

II. JAMES VERNON TO FRANCIS NICHOLSON. WHITEHALL 18th June 1699

Sir I signified to You his Majty^s Pleasure in January last concerning the
scots who had undertaken an Expedition to the West Indies, the place not
being then known in which they designed to settle and his Majty being
since informed that they have taken possession of the Bay of Caerat' [or
Carrat] near the Bay of Darien between Cartagena and Porto Bello and are
fortifying themselves there, seeming resolved to maintain it by force
against the Spaniards: His Majty Considering this attempt as a viola-con
of the Treaty's subsisting between his Majty and the Crown of Spain,
Comiands me to acquaint You that he expects his former orders should
be strictly observed, a Duplicate whereof is therefore inclosed. I suppose
upon the receipt of the first Letter You have given all necessary Directions
that no Correspondence should be kept with the said Scotch Colony and
that no provisions, ammunition, or other assistance should be furnisht
them, or be suffered to be conveyed to them from any part of your
Government, His Majty would have the same care continued, so as the
said orders may in all particulars be fully obeyed and put in ex-ecution. I
am Sir Your most humble Servant JA: VERNON To Francis Nicholson
Esqr His Majts Lieutenant and Governour Generall of Virginia in America
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