the sd. place by our well-beloved William Alexander knt, and to remove yourselves thence with your goods, Cannon, ammunition, cattle and other things belonging to the sd. plantation; Leaving the limits thereof wholly deserted, & depeopled as they were when the sd. William Alexander arrived there to settle there in virtue of our Commission. And to this end you shall be furnished with ships so soon as the season of the year shall allow thereof. Wherefore fail not to do that which you are commanded by these presents as you shall answer for the contrary at y<sup>r</sup> peril. Whereupon we bid you farewell. From our Court at Greenwich this xi<sup>th</sup> day of July 1631.

*Endorsed:* Copy of the command of His Ma<sup>ty</sup> to his subjects at port Royal for the demolition\*

\*The rest has  
been cut off  
in binding.