

Misc A - 1800 - For warrants of impressment.

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Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint your Excellency that two men named Thomas Rimer and Benjamin Howard now in this Province, lately belonged to the Charlotte Transport, which brought part of the 24th Regiment last year to this place; that they deserted her, and so concealed themselves that they eluded the Master's search and ^{their} efforts for discovering them, the vessel, though greatly distressed for hands, was obliged to sail without them.

I have to assure your Excellency that I am acquainted with these facts from indubitable authority, and have certain information of the abode of these men; and as they come under the description of men liable to be impressed into His Majesty's Navy, being mariners, and not married in, nor inhabitants of this Province, and the Squadron being considerably short of complement owing in a great measure to desertions at this Port (thirty having occur-

red within these two months past) I feel it my duty to request that you will be pleased to grant me a warrant for impressing the said men for His Majesty's Navy.

I beg leave to observe to your Excellency that the impressing of persons in such circumstances would tend greatly to enable the Officer commanding the Squadron on this Station to give protection to seamen navigating vessels employed in the service of Government, and in the Trade of the Province, without suffering the Crews of His Majesty's Ships to be too much weakened.

I have the honor to be
with due respect and regard
Your Excellency's most
obedient humble Serv^t

W. Murray

