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rica aufzulegen, d. dafür der Offizier Capitain von Apr.
Recepisse gegeben ist, in welcher aber nicht, von 211
nom, in welcher sich aber nach der Untersuchung
des Capitain vermindern, welche darauf
in der Stadt Charles-Town geschehen. Ich habe
diese wegen dieser Briefe an den H. d. Dierfler
als der Copie desselben an einen Freund in
Savannah geschickt, damit diese Briefe nicht bei
Major Horton, nicht bei Col. Stephens, und
gekauft werden. Ich wünscht das fruchtbar, und
an der Kapten. fingegeben ist. In dem Briefe
sah der Befehl als Tadel und böse Strafe
geschickt, darauf er sich nicht wider setzen konnte.
Der Mr. Horton sah nicht mehr geschickten,
d. nicht auf einen solchen Brief zu setzen.

Ein freundliche Brief von dem Commandanten in der 25
dena des Major Horton von 12 cur. sah nicht
verkauft einen Brief an ihn zu schreiben, den
ich für in Brazos nicht, nicht in eine. und
sah von ihnen unglücklich in. geschickten Briefe
den in sich selbst.

Sir
You was pleased in your favour of the 12 Inst.
to acquaint me kindly, that you suggested in
the Captain of the Store ship some Inclina-
tion to load his Vessel with Saw's Timber
if we had any Saw's at our Mill. Just when
I wrote my last Answer to you, the Water
in the River was risen in few days to that
Degree, what we have desired as long as
Providence has favoured us with this Saw-
mill is consequently our fruitful & industrious
Sawmiller saws on each Day & one part
of the night above fifty Boards, each 15
foot long, as neat as ever I have seen them.

I suppose, if the Water holds, or Don't fall too much, we will (God willing) saw a great Deal in a month, not only to supply our Inhabitants & to fulfill my Agreement with our Customs, but also to Dispose of them else where. The Sawmiller assured me, that our two Saws are able to saw hundred Boards each $1\frac{1}{2}$ Inch thick & 15 foot long in Day & night, if not a necessary sleeping time, & some accidents; such a machine as a mill is, useth to be lyable to, Did prevent it.

I embrace with the greatest satisfaction your kind offer to be assistant in disposing of our saw'd stuff, & beg the favour of you to let me know at your leisure, what Dimension the saw'd Timber in length, breadth & thickness would serve a Captain, who in time had a mind to purchase any of us, & whether & what sort Boards would be required likewise. We think, we could sell at the mill one Inch Boards for 3-⁰⁰ p hundred, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Inch for 4-⁰⁰ p hundred of 2 Inches p hundred for 4-⁰⁰ & of 3 In. 5-⁰⁰ p hundred to the first sort of which ought to be added 2 slabs, to the 2^d three, & to the 3^d & 4th four slabs, each slab being pick'd out by the buyer cost 2. If our people should be employ'd to carry the Boards & scantling to Savannah, some charges must be allow'd them by the Buyer. I pray excuse this trouble

I give you with such things, which I never could venture to do, being very sensible of the weighty Affairs, you are generously occupied in for the publick Welfare, if not your extraordinary kindness to me & our Settlement, conspicuous by your Words & facts had allow'd me this freedom. I add only to your & my satisfaction, that this Sawing mill will prove by the Blessing of the Almighty a good means to help our Inhabitants upon their legs in their many Difficulties, they labour under in this hard War-time, having good Opportunity to employ themselves & their Horses in the time, which they can spare from Agriculture, in useful Labour about the Saw-mill. The Saw-miller has two Assistants in sawing & carrying the Boards to proper Places near the Mill River; two men cut down & saw the Logs in the Woods, & two men with 2 Wagons & 4 Horses bring the Logs to the Bridge of the mill, and more hands would be employ'd then, when there should offer Occasion to deliver the Saw'd Stuff in Rattlers or large Boats to Savannah.

When Mr Habersham was returned from Frederica, he wrote me, that some Body there had offered to him a Desire to buy some Barrels of Indian meal ground by our Grist-mills. If our people could gain a little by it, & could be provided with Indian Corn from Carolina it would be a good means to keep our millers always in useful Work, & to contribute some

216 thing considerable for the indolent & indigent
better subsistence. But there is one difficulty
by annexed, viz. that the Indian meal doth
keep long fresh standing in Barrels or Sacks,
& especially in Summer time, except there
be a Convenience to spread it upon a Floor,
then it keeps longer. Our people boil
the meal for a Quarter of an Hour (put-
ting the meal not in cold but boiling
Water) as stiff as Hominy or Rice, &
when it is become cool in a wooden Tray,
& the Leaven put in, they mix it with as
much Wheat-Flour as is required, & so
let the Dough rise, which makes the bread
better than of Wheat-Flour alone.
Several of our people have been employ'd to pre-
pare for our Curtins's expected Vessel a good
many Staves of good white Oak, Cypress-
shingles, Hoops & squared Timber the Char-
ger of which amount to fifty Pounds
sterling, which I have laid out in ready
Cash for the people's necessities & fur-
therance in Agriculture & Husbandry; the-
refore I am extremely glad to find in
your last Letter your strong Inclination
to comply as soon as possible with my
humble Request in helping me to some
money on Account of our Rangers, who
are indebted to me, by which Generosity
& Kindness you will oblige me very much,
as also our Benefactors in Europe, who are
& will be duly acquainted with the many

real favours, you have been pleased to heap upon our settlement in the absence of our excellent Benefactor, General Oglethorpe. Begging pardon for this long trouble, I remain with all respects, imaginable &c.

[illegible]

Der Off. Commandant in Frederica Off. Major Horton
hat in einem Briefen f. wurde an einen Vize
Majors befohlen, ob er sich wohl selbst nicht gegen
ih. in einem Briefen an ihn davon gegen
falle. Er war der 9. von dem nach Savannah
nachgekommen, so hatte er einen Constable,