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**John Alexander** Clerk of the Council dismissed by Gov. Roberts and his brother **Richard Alexander** sent for and taxed with his scandalous way of running about the country saying the Governor would ruin them all. He denied but we are satisfied to the contrary—ordered to go off next out bound ship.

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And likewise that the cause of John Alexander should have a rehearing and also the cause of the widow Alexander\* now the wife of Thomas Gargen.

\*John's brother, Richard's wife???

As to the several cases mentioned in your's to be yet undecided as Hoskinsons **Alexanders** Edwards &c., we have and shall strictly follow the directions of the Honourable Court of Directors—but must take notice by the bye that it was not possible for you to know we had any instructions relating to the above mentioned but by some of our Council which remark we must transmit to our Masters.

*From Directors* 4th Feb., 1714.—

We are positively assured that Gov. Boucher traded very much and sold the goods as if they had been ours that is to say out of our store rooms, and till his were gone ours must not be disposed of—that Mr. **Alexander** sold Palm Wines brought out in our ships for him at 2/6 the pint—this explains how **Alexander** came to be so much in favour.

We have told you what sticks upon Mr. **Alexander**. We observe he is of a litigious ungovernable temper. But we don't absolutely forbid your employing him when you have urgent occasion.

We observe Gov. Boucher's riding shed cost us £181—that he converted to his own use of our live Provision £156. That he made an utter destruction of most of our live stock—Strip the house and let Plantation run to ruin. Strange that Mr. Bazett, Mr. Cason, Mr. French, Mr. **Alexander** and Mr. Free, will not give you the account of other particulars of all other Mr. Boucher's extraordinary proceedings to our prejudice.

5 April 1716 Account of Families for 1716—*Whites*—55 men, 70 women, 23 youths, 23 maidens, 140 officers and soldiers, 234 children under 12, total 545. Blacks—136 men, 54 women, 117 children, total 310—exclusive of about 70 Company's Blacks. Cattle 1368 exclusive of Company's stock, The principal inhabitants were Matthew Bazett, Lieut. Cason, **John Alexander**, Orlando Bagley, John Coales, Mrs. Carne, Jonathan Doveton, Henry Francis, Gurling, James Greentree, Joshua Johnson, Gabriel Powell, Margaret Sich.

17 April 1719.—Capt. Bazett dyed 5th April 1719.—The Governor sick—Mr. Tovey hopes to be Governor soon and will goe no more to the Fort till he went to take possession of it. The Governor desires **Mr. Jno Alexander** the Secretary to lay his hand on his brest and to speak his conscience whether he thinks Mr. Tovey to be so fitt a man for Storekeeper as Mr. Goodwin.

*Letter from England*, 13th March, 1719.—Mr. Edward Johnson appointed Governor, Matthew Bazett 2nd, Antipas Tovey 3rd, John **Alexander** 4<sup>th</sup>

(This might be the reason why John claimed to be a Deputy Governor)

28 Jan. 1720.—Trial of Mrs. Southen and others. **Mr. John Alexander** Secretary as evidence for the prosecution states the facts (which agree exactly with those contained in Mrs. Southens paper) except only that the Governor called out to Mr. Jones in a very mild manner and that Mr. Jones persisted to read in open defiance of the Governor which gave him cause to order Mr. Jones to be seized by the officer of the Guard and to bring him to the Castle where he appeared with an haughty countenance and vindicated himself in a very rude manner. Who for his disobedient and insolent behaviour then as well as several other times before the Governor and Council he was confined. Dr. Civil and Sarah Southen found guilty.

16 Feb. 1723.—Mr. Edward Byfield succeeds as acting Governor on the death of Mr. Johnson. The two members of Council being **Mr. John Alexander** and Mr. John Goodwin.

1734 Corydon—Company's Chief Fisherman going to Ruperts and carrying a small bag of fish for his wife who lives there, it is thought the bag hit against an overhanging Rock in a narrow part so that he fell 150

feet into a place called Downings Cove. **Capt. Alexander** says that he remembers that one Rowley carrying a small keg in the same path it hit against one of the Rocks and hove him down and smashed him to pieces.

**1935** John Long—(prisoner) complains of having Flux and prays to be excused work at the fortifications till he is better. **Alexander** and Goodwin think he ought to be allowed time to get better. Mr. Crispe is of opinion that the most effectual way to cure him is to hang him.

Jan. 17th, 1738.—Mr. John Bazett son of Capt. Matthew Bazett who was formerly many years of Council appointed to Council in place of **Capt. John Alexander** deceased in July last.

April 18, 1768.—Four Madagascar slaves attempt to run off in **Sam Alexander's** Fishing Boat in Sandy Bay—not knowing how to manage a boat the sea drove them on shore on the beach. Their excuse they did not like to be under a *Black* overseer

Jan. 29, 1776.—**George Alexander** for stripping his slave Abigail and cruelly beating her with raw hide whip over her belly,—fined 40/. His defence—her misconduct and that in Gov. Byfield's time Slaughter was flogged with wire whips and fish hooks tied to a cord.