

Halifax June 14th 1785.

Dear Sir

At Windsor your Letters of the 14th and 23^d Oct.
reached me, and no opportunity has since offered for your new Letter.
The Kingston is not yet condemned, but I suppose will be on Friday
that being the day fixed for hearing. Mr. Storer, Apelin and your old
friend Matthews are all engaged in the Defence, but I see not how she
can be saved. The Register on the face of it, is evidently bad, the
signatures have all the appearance of being forged, the names, -
the post & several other material parts are written on erasures. Besides
the voyage from Granada ended at Salem, a new ^{Foreign} ~~new~~ ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{ship},
part of the cargo taken out and other goods put on board, particularly a
quantity of Flour. She is neither built owned nor manned according to
Law - I mean not to reply to the Claim which is a very long one, but
to let the Cause stand on Libel and answer, by which mode you know, all
the facts fairly stated ~~and~~ ^{and} not inconsistent with other facts, ^{stated,} nor contradicted
by the papers found on board will be taken for granted. I am sorry
your brother is connected in this business, which is of a complexion to require
immediate Check; for if we cannot prevent the independent Americans
palming themselves and their Vessels upon us as British, we shall soon
see ourselves deprived of the benefits of large Subjects.

I have just come from the Secretary's Office respecting the Certificate
for Mr. Hazen, and I find it will be impracticable to obtain any
declaration or paper, except, simply Copies of the proceedings of Council
as entered on the Minutes of Council, and those I suppose Mr. Hazen
has.

has - The amount given of the business here, is that a Grant of
10,000 Acres of Land was made to Mess^{rs} Hazen and Seymour as a
compensation for the Excheat and received in satisfaction thereof; that
the consideration of the Grant is special and recites the fact. Mr Seymour
was in Town and consented to the arrangement. He spoke to me, I
recalled on the subject, and seemed strongly inclined to take anything they
would give him rather than contend.

Judge Bayard writes me, that the Decrees respecting the Excheat
are all confirmed - I am very glad the Cause of the same is
settled - The Master of the Rolls, Sir Alay Pennion reversed the
Interlocutor, by which I refused to issue compulsory Process agst
Bardock, and upon the idlest ground possible, as I think - He said
the Vice Ad^{vs} Judge must have had doubts on the question of prize, or
he would not have allowed time to produce further proof, and that
having such doubts he ought not to have decreed until he had brought
forward ~~such~~ further proof - Whereas the fact was that the Advocate
General prayed time to produce this proof sufficient to warrant an
adjudication of prize, and had time of course, not because the Judge doubted
of the proof then adduced, but because it was fair, if he could bring
proof of the allegation of the Libel to give him reasonable time. The
entry in the minute Book is to this purpose - But what makes the
reasoning of Mr Pennion still more futile, is the final adjudication ^{at New York} on
the proof first produced, when I declared, I had not the smallest doubt.
The truth is the Interest agst poor Taylor was too powerful.

The Solicitor General here has no Salary, but the House of Represent-
atives have usually made him an annual Grant of £100, 150, or 200 -
for special Services. He has always been a Member of the House
or

or on very good Terms with the leading Members -

I enclose you have some papers of M^r Swans who wishes you
to send to Mr Senard and if he refuses payment of the rent due
to sue him for it without delay.

I commend me to M^{rs} Winslow, Pen, and the two Sallys. I
hope they are fixed in their house and happy in their situation and
prospects. Our whole family unite in love and best wishes for them.

Let me be remembered affectionately to our friend Edward
and to M^{rs} Winslow, who, I suppose, are at home at St. Johns by
this time -

Adieu. May your City flourish and the King
with it. I am told it will add £200 to your income. You
positively marry or you will be too rich. We jog on here in the
old way, and are like to for this Century -

Your always

A. A. Blauvelt.

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