

went to you upon that subject, as this you are  
well convinced of - I shall now say a little on  
the state of the matter - you know in what  
great Confusion I found the Customs when  
I arrived - I had no time previous to your  
sailing to make any inquiry, or I should  
have made a Representation by you to the  
Committee - I found you had called into  
that accursed Traffic with matches and Powder  
again, notwithstanding all the Resolutions that  
had been past against <sup>it</sup> when I was with you  
in August last. Mr. Butler had been guilty  
also - I felt the keenest Anguish when I learned  
these things - I am convinced such Conduct  
will bring a Curse upon St. Helena, and  
not a Blessing - I was informed you had  
opened a Cash or Fund the Treasury  
directed to you, and had been filled by me  
(not knowing its Contents) with fire-musket  
in it - I could hardly believe the Report, had  
not a gentleman told me who would not  
accept an oath - The morning you  
sailed, you will remember about 30 Carols