Your Directions by Capt Lewin Handy, or the first opportunity, how I am to proceed with the Vessel and Cargo, if Mr Gerock is Guilty of the Charge, against him I make no Doubt, the Said Cargo is forfeited, I have Unrig'd her & put a proper Officer on Board, to preserve the Cargo &c, Pray let me hear from you as soon as possible, and Be the Pattern you may Rely I shall leave no Stone Unturned to, Detect the Disaffected,

I am with great Esteem your
Mo Obt Hble Serv
Joseph Dashiell

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N.B. Whether Mr. Gerock was now Bound to Portsmouth or not I Cannot Undertake to say, but I have not a single Doubt but that he has been Treacherous and from what Travers says, has Taken a protection and Settled him Self to Trade with the Enemy and his Connections, of Robt Pitts & Lynday is in my opinion much against him

I have Inclosed you a Description of James Stuart, One of the hands, which Shewes that Mr Gerock Informed him that the Cargo Belong'd to him Capt Tornwell ——