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As many inconveniences arise from the miscarriage of letters owing to a loose and negligent mode of collecting them at public houses and stores intended to go by men of War or merchant ships ... I do therefore ... give notice that in future there will be proper cases at this office for the reception of all letters which will be regularly secured, packed, and put in proper bags and under the seal of the G.P.O. be delivered to the masters of such ships, who may call for them the evening before they sail, and in failure thereof a boat with a responsible person will be in constant readiness of carrying mail bags on board. And whereas many letters for Great Britain are frequently put into this office to go by different ships, many of which may happen to be duplicates, it is therefore recommended to all persons that the name of the ship or vessel they wish the same to go by, may be wrote on the corner of each letter, which will be properly attended to, and put into that ship's bag accordingly.

This being the first office for entering ships, etc. coming to this island and, from its nature, the proper office of intelligence, the public may have . . . every interesting news that can be collected, by a discreet person, constantly attending the several arrivals in Port Royal Harbour for that purpose, to be conveyed from thence to this office with all possible despatch. And in order to deter in future any person or persons making or interfering with the making any collection of letters ... the following clause of an Act . . . 9th of Queen Anne is hereafter recited for general information.

(Signed) EDWARD DISMORE.