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To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Commissioners for
Trade and Forraigne Plantations

The humble Petition of Christopher Jeaffreson

Sheweth That whereas his Majestie hath bene graciously pleased for the
Incouragement and forwardeing of y^e severall fortifications in & upon y^e Islandes
under y^e Government of his Excell^{ty} s^r William Stapleton. to order fiftene hundred
pounds to be distributed by four equal proportions to y^e Islandes of s^t Christophers
Nevis, Antegoa, Mountserrat: which reasonable and Royall Assistance of his Majesties
to his poore subjects y^e Inhabitants of the Island of s^t Christophers hath so farre in-
courageed them in their great undertakeing of erecting a strong fort upon Leberlys
Loynt in y^e sayd Island, (more Regular & for bignesse & strength as well as scituation much more
considerable then any other fortification upon any of those his majesties Leeward Islandes) that
with a vigerous & unanimous Labour in y^e sayd worke they have so farre advanced y^e same that
that in a short tyme it may be made a safe & defenceable retreat to his Majesties subjects
in case of a surprize, or y^e overpowering numbers of an invadeing ennemie but for as much
as Cannon, Armes & Ammunition are Extreemly wanted in sayd fort & y^e Inhabitants by
means of their more then ordenary Charges in buildeing & makeing y^e same are altogether
unable of furnishing themselves with those necessaries

Wherefore yo^r Petitioner humbly prayes yo^r Lordships that yo^r hon^{rs} would be
pleas'd to take y^e Premises in yo^r serious Considerations: That what Cannon Armes
or Ammunition seeme to yo^r Lordships convenient to be sent to y^e said fort on
s^t Christophers may with y^e leese charge to his Majestie be transported in the
Francis frigate now ordered for that Island & yo^r Petitioner shall ever
Pray &c.