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About this document

A declaration for letters of marque for John Jelfe's Jamaica Gally, dated 22 April 1708. (Catalogue reference: HCA 26/13 folio 76)

This document is a declaration in support of an application for letters of marque. The declaration specifies details of the ship, its armaments, crew and its officers. The letters of marque authorised the commander of a private vessel to attack enemy merchant vessels and seize goods in time of war. The captain signed a declaration, and with two sureties, executed a bail or recognisance that the terms of the commission would be observed and that the Lord High Admiral's dues and proper customs duties would be paid on the prizes (goods) taken.

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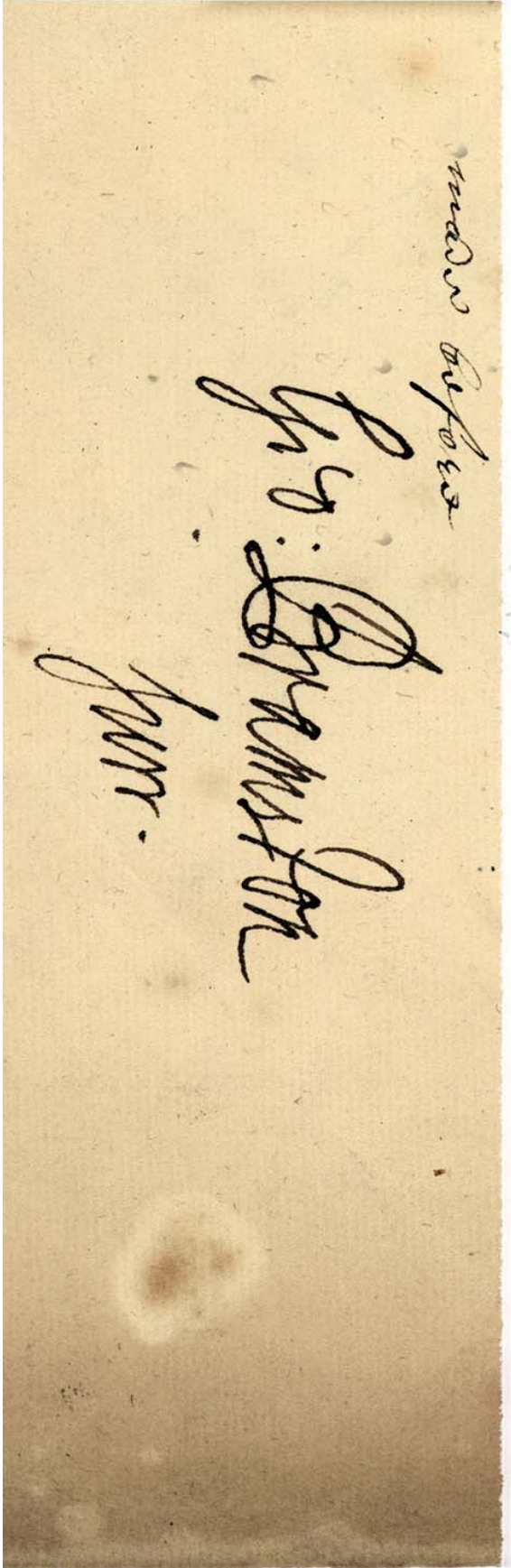
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proceeds, Twenty Pounds of great weight, and
ad. 5. Ten pound. 8 wt. of small weight, that have
said they is nichalleth for the number, has two
kinds of scales, the one sheweth, the one labbe,
and ad. 3 two pound. 8 wt. of great weight, that
the one pound goes Ten = 100, the other William's
pound, the one pound goes Ten, the one pound
goes Ten, and the other William's pound of 10
said they; and the one William's pound
Henry's pound, the one pound, and the one
pound of 10 said they, and the one pound
pound and the one pound & others out of the
said they.

The same day
The Doctor's day,

John Seale

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Transcript

1. 22 April 1708
2. Appeared personally M[aste]r Jelfe, and on the behalfe
3. of Cap[tai]n Rich[ar]d Parret now at Bristol produced a
4. Warrant from His Roy[a]ll Highness Prince George
5. of Denmarke etc Lord High Admirall of Great Britain
6. Ireland etc and of all Her Ma[jes]ties Plantations etc for
7. the granting of a Comm[issi]on or L[ett]res of Marque to
8. the said Rich[ar]d Parret, and in pursuance of Her
9. Ma[jes]ties Instructions to Privateers made the following
10. Declaration vizt that the said Capt[ain] Parret his Ship
11. is called the Jamaica Gally, and is of the burthen
12. of ab[ou]t one hundred & seaventy Tonns, that the
13. said Rich[ar]d Parret goeth Capt[ain] of her, that she
14. carryes Eight Guns, twenty five men, twenty five
15. Small Armes, twenty Cutlaces, Six barrells of
16. powder, Twenty Rounds of great Shott, and
17. ab[ou]t Five hund[re]d w[eigh]t of small Shott, that the
18. Said Ship is victualled for Six months, has two
19. Suites of Sailes, three Anchors, three Cables,
20. and ab[ou]t two hund[re]d w[eigh]t of spare Cordage, that
21. W[illia]m Parret goes Lieu-ten[an]t, Stephen Williams
22. Gunner, M[aste]r Jones Gunner, Benja[men] Bush
23. Carpentar and Humphrey Williams Cooke of the
24. Said Ship; And that W[illia]m Swimmer Esq[uir]e
25. Henry Swimmer, Abraham Elton, & John
26. Elbridge of Bristol Merch[an]ts, and he the
27. Declarent are the Owners & Setters out of the
28. Said Ship.
29. John Jelfe
30. The same day
31. This Declaration was
32. made before
33. Geo[rge] Bramston
34. Jun[ior]