

Shores, the faith of our country is solemnly
pledged that all who may Emigrate to our
Ships in consequence of it whatever be their
Numbers shall find a ready Asylum
with all reasonable protection from us,
and such must continue to be the case
until some other Proclamation or equally
Public Document be issued notifying a
Change in the Sentiments which have thus
been promulgated.

The only question then which remains
is how these people are to be disposed of—
In consequence of the Colonial Law at Bermuda
respecting People of Colour which you allude
to, and the inconvenience likely to arise
from accumulating useless Numbers on Island,
the Commander in Chief some time back
directed me to cause all the Refugees from
America (excepting only Workmen of a certain
Class and description) ^{in future} to be sent to Halifax, but
owing to Arrangements which have since been
made by the Commander in Chief the Ships
acting in the Chesapeake and to the Southward
thereof have now no Communication whatever
direct with Halifax, there remains therefore
no alternative for them but to send these
Refugees