on the Continent had been obliged to resign I did not think it advisable to call upon him to qualify under his Commission ~~or to be sworn~~ or to expose himself to Insults by returning to the Province where His Majesty's Service could not be thereby at all promoted There being in his absence no person here ~~empowered~~ authorized to receive the Stampt Paper which was consigned to him & no place of Security here in which it could be lodged I desired Capt Browne of His Majesty's Sloop Hawke who had brought hither a parcel of it ~~to~~ keep it on board untill Instructions could be received from His Majesty's Ministers concerning it with which Request of mine he has complied & still remains at anchor in this port.

Jan 9 1766

Gen Gridon to Chas. Lennox Esq. Letter of Nov. 29 1765 Recd. 13 Feby 1766.