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20th July 1938.

Dear Mr. Dixon,

One of my experts on the 1710-20 period writes as follows after seeing the cutting you so kindly sent me:-

"I am afraid that my documents do not give very much that is new on the subject of Teach's treasures. I thought that I had read somewhere of his house up a secluded creek, but have not been able to find this letter. The enclosed does, however, confirm the fact of his fondness for that corner by the Pamlico River, and proves that he did have plenty of pieces of Eight and gold dust to convert into the sort of nugget that Mr. Dixon's cutting describes."

"In a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Spotswood to the Council of Trade and Plantations, dated May 26, 1719, he says:-----'The effects of Thach the pirate have been condemned by the Court of Vice Admiralty and sold at public auction..... There is an unexpected pretension set up by the Government of North Carolina to these goods, as being taken within the seas and off the soil of the Lord Proprietors etc. They suffered those goods to remain in the possession of that piratical crew for divers months, some in chief stations having had too much correspondence with them, particularly one who held the office of Secretary, Chief Justice, etc.'"

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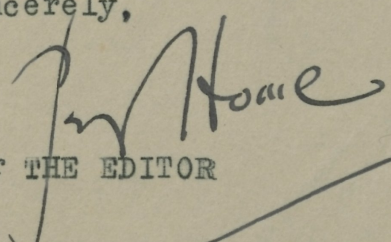
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"Another letter of Spotswood's dated 22nd December 1718, states-----'One Captain Tach, a noted pyrate in a ship of 40 guns run ashore in June at the mouth of the Ouacock Inlett in North Carolina, where that ship and two of the four sloops he had under his command were lost, and that he and his crew surrendered to the Governor of that Province.' Then follows an account of a remarkable suit brought by Howard, Teach's Quartermaster, against the officer who seized the booty on that occasion and the tale of the capture and death of Teach himself. 'This action has I hope prevented a design.....that of the pyrats fortifying an island in Ouacock Inlett and making that a general rendezvous for such robbers'".

"The deposition of one Henry Bostock of the sloop Margaret, describes his arrest and the seizure of his cargo by Teach. He says 'They had a great deal of plate on board and one very fine cup they told deponent they had taken out of Captain Taylor.....They were lying in wait for the Spanish Armada bringing out money to pay the garrisons, and he believes that they had much gold dust on board'". 19th December 1717.

Yours sincerely,

  
for THE EDITOR

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