

Spaniards, and you are to use all proper Methods, that may be most effectual
for this Purpose

Jan 17

Your most obedient humble servant

Holler Newcastle

Deputy Governor of Maryland, or Commander in Chief for the time being

George

To Whom and Wellbeloved We greet You well

Whereas several unjust Seizures have been made, and Depredations carried
on in the West Indies by Spanish Guarda Costas, and Ships acting under the
Commission of the King of Spain, or his Governors, contrary to the Treaties sub-
sisting between Us and the Crown of Spain, and to the Law of Nations to the
great Prejudice of the lawful Trade and Commerce of Our Subjects; and many
Cruelties and Barbarities have been exercised on the Persons of such of Our Subjects
whose Vessels have been seized by the said Spanish Guarda Costas; And
whereas frequent Complaint has been made to the Court of Spain of these
unjust Practices, and no Satisfaction or Redress been procured; And whereas
a Convention for making Reparation to Our Subjects for the Losses sustained
by them, on Account of the unjust Seizures and Captures abovementioned,
was concluded between Us and the King of Spain on the 14th Day of January
last N. S., by which Convention it was stipulated that a certain Sum
of Money should be paid at London within a Term specified in the said
Convention, as a Ballance due, on the Part of Spain, to the Crown and Subjects
of Great Britain; which Term did expire on the 25th day of May last, and
the Payment of the said Sum, agreed by the said Convention, has not been
made, according to the Stipulation for that Purpose, by which Means the
Convention abovementioned has been manifestly violated and broke by the
King of Spain, and Our Subjects remain without any Satisfaction or Repara-
tion for the many great and grievous Losses sustained by them; We have
thought fit for the vindicating the Honour of Our Crown, and for procuring