

Mr. Hull tells me he had liberty from you to entertain private trade with Captains of Vessels. I am astonished at this. We cannot enter into private trade of any kind without injuring each other, and the general welfare of the Settlement. After I and Mr. Hull had charged our trade and various other articles to the Society, before previous to your departure I was surprised to find he had exercised some trade for himself and that he received more at the return of the Active, I could particularly mention several instances of a pernicious nature that have passed in support of my argument against private trade. I shall content myself with one, in order to show you the necessity of prohibiting private trade in future. When I traded with Captain Hovel for the Articles which I obtained from him, both axes and money had been offered on a private account for the salt altho it was an article so exceedingly useful, and which we cannot do without, provided, either Pork or fish can be obtained for the vessel the next time. For the two axes which cost two axes we obtained one grindstone, one pound of salt petre, eight pounds of Tobacco, 5/40