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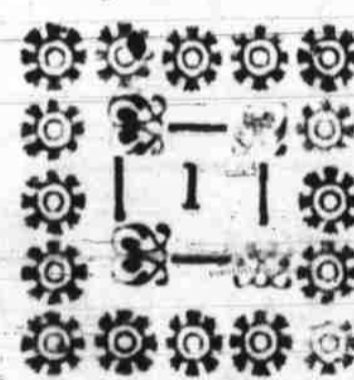
From FRIDAY JANUARY 11, to FRIDAY JANUARY 18, 1765.

BOSTON, (*in New-England*) Oct. 20.

Copy of a Letter from JOHN HUSKE, Esq;
 to the Committee of Merchants in Boston.

Westminster, St. Martin's Lane, 14 Aug. 1764.

Gentlemen,


 N March I was favoured with a letter from you, as a committee of the merchants at Boston, dated the 10th of February last, accompanied with a state of the trade of your province, and a request that I might use my interest and influence in obtaining some favourable alterations in the renewal, if attempted, of the then expiring sugar act. The regard due to so respectable a body of merchants, the importance of the subject, and the particular esteem I entertain for each of you, to whom I have the happiness of being personally known, must have commanded an immediate acknowledgment of the honour you did me, had not an opposition to a bill, then depending in the house of commons, which affected your trade, navigation and commerce, in several essential points, exclusive of what you wrote on, so engaged my attention, as to make that mark of civility incompatible with your real interest.

The bill being past, I resolved on replying to your favour, but finding on reflection greater difficulty in conveying an adequate idea of what had been opposed, and what had been proposed, than I at first apprehended, I determined on postponing my answer, that it might be accompanied with a little tract, which I

flatter myself, would have explained to you, and all the British colonies on the continent of America, the steps which ought to have been taken for the mutual interest of Great-Britain and her colonies; and from the omission of which, what has been done must prove ineffectual for the service of both.

Unforeseen accidents have hitherto impeded this publication, and it is now thought advisable to defer it, to the approaching meeting of parliament; when I doubt not, but an opportunity will offer, of convincing you, that the impeachment of my conduct, so industriously published in all the American news-papers, was false, malicious, and infamous; in the interim I must beg leave to refer your worthy friend ———, for the exculpation of my public behaviour, who heard what passed in the house of commons: he has also seen the tract mentioned, and can give you a clear and circumstantial detail of the whole. But as to my private conduct, you will, I am persuaded, indulge me in laying before you a few anecdotes, and attribute the recital of them to the necessity of my vindication, not the vanity of affecting consequence.

From my arrival in England to this day, I have done every thing that the narrow compass of my abilities and connections would admit of, to alter the act complained of by the merchants of Boston, so as to make it answer their wishes, upon the principle of such change being for the interest of the whole Empire: and to procure other regulations respecting several branches of American trade, &c. which labour under injudicious and destructive imposts and restrictions, and which no power
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