

to occur as to make this a matter of  
moment than it otherwise would be  
I intend in the Petition to state that I have  
already had the furtherance of your Plans  
I have therefore taken St. George with  
his Tools & into the Ship & shall proceed  
Tomorrow up the Bay to these Islands  
and if they prove on Examination to be  
eligible for the purpose as I hope  
to find them we will immediately commence  
operations should they however offer  
objections of which I am not at present

Private  
2 April 1766  
Albion in the Chesapeake

My dear Mr Alexander

Allow me in the first  
Instance to offer you my Congratulation  
on your Appointment to this Command  
particularly at your having it connected  
with West India Concerns, and next I  
have to thank you for the Letters  
you were kind enough to write to me  
by the Supper giving me a general  
outline of your Great Plans which  
I added to the wish you expressed  
Mr. H. Crookshanks on a

A. Townbridge (left)