

## Three Documents relating to Thomas Spearing in the family's possession

To Mr Hon<sup>y</sup>. Spearing at the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Col. Monson at Perambech

Dear Sir, I am under a necessity of troubling you with my request to the Col: for since I am on the recovery I am persuaded by the surgeons to move to some other place where I shall much sooner gain my strength than I shall here, therefore please to give my duty to him and tell him I shall take it as a particular favour and indulgence if he will permit me to go to Madrass for about a fortnight or three weeks, in which time I hope to be so well recovered as to be able to return to my duty,  
I am dear Spearing your very hum<sup>ble</sup> Ser<sup>vant</sup> G WEST Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1760.

George the Third, by the Grace of God King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith & Co. To our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Spearing Esquire Greeting. We reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and good Conduct, do by these Presents constitute and appoint you to be Captain Lieutenant of the Fourth Company of our Marine Forces whereof Our Trusty and Well-beloved John Martin Esquire is Captain and to take your Rank as Captain in our said Forces; you are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Captain Lieutenant by exercising and disciplining as well the inferior Officers as Marines of that Company; and we hereby Command them to obey you as their Captain Lieutenant, and you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from time to time as you shall receive from Our High Admiral or Commissioners for executing the office of High Admiral, for the time being or any other your Superior Officer; according to the Rules and Disciplines of War in pursuance of the Trust hereby reposed in you. Given at our Court at Saint James's the eighth Day of June 1780 in the Twentieth Year of Our Reign.  
By his Majesty's Command...

To Lieutenant Spearing of the Marines at Manila

Sir, the admiral desires me to communicate his thanks for the firkin of butter you was so good to procure for him and if you can purchase a pair of good horses the Admiral will be further obliged to you. I am Sir your most obedient humble servant Thos. Parry. Cavita 8<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>