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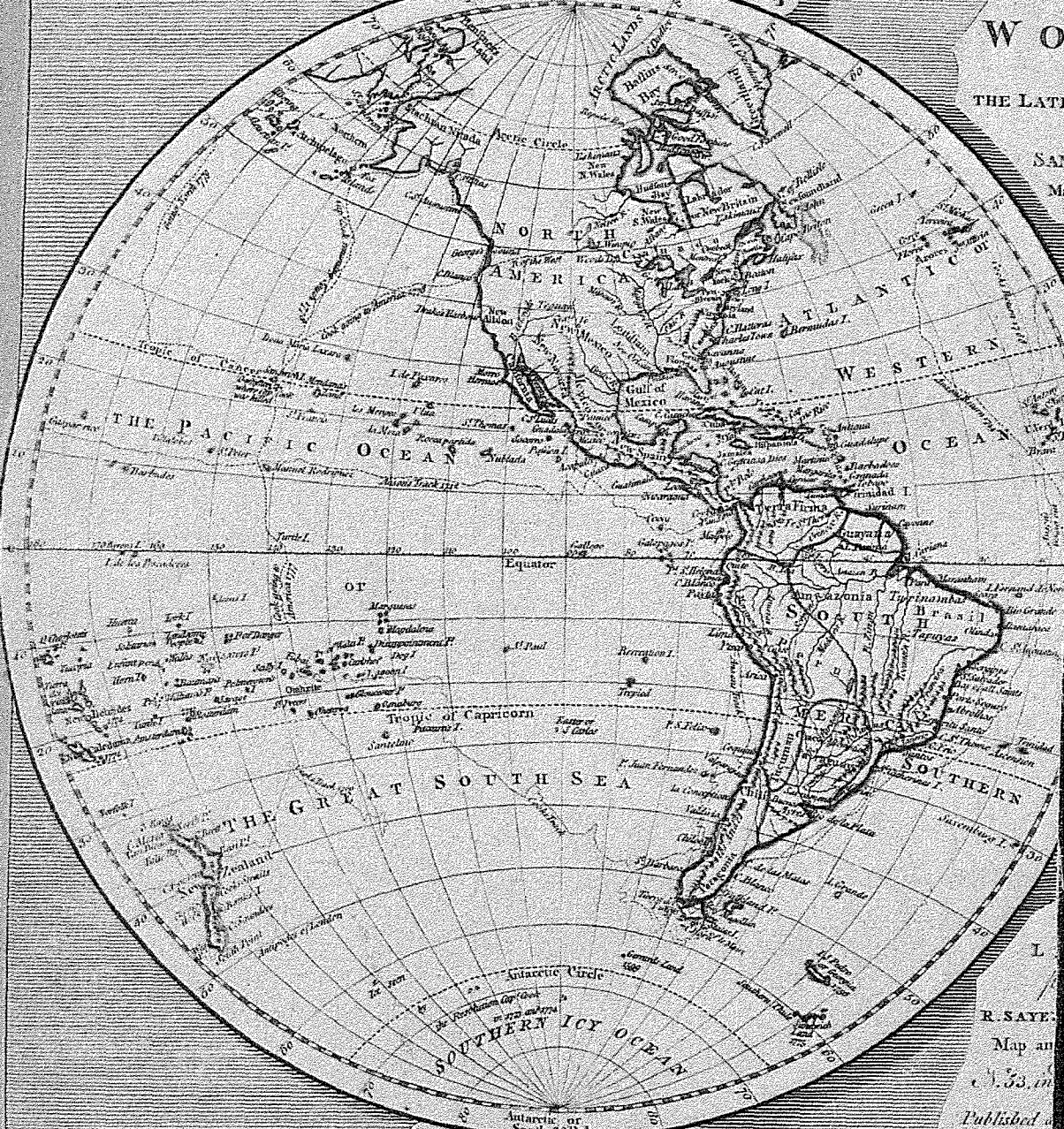
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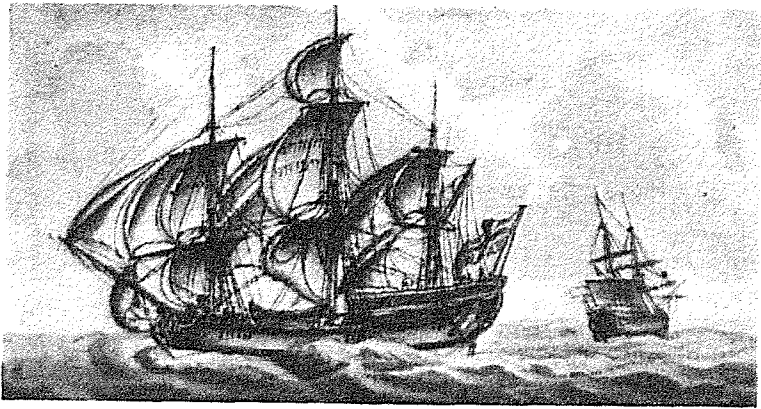
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January 8, 1976

## FOREWORD

Two centuries have passed since our nation was forged in the crucible of a long and hard conflict against overwhelming odds. The Bicentennial has stimulated renewed, and widespread, interest in the meaning and ideals of the American Revolution from which inspiration for the present and future can be drawn. Scholars and writers are reexamining and reevaluating all facets of the struggle which had such a profound impact on the course of modern history throughout the world.

The stirring and familiar words which close the Declaration of Independence -- "we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor" proclaimed a united resolve to gain national freedom and liberty. But, in the months immediately following the Declaration, only the most optimistic could foresee that far distant day when independence declared would be independence won.

General Washington's memorable victory at Trenton was a ray of light in an otherwise grim military situation confronting his army. This was indeed a critical period for the patriotic cause; one of many others to follow. Yet, as we read these documents, we cannot but be impressed by the bold determination of American seamen as they engaged the world's most powerful naval force. With characteristic courage and perseverance, American sailors took their ships to sea in ever increasing numbers to raid enemy shipping and to bring back war materiel and other supplies so desperately needed if the flame of resistance was to be kept alive.

What is offered here in Volume VII, as in previously published volumes in this continuing series, is not interpretive history, but rather the words, thoughts and actions of those who shaped naval affairs and those who fought the Revolutionary War on the seas. Certainly there is no better way to arrive at an understanding of this grand epoch than through the eyes of the participants.

The crucial influence of naval and maritime operations on the outcome of the American Revolution has generally been overlooked in written history. Through this documentary publication, the Department of the Navy is correcting the deficiency. I extend congratulations, and the Navy's highest words of praise, "Well Done."

*Gerald R. Ford*



## INTRODUCTION

This, the seventh volume of the series, encompasses the closing months of 1776 and the first two of 1777. The Continental Army had been forced out of the New York area and was retreating through New Jersey. Henceforth New York and its harbor would be the main British base for naval operations off the coast and for the projection of military power by sea to other areas and up inland waters. The British could now take fuller advantage of the elements of mobility and surprise made possible by their naval superiority.

Being late fall and winter, the weather along the American coast was severe. Nevertheless, British warships kept blockading stations with marked vigilance off Delaware and Chesapeake Bays and important ports. Although many colonial merchantmen escaped through their net, others were taken into New York or Halifax as prizes of the enemy cruisers.

Late in November 1776 intelligence was received of embarkation of troops on British transports and shortly thereafter over 100 ships and some 7,000 men departed from New York, their destination unknown. Concerned over the possibility of Philadelphia being attacked from two sides, by the troops pursuing Washington from New York and by forces transported up the Delaware River, the Continental Congress moved to Baltimore. Washington's stunning victory at Trenton then eased the immediate British threat to Philadelphia.

The actual objective of the British amphibious force proved to be elsewhere. The expedition, meeting little resistance, occupied Newport on Rhode Island. They now had another base for their Navy and could prevent the flow of supplies in and out of Narragansett Bay. One of the consequences was the bottling up of the Continental Navy ships under Commodore Hopkins as his fleet retired up the Providence River.

Some Continental Navy vessels were, however, still operating at sea. John Paul Jones commanding the ship *Alfred*, in company with the sloop *Providence*, captured *Mellish*, a large supply vessel carrying thousands of uniforms for the British Army in Canada. This timely prize cargo would instead warm Continental troops.

In the West Indies, *Andrew Doria*, Captain Isaiah Robinson, exchanged gun salutes with the Dutch fort on the island of St. Eustatius. This foreign recognition accorded the American Grand Union flag sparked strong diplomatic protests from Britain.

The scarcity of cannon and the difficulties of obtaining crews had been delaying the fitting out of additional Continental Navy ships. However, one powerful frigate, *Randolph*, finally put to sea under the command of Captain Nicholas Biddle.

By the end of 1776 American privateers were taking an increasingly heavy toll in their attacks on British commerce in the Western Atlantic and West Indies. Additional privateer commissions were being issued by the states and by the Congress. Use of French and Spanish ports by American ships, a cause of deepening concern in official London, facilitated privateer operations in the Eastern Atlantic. The mounting count of captures made by "rebel pirates" moved the Admiralty to order expanded convoy protection and patrol duty.

Benjamin Franklin, distinguished scholar and diplomat, arrived in France to join Silas Deane as an American Commissioner. Franklin made his ocean passage in the Continental brig *Reprisal*, Captain Lambert Wickes. *Reprisal* would remain to cruise in European waters, and Lambert Wickes was destined to become a scourge to British shipping.

Through these and other naval and quasi-naval activities and actions on both sides of the Atlantic, sea power was exercising its pervasive influence on the Revolutionary War.

Documents selected for publication in Volume 7 include those from several depositories not previously represented in the series. This fact highlights the continuing and expanding support accorded the *Naval Documents of the American Revolution* project through the years. Without such cooperation, coming from widely scattered areas and for which our gratitude is unlimited, this undertaking could not move forward. Unpublished Crown copyright material in the Public Record Office, London, is reproduced by permission of Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

Among other publication assignments and responsibilities, preparation of *Naval Documents* volumes is centered in the Historical Research Branch of the Naval History Division. The editor's knowledgeable, experienced and dedicated colleagues in this Branch made indispensable contributions to manuscript and illustration collection efforts and to the finished product—Mr. Robert L. Scheina and his successor Miss Mary F. Loughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Scheffenacker, Mr. Robert I. Campbell, Mr. E. Gordon Bowen-Hassell, Lieutenant (junior grade) David C. Russell relieved by Ensign Dorothy Apple, Mrs. Paulette Smith succeeded by Miss Joye Leonhart, Yeoman Third Class Mary K. Gagnon, and on Naval Reserve duty during the summer Master Chief Petty Officer George K. McCuiston. In the Naval History Division's Curator Branch, Mrs. Agnes Hoover gave her efficient and cheerful help with illustrations.

Maps and charts in this volume, as in those previously published, were collected by the Navy Department Librarian, Mr. W. Bart Greenwood, aided by Miss Mary Pickens of the Library staff. Under the guidance of Mr. Greenwood, the Naval History Division has compiled and published an *American Revolution Atlas* of contemporary 18th century maps and charts which complement the *Naval Documents* series.

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Edwin B. Hooper





# DEPOSITORY LOCATION ABBREVIATIONS<sup>1</sup>

AAS	American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts
AGI	Archivo General de Indias, Seville
AHN	Archivo Histórico Nacional, Madrid <sup>1</sup>
AMAE	Archives Du Ministère Des Affaires Etrangères, Paris <sup>1</sup>
AN	Archives Nationales, Paris
APL	Service historique de la Marine Archives du Port de Lorient, Lorient, France
APS	American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia
ASV	Archivio di Stato, Venice
Bda, Arch.	Bermuda Archives, Hamilton, Bermuda
BHS	Beverly Historical Society, Beverly, Massachusetts
BM	British Library, London
BPL	Boston Public Library, Boston
ChHs	Chicago Historical Society, Chicago
CL	William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
ConnHS	Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford
ConnSL	Connecticut State Library, Hartford
CUL	Columbia University Library, New York
CW	Colonial Williamsburg, Williamsburg, Virginia
CWM	College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia
DAC	Dominion (Public) Archives of Canada, Ottawa
DARL	Daughters of the American Revolution Library, Washington, D.C.
DCL	Dartmouth College Library, Hanover, New Hampshire
DUL	Duke University Library, Durham, North Carolina
EI	Essex Institute, Salem, Massachusetts
FDRL	Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Hyde Park, New York
FTML	Fort Ticonderoga Museum Library, Ticonderoga, New York
HCL	Haverford College Library, Haverford, Pennsylvania
HH	Hempstead House, New London, Connecticut
HL	Hayes Library, Edenton, North Carolina
HSD	Historical Society of Delaware, Wilmington
HSP	Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

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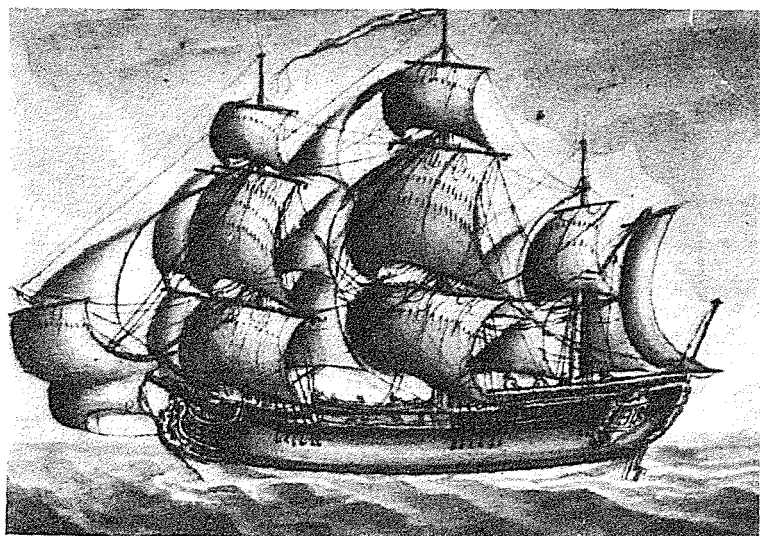
HU	Harvard University Library, Cambridge, Massachusetts
HUL	Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, California
JCBL	John Carter Brown Library, Providence, Rhode Island
JHUL	Johns Hopkins University Library, Baltimore
LC	Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
MarbHS	Marblehead Historical Society, Marblehead, Massachusetts
Mass. Arch.	Massachusetts Archives, Boston
MassHS	Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston
MCL	Marietta College Library, Marietta, Ohio
Md. Arch.	Maryland Archives (Hall of Records), Annapolis
MdHS	Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore
MeHS	Maine Historical Society, Portland
MHA	Marine Historical Association, Mystic, Connecticut
MNHP	Morristown National Historical Park, Morristown, New Jersey
Mor. Arch.	Moravian Archives, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
NA	National Archives, Washington, D.C.
NCDAAH	North Carolina Division of Archives and History, Raleigh
Neth. Arch.	Netherlands Archives, The Hague
NHA	Nantucket Historical Association, Nantucket, Massachusetts
NHCHS	New Haven Colony Historical Society, New Haven, Connecticut
NHHS	New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord
NHS	Newport Historical Society, Newport, Rhode Island
NJHS	New Jersey Historical Society, Trenton
NLCHS	New London County Historical Society, New London, Connecticut
NMM	National Maritime Museum, London
N.S. Arch.	Nova Scotia Archives, Halifax
NYHS	New-York Historical Society, New York
NYPL	New York Public Library, New York
NYSL	New York State Library, Albany
Pa. Arch.	Pennsylvania Archives, Harrisburg
PM	Peabody Museum, Salem, Massachusetts
PML	Pierpont Morgan Library, New York
PRO	Public Record Office, London
PS	Pilgrim Society, Plymouth, Massachusetts
PUL	Princeton University Library, Princeton, New Jersey
R.I. Arch.	Rhode Island Archives, Providence
RIHS	Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence
SCDAH	South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia
SCHS	South Carolina Historical Society, Charleston



SCRO	Staffordshire County Record Office, Stafford, England
SI	Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
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UNBL	University of New Brunswick Library, Fredericton, New Brunswick
UNCL	University of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill
USNAM	US Naval Academy Museum, Annapolis, Maryland
UTL	University of Texas Library, Austin
UVL	University of Virginia Library, Charlottesville
VHS	Virginia Historical Society, Richmond
VSL	Virginia State Library, Richmond
WCLAR	Washington Crossing Library of the American Revolution, Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania
WPL	Public Library, Whitehaven, England
WSL	William Salt Library, Stafford, England
YUL	Yale University Library, New Haven, Connecticut

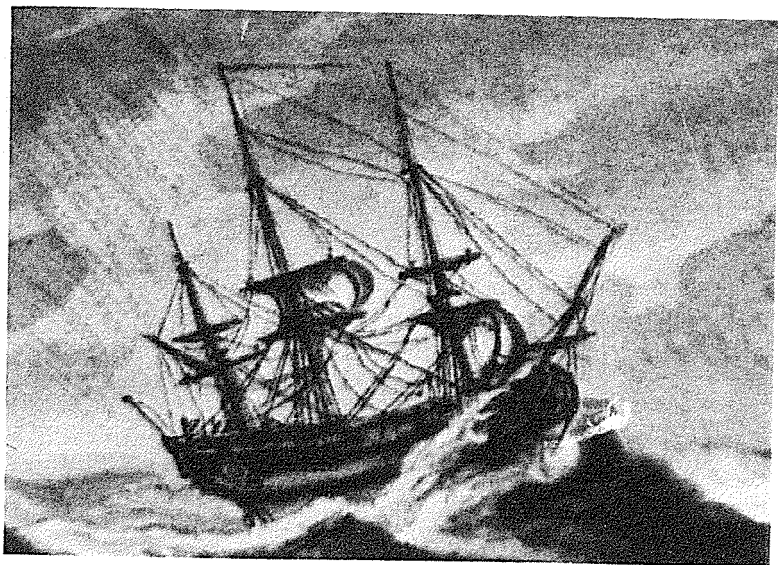
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# AMERICAN THEATRE

*From November 1, 1776 to December 31, 1776*



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From November 1, 1776, to December 31, 1776

### SUMMARY

During the final two months of 1776, privateers were successfully cruising, State Navy activity was much in evidence and some of the Continental naval vessels were at sea. John Paul Jones in the *Alfred* accompanied by the sloop *Providence*, Captain Hoysteed Hacker, took a rich prize. She was the *Mellish* with a cargo of thousands of uniforms including "every article complete for a Soldier from the hat, to the shoes." In the West Indies *Andrew Doria* exchanged gun salutes with the fort at the Dutch island of St. Eustatius. This recognition accorded the rebel flag generated a flurry of British protests. Returning to the northward, *Andrew Doria* engaged and captured H.M. sloop *Racehorse*. The Continental brig *Lexington* was taken by H.M.S. *Pearl* off the Delaware capes.

A sizeable convoy of British transports weighed anchor from New York and set course for England. Since the destination and "design of the Enemy" were unknown to the Americas, shock waves moved along the coast in anticipation of where the next blow might fall. Conversely, anxiety ran high in Nova Scotia where invasion from New England was expected.

Early in December a British Army-Navy expedition sailed from New York and easily took Newport, Rhode Island, and command of surrounding waters. Upon the approach of this formidable enemy force, the Continental ships in the area under Commodore Hopkins fled up the Providence River.

Washington's army was forced out of New York and retreated southward through New Jersey with the British in pursuit. Fear that Philadelphia would soon be occupied prompted Congress to remove to Baltimore. Robert Morris, writing to Silas Deane near the close of 1776, but before Washington struck back at Trenton, could with reason note that the "unfortunate turn of American Affairs, leaves no room for joy in the mind of any true friend of our country."

1 Nov. 1776

MASTER'S LOG OF H. M. SLOOP *Hope*<sup>1</sup>

November 1776                      Remark's &c onbd H. Majst Sloop *Hope* in Shagy Harbr

Friday 1st                      at 9 AM Rec'd a turn of Water onbd Weigh'd and Came to Sail up T-G-yds at 10 Saw a Sail to the So wd, Set Stidding Sails and Chaced at Noon Cape Sable NW 2 Miles in Chace  
 Fresh Breezes and Squally Fired 3 four Prs Shoted at the Chace at 1 Came up with the Chace, Proved to be the Rebel Schooner *Hope* from Plymouth<sup>2</sup> out three Weeks tacken nothing, She mounted Six three Pdrs twelve Swivels, had 48 Men on bd took Charge Shifted the Prisoners and made Sail, at 6 Handed the T-G-Sails & in first Reefs Topsls

1. PRO, Admiralty 52/1794.

2. *Hope* schooner was commissioned September 26, 1776, Walter Hatch, commander. See Volume 6, 997-98.

MASTER'S LOG OF H. M. S. *Milford*<sup>1</sup>

Novr 1776                      Cape Negro N 66d E Dist 57 Leagues -

Friday 1st                      At 3 AM set the Top Sails At 6 Do Saw a Sail in the NW Qr made sail & gave chace At Noon still in Chace -  
 Fresh Gales and hazy Latter fresh breezes & Cloudy.  
 At 1 pm coming fast up with the Chace At 3 brot too the Chase, Do brot too the main Topsail to the Mast. Do hoisted out the Cutter, sent her on board & took possession of the prize. She proved to be an English Brig taken by a Rebel privatr.<sup>2</sup> At 4 made sail & wore Ship, prize & Tender in Compy

1. PRO, Admiralty 52/1865.

2. Brigantine *Venus* which had been taken by Massachusetts privateer *Hawke*. Vice Admiralty Register, 1769-1777, vol. 5, 456-57, N. S. Arch.

JOURNAL OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BRIG *Tyrannicide*, CAPTAIN JOHN FISK<sup>1</sup>

Remarks on Novr 1st 1776

Employd in getting small things on board for Sea. at 10 A M came to Sail [from Salem] with the wind at N W the Brig *Massachusetts* in Company<sup>2</sup>  
 Pleasant Weather Spake a Schooner from Cape Ann bound to Marblehead

1 [P. M.] Spake the Ship *Hope* Job Prince Master from Boston for Hispanola

7 [P. M.] The Table Land of Cape Cod bore S S W 2 Leagues distance from which I take my Departure

12 [P. M.] Spake with the Brig *Massachusetts* Daniel Souter Esqr Commander

1. John Fisk Journal, AAS.

2. *Massachusetts* was also state-owned.



DEPOSITION OF JOHN BURROWS A SAILOR ON BOARD THE PRIZE BRIGANTINE  
*Kingston Packet*<sup>1</sup>

I John Burrows of Salem in the County of Essex in New England Mariner being of Lawful Age testify and say that about 20th March last I sailed from the West Indies in the Brigantine *Kingston Packet* Samuel Ingersol Master bound for Salem afsd or any Port we could first make in the Bay Government that on or about the 18th Day of April last we Struck soundings on Georges Bank and from thence we Steered N.W by N. intending to get into Falmouth in Piscataqua but that the Day after we left Georges Bank we fell in with a Fleet bound to the Eastward one of which gave us chase from whome we escaped in the Night the next Day we hauled our Course to the Northward the weather being Foggy we soon found ourselves surrounded with Vessels from whome we could not escape untill we were near as far east as Hallifax light House at which time their was a fresh Wind to the westward and we Run into Canso where we lay the chief of the Summer. And this Deponant further says that there was no Goods on Board said Vessell, but about Thirty Casks of Melasses some of which was Small and Ten Casks of Rum, which Capt Ingersol Sold to the Fishermen at Orashock [*sic* Arichat] & places near there, the pay for which we were collecting in Fish & Mackriel when we were taken by Capt. [John Paul] Jones in the Armed Sloop *Providence* and this Deponant further says that he was with Capt Ingersol in Jamaica when he got out new set of Papers for the Said Brig *Kingston Packet* in the Name of Mr John Dolbeare<sup>2</sup> and that he frequently heard Capt Ingersol say that he did it only to protect the said Brigantine from the Brittish Ships and that the said Brigantine was still the property of Capt Derby meaning as this deponant understood Richard Derby Junr of Salem in New England, & this deponant further says that the said Mr Derby always paid his wages when at Home & as his Wife saw him has paid to her a Considerable part of his wages in his Absence, the last Voyage, and this deponant further says that he is no ways Interested in said Vessel or any thing on board her, and that he verily believes that the whole of said Vessel together with the fish and Mackreil on board her is Richard Derbys, unless any part of the Fish may belong to the Mate, and further says not

Test Samuel Vernon

his  
John X Burrows  
Mark

[Endorsed] Essex Salem Novem 1, 1776.

Then Personally appear'd before me one of the Justice's of the peace in and for the said County John Burrows of Salem aforesaid and after being duly cautioned to testify the whole truth relative to a Cause to be heard and tried in the Maritime Court to be held at Providence in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations on the fourth of November Inst wherein Esek Hopkins Esqr Commander in Chief of the Continental Fleet in Behalf of the Continent himself and Others mentioned therein is Libelant and Richard Darby Junr is Claimant, and being carefully examined made Solemn Oath to the truth of the foregoing deposition by him Subscribed which deposition was taken at the request of the said

Richard Darby Junr to be by him used in the Cause above mentioned the deponant being bound to Sea and the said Libelant not being within Twenty Miles of the place of Caption was not notified to attend nor Present at the Taking the said deposition

Before me Joshua Ward Justice of the Peace

1. Revolutionary War Prize Cases, No. 6, Court of Appeals, 1776–1787, NA.
2. The new register, taken out at Jamaica July 18, 1775, in the name of Joseph Dolbeare lists the *Kingston Packet* as a square sterned vessel of forty-five tons burden, built in Boston in 1769, Revolutionary War Prize Cases, No. 6, Court of Appeals, 1776–1787, NA.

PETITION TO THE MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL OF JOHN BARDWELL BARNARD,  
PASSENGER IN THE PRIZE SHIP *Picary*<sup>1</sup>

To the Honl the Council of the State of  
the Massachusetts bay –

The Petition of John Boardwell Barnard passenger on board the *Picary*, from Tobago bound to London taken by the *Warren* Capt [William] Coas & carried into Cape Ann --<sup>2</sup> Your Pet[it]ioner had liberty from this Honl Court, to depart this State, in the Ship purchased by Mr [William] Ross, but was disapointed getting on board, therefore humbly prays your Hons to grant permission to go in Brigantine *Dolphin*, belonging to Mr Sylvanis Hussy, with [*sic* which] is bound to Spain or Portugal, & in duty bound shall ever pray  
J B Barnard  
[Endorsed] State of Massachusetts Bay – Council Chamber [Watertown] Nov. 1, 1776 – On the Petition of John Bardwell Barnard, ordered that the said John have and he hereby has Liberty to depart this state in the Brigg *Dolphin*, belonging to Sylvanus Hussy bound to Lisbon –

In Council Nov. 1. read and accepted

John Avery Dpy Secy

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 166, 2.
2. *Picary* was taken by the Massachusetts privateer schooner *Warren*, Mass. Arch., vol. 7, 323. She was sent into Cape Ann on September 14, *Independent Chronicle*, Boston, September 19, 1776. Barnard was one of several passengers requesting permission to depart on board the *Dolphin*.

JOHN BRADFORD TO JOHN DANIEL SCHWEIGHAUSER, NANTES MERCHANT<sup>1</sup>

Sir

Boston Novr 1st 1776

As its probable a Trade will be Open between France & this Country if any Vessell should be Coming from your Port to Boston I should be glad you would ship for my Acct to the Amount of £50 Stg in Brandy and the like amount in best Bohe[a] Tea with £25 Stg worth of Hyson making insurance against all risque on the same and I will allow you Interest for the money till I Pay your Order here As I am employed by the Honorable Congress as Continental Agent its probable it will be in my way to do Business with you if you will please to favour me with any proposals that I think may turn out to our mutual anvantage I shall readily close with them being with all due respects Sir [&c.]

1. John Bradford Letter Book, vol. 1, LC.

PETITION TO THE MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL OF JOHN HARVEY,  
MASTER OF THE PRIZE SHIP *Esther*<sup>1</sup>

To the Honble the Council, for the State of the Massachusetts Bay, now setting at Watertown.

The Petition of John Harvey humbly shews.

That your Petitioner was late Master of the Ship called the *Easter* [*Esther*], bound from Jamaica to London, and was on the second Day of October last, taken by the Continental Brig of War called the *Cabbot*, and sent into the Port of Dartmouth: And that your Petitioner had on board his Ship at the time he was Captured his Wife, & Family, which consists of four Orphan Children, under the care of your Petitioner, the Eldest of which is between Six & Seven years of Age, & five Servants, four whites & one black; all which are now at sd Dartmouth. This being the Situation of your Petitioner & his Family he prays the indulgence of the Honble Court that they in their great Goodness & Humanity would grant leave to their unfortunate Petitioner to Purchase some small Vessel such as he may be able, and also to grant him a Permit to depart with his sd Family in sd Vessel from Dartmouth back again to Jamaica: And if your Petitioner should be so happy as to obtain leave to purchase a Vessel for the purpose aforesd he will want Persons to Man sd Vessel: Therefore would further pray the indulgence of the Honble Court, that they would grant Permits to four [*sic* five] of the Men who belonged to your Petitioners Ship before she was captured, for the purpose aforesd. viz. Anthony Dickerson, John Taylor, Edwd Harvey Willm Dodge, & John Munro –

The Situation of your Petitioners Family, being so peculiarly unhappy, by reason of his having his Wife with him, who is now Pregnant & very near her time, & so many small Children & Servants; Induces him to believe the Honble Court will indulge him in his Requests, or otherwise grant him relief such as they in their great Wisdom shall think proper & best, & their Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray &c.

Jn<sup>o</sup> Harvey

Bristol ss Novr 1st 1776–

Then personally appeared Thomas We[a]ver<sup>2</sup> who is now prize master of the Ship mentioned in the foregoing Petition & made Oath that the Facts set forth therein are true & just in every part

Sworn to before me Edwd Pope Just. Pacis –

[Endorsed] In Councill [Watertown] Novr 11. 1776

On Reading the Petition of Capt John Harvey late Commander of the Ship *Easter*, Ordered that the prayer thereof be Granted & that he have Liberty to purchase a vessell not exceeding twenty Tons in Order to Transport him self and his Family Consisting of his Wife, four Children & five servants, to Jamacia, taking with him Nothing more than Necessary provisions for the Voyage, & in Order to Enable him to navigate his Vessell he is also hereby permitted to take with him Anthony Dickerson, Jno. Taylor Edward Harvey, Wm Dodge & John Munroe,

as mariners to Inable him to Navigate his Vessell. And 'tis hereby Recommended to All American Cruisers to suffer the said Capt Harvey to pass with his Vessell Company & passengers unmolested

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 166, 8.

2. Thomas Weaver was first lieutenant of the Continental brig *Cabot*.

INTERROGATION IN RHODE ISLAND ADMIRALTY COURT OF JOHN DARRELL,  
MASTER OF THE PRIZE BRIGANTINE *Phoenix*<sup>1</sup>

Interrogatories answered by John Darrel late Master of the  
Brigantine *Phoenix* –

Interrog. When where and by whom was the said Brigantine taken what is her  
Tonage, from whence and to what Port was She bound, what are  
the Contents of her Cargo, and who are the owners of the said Brig-  
antine and her Cargo? –

Answr The said Brigantine her Appurtenance and Cargo upon the Seven-  
teenth Day of October AD: 1776 being upon the High Seas in Lat.  
35 North Lon 56, was Captured and taken by Job Pearce Com-  
mander of and the Officers and men belonging to the private Sloop of  
War called the *Greenwich*, the said Brig is of the Burthen of 150 Tons,  
She was bound from Quebec to the Island of Grenada her Cargo  
consists of about 970 Quintals of dry Fish and 175 Empty Ship Casks,  
the said Brig belongs to the Owners mentioned in her Register<sup>2</sup> the  
Cargo belongs to Tod and Magill, and Alexander Ellis and Company  
Merchants in Montreal in the Province of Canada. – Jn<sup>o</sup> Darrell

Sworn to in Providence Novr 1: 1776 –

Before me John Foster Judge in Prize Causes

1. Admiralty Papers, vol. 9, R. I. Arch.

2. The Register, dated Custom House, Bermuda, November 7, 1774, lists the owners as Benjamin  
Lightbourn, Edward Parker, Daniel Atwood, Joseph Hinson and John Darrell, Admiralty  
Papers, vol. 9, R. I. Arch.

CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES TO CAPTAIN HOYSTEED HACKER<sup>1</sup>

Sir,

*Alfred* [off Newport], Novr 1, 1776

The wind being now fair, we will proceed according to Orders for Spanish  
River near Cape North on the Island of Cape Briton. I will observe the former  
signals; but as there signals agreed on for tacking in thick or foggy Weather, to  
make a distinction I will fire 2 Guns immed – after one another, as a signal to  
tack – and to bring too on the larboard tack 2 Guns, allowing three minutes be-  
tween them – We will endeavour to keep near together. I am with Esteem, Sir  
[&c.]

Jn<sup>o</sup> P. Jones

To Hoysteed Hacker Esqr  
Commander of the Sloop of War, *Providence*

1. Harbeck Autograph Collection, 203, HUL.

PROVISIONS ON BOARD THE CONTINENTAL SHIP *Alfred*<sup>1</sup>

Account of Provisions On board when we Sailed No the 1st [1776]

6 Tierces of Pork	500 w of Bread Baked Out of
22 barrels of Do	Ship Flour
7 Tierces of Beef	453 Gallns of Continental Rum
20 bbls of Do	118 Gallns of Molasses
10 Tierces of Bread Ship	10 Bushels of Turnips
55 bbls of Do	130 Gallns of West Inda Rum
1 Cabin Do	75 lb of Coffee
7 hhd 1 Tierce & 4 bbls Pease	79 lb of Cheese
10 bbls of Flour	441 lb of Brown Sugar
½ bbl of Sous'd Heads	219 lb of Candles
⅔ of Cask of Oatmeal	14 Bushels of Onions
4 bbls of Vinegar	600 lb of Butter
	50 Bushels of Potatoes

1. Papers of John Paul Jones, 6498, LC.

*Connecticut Gazette*, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1776

New-London, November 1.

Since our last, a French Vessel from Cape Francois, arrived here with Molasses, the Captain informs that three Jamaica Privateers are out cruizing for northward Vessels, that he was brought too by one of them, but upon his telling them that he was bound to Miquelon, they acquitted him: He also informed that three Privateers are fitting out from Hispaniola, by Gentlemen from this Continent, who carried over Continental Commissions for that Purpose.

JOURNAL OF AMBROSE SERLE<sup>1</sup>

[New York] Friday, November 1st [1776].

Gainé, the Printer of the *New York Gazette*, escaped from Newark this Morning, and arrived in Town. From him I derived the following information . . . that Dr. [Benjamin] Franklin sailed on Sunday last from Philadelphia for France, on the Pretence of soliciting the Interposition of the French Court & its assistance; that several Privateers of a small Size were fitting out, and that those already dispatched had taken many Prizes . . .

I also met with Col. [Edmund] Fanning in Town, who informed me, that the Rebels still came over from N. London in Connecticut to Long Island, & carried off Cattle, Provisions & Forage; that a Mr. Floyd, late one of the Congress,<sup>2</sup> had also come over with a Party of 400 men, and done much mischief; & that the Number of Sheep alone, taken away, exceeded 17,000.

Lord Dunmore dined on board, with the Captain [Benjamin] Caldwell & [John] Ford.<sup>3</sup>

1. Edward H. Tatum, Jr., ed., *The American Journal of Ambrose Serle, 1776-1778* (San Marino, Calif., 1940), 134-35. Hereafter cited as Tatum, ed., *Serle's Journal*.

2. William Floyd was a New York delegate in the Continental Congress.

3. Captains respectively of H.M.S. *Emerald* and H.M.S. *Unicorn*.

VICE ADMIRAL RICHARD LORD HOWE TO PHILIP STEPHENS <sup>1</sup>

Number 11.

Sir

*Eagle* off New York  
November the 1st 1776.

The several British and foreign Transports named in the List enclosed being ready to return to Europe, I have thought it necessary to appoint the *Active* and *Fowey* to attend them.

Captain [William] Williams, who has resumed the Command of the *Active*, is directed on his Arrival off of the Western Islands, to permit the British Transports to quit the Convoy at that time if they see fit, and proceed separately according to their several Destinations. But it is recommended to him to continue his Care of the foreign Transports; Lest by their wilful Separation they may take Occasion to delay their Arrival at their Ports of Discharge. Wherefore the Agents Lieutenants Hill and Harris, who have been very diligent in their Stations, and the different Superintendents appointed to regulate the Navigation of the foreign Transports, return in them.

Captain Williams is directed to conduct them to Plymouth. He is to suffer the *Fowey* to part Company when advanced the Length of the Western Islands as aforesaid, to land with greater Expedition the Packets Captain [George] Montagu is charged to forward by Express with a Duplicate of this Dispatch, immediately on his Arrival at Portsmouth: In case the attendance of that Frigate for regulating the Motions of the Convoy, is then no longer requisite. Upon his Arrival at Plymouth, he is to acquaint You therewith by Express. And proceeding to get the Ship ready for the Dock with all possible Dispatch, he is to wait at that port to receive their Lordships more particular Commands for his future Conduct.

I have not made any Reduction of the Complement of these Ships by the discharge of their Marines, according to the Tenor of their Lordships General Instructions to Vice Admiral [Samuel] Graves: Deeming it inexpedient to diminish their Force, under the Circumstances of their present Appointments.

The Provisions for the Army in advance, being less in Quantity than is desirable to have deposited here; the two Transports, the *Pigot* and *British King*, late in the East India Service, are directed by the General's desire to be sent to Ireland; To take in a Supply of Provisions for the Troops, at Cork. But from the present deficiency of Men in those Ships, I apprehend they will need the protection of Convoy on their return to this Port.

The *Active*, *Scorpion* and *Falcon* arrived here the 19th past, with the Officers, Company and Stores remaining in the *Cruizer* at the time it was judged expedient to destroy the Sloop, as expressed in the Representations from the Captains [Anthony] Hunt and [Francis] Parry enclosed.

On the 26th past the *Sphynx* put into this Port, under the Circumstances stated in the Letter from Captain [James] Reid likewise transmitted herewith.

Captain Williams having been superseded by their Lordships Appointment of Captain [James] Wallace to command the *Experiment*, I have directed the Removals in the Instances of Captain Williams and Captain Hunt to their proper Ships; and Captain Reid into the *Rose*, until their Lordships pleasure is signified upon the Appointments made by Sir Peter Parker, which have been reported in my Letter of the 3d of September.

The *Active* having been many Hours onshore in Charles Town Harbour, I thought it fit to send the Ship to England for Inspection in a Dock. The same Accident having also happened to the *Sphynx*, I apprehend it will be equally necessary to order that Ship likewise to Europe, at a future Opportunity.

I am Sir [&c.]

Howe

[Endorsed] R 17th Decr P Express from Plyt (4 Inclosures)

1. PRO, Admiralty 1/487.

CAPTAIN JOHN LINZEE, R. N., TO PHILIP STEPHENS <sup>1</sup>

*Falcon* New York Harbour

the 1st of November 1776.

Sir,

Inclosed I beg leave to send you the Survey of Harbours &ca taken by the present Master of His Majesty's Sloop under my Command, between the 22d of August 1775 and the 31st of October 1776; The former Master being Prisoner, <sup>2</sup> prevents me from sending you the Remarks made by him, between the 21st of October 1774, and the 21st of August 1775. I am, Sir [&c.]

John Linzee

[Endorsed] Recd 23d Decr

1. PRO, Admiralty 1/2054, 4, 1.

2. See Volume 1, 1110-11.

CAPTAIN FRANCIS BANKS, R.N., TO PHILIP STEPHENS <sup>1</sup>

Sir, *Renown* off New York 1st Novemr 1776

I beg you will please to move their Lordships, for an Order for my being paid the Extra Pay, during the time my Broad Pendant was Flying Onboard His Majesty's Ship *Renown*; from the 2nd Day of February 1776, to the 13th Day of August following; agreeable to an Order from Rear Admiral Shuldham; A Copy of which I send inclosed. I am Sir [&c.]

F. Banks.

[Endorsed] R 20 Decr See if this was approved by any Lre to V. A. Shuldham Approved of by Letter dated the 3d May, but directed to order him to discontinue his distinguishing Pendt upon the arrival of Comdre Hotham. Usual order & let him have it.

1. PRO, Admiralty 1/1497, 12, 1.

JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Perseus*, CAPTAIN GEORGE KEITH ELPHINSTONE <sup>1</sup>

November 1776.

Friday 1st

Do [Sandy] Hook N 77 : 0 W Distce 94 Leags

At 2 (AM) more modt set Maintopsl carried away the Strap of the sheet block; handd the Sail and ballanc'd the Mizen; at 6 brot too under do at 9 saw a Sail in the NW quar the Strap of the Main Geer block broke and the yard came down - got do fitted and swayed it up. Wore and gave Chace.

Fresh breezes and Cloudy.

(PM) Came up with the Chace, which proved a Brig from Dartmouth to Surinham,<sup>2</sup> hoisted a Boat out and brot the People on board and took charge of her.

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/688.

2. Brig *Roby*, William Howland, master, with a cargo of fish, horses, spermaceti candles and staves, Howe's Prize List, March 31, 1777, PRO, Admiralty 1/487.

JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Lively*, CAPTAIN THOMAS BISHOP <sup>1</sup>

Nov 1776

Sandy Hook N 60 W. Dist 39 Leagues

Friday 1st

Saw a Sail on the Starbd Bow fired a Shot and brought her too Sent the Boat onboard her with 2 Petty officers & 9 Men to take Charge of her, found her to be a Rebel Arm'd Sloop<sup>2</sup> with 6 four pounders & 8 Swivels with a Number of Small Arms & Powder from Burdeaux bound to Philadelphia took the Master, Mate and Seamen out of her—

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/546.

2. Sloop *Mary*, J. Morgan, master, from Bordeaux to Philadelphia with small arms, wine and oil, Howe's Prize List, March 31, 1777, PRO, Admiralty 1/487.

JOURNAL OF H. M. SLOOP *Nautilus*, CAPTAIN JOHN COLLINS <sup>1</sup>

October [1776]

Lattd In 39..32

Thursday 31

Mode and Clear Wr

PM Saw the Highland of Neversunk bearing NbW 6 or 7 Leagues at 5 fired a Gun & Made the Signal for a Pilott wore Ship Sandy Hook Light NW 5 or 6 Miles fired A Gun & Made the Signal to the Convoy

Novembr

AM Spoke HM Ship *Lark*

Friday 1

Fresh breezes and Clear Wr

bore away the Convoy found our Prize Sloop had taken Fire Hoisted out the Boats to Assist her found Every Method to put the fire out infectual hoisted the Boats in Got 34 Casks of Flour out of her.<sup>2</sup>

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/630.

2. The sloop *New York Packet* taken October 26, 1776.

CONTINENTAL MARINE COMMITTEE TO CAPTAIN ELISHA WARNER <sup>1</sup>

Sir

[Philadelphia] November. 1. 1776. —

You are to proceed with the Continental Sloop *Fly* now under your command for the Coast of Shrewsbury in New Jersey and take such stations along the Jersey shore as will enable you to see every vessel that goes in or out of Sandy hook. We imagine there must be Transports, Store Ships and provision vessels daily



arriving or expected to arrive at that place for supplying our enemies with provisions and other Stores, and the design of your present Cruise is to intercept as many of those Vessels and supplies as you possibly can

You have got or may get a good coasting Pilot so that you may run close in shore or into Toms River or any other River, Inlet or Harbour in the Jerseys whenever you are chased or endangered by Vessels of a superior force, therefore you will keep an especial good look out for all vessels inward or outward bound and whenever you discover any give chase, make prize of as many as possible, and as fast as you take 'em send them for this port, unless you hear men of war take station at our Capes, and in that case send them into Toms River, Egg Harbour or any other safe place, and fast as your people arrive here we will send them or others over land to Tom's River or Shrewsbury from whence you can take them on board again, therefore you must keep this station and pursue this business as long as possible unless we send you other orders.

You must be careful not to let any british frigate get between you and the land, and then there's no danger for they cannot pursue you in shore, and they have no boats or Tenders that can take you, besides the Country people will assist in driving them off shore if they should attempt to follow you in. The Schooner *Wasp* commanded by Lieutenant [John] Baldwin goes round on the same Service – you must act in Concert, Consult the best Stations and best method of Cruizing, and be sure to pursue your Object the taking of provision Vessels, Store Ships and Transports with the utmost vigor and vigilance, and altho we recommend your taking good care of your Vessel and people, yet we should deem it more praiseworthy in an officer to loose his vessel in a bold enterprize, than to loose a good Prize by too timid a Conduct. As fast as you make prisoners you may send them in the Jerseys, and deliver them to the Continental Officers to be sent here or confined in New Jersey, but if Seamen send them here unless they enter. Use your officers and men well, and do the same by your prisoners let us hear from you as often as necessary. Wishing you success We are sir [&c.]

Note. Similar Instructions to the foregoing were given Lt Baldwin Commanding the Schooner *Wasp*. –

1. Marine Committee Letter Book, 42, NA.

### WILLIAM HOOPER TO JOSEPH HEWES<sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

Philadelphia, November 1. 1776

One of the frigates Biddle's will have 14 Guns onboard on monday and will be ready in every thing, men excepted, in a fortnight, the additional encouragement to Seamen in the continental Service by which they are put on a footing with Privaters & have the whole property of armed Vessels which belong'd to his British Majesty will soon make up that deficiency. The *Effingham* [John] Barry Ship & the *repulse* a Galley were launched yesterday She is I think the finest vessell of the whole. The Guns cast here turn out very ill, they split; full one-half of them.

Privatering is attended with amazing success in New England not a day passes without a fresh acquisition, they took a Vessell not long ago with 1600 pieces of woolen on board,<sup>2</sup> the Soldiers may bless God for that. Also an armed Vessell of 16 Guns & the Privateer which took the latter was left in pursuit of a three decker with Sugars mounting 20 Guns & by a private letter we are informed that this last was taken and on her way into Newbury port.<sup>3</sup>

The Portsmouth, Newbury and Providence frigates are out. We shall soon hear of some mischief they have done – at least I hope so.<sup>4</sup>

1. HU.

2. Brig *Mary and James*, sent into Salem October 16 by the Massachusetts privateer sloop *Rover*, Captain Simon Forrester, *Independent Chronicle*, Boston, October 17, 1776.

3. *The Freeman's Journal*, October 29, 1776.

4. None of the Continental frigates referred to, the *Raleigh*, *Hancock*, *Boston*, *Providence* and *Warren*, got to sea in 1776.

#### JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Orpheus*, CAPTAIN CHARLES HUDSON<sup>1</sup>

November 1776      Do Cape [Henlopen] No 61 Wt 21 Leagues  
 Friday 1st      at 10 AM saw a Sail to the NW gave Chace with the *Daphne*  
                     Fresh breezes and Cloudy Wr at 1 PM fired 2 twelve Pounds  
                     and brot too the Chace. She prov'd the *Brittania* Brig belong-  
                     ing to Liverpool and bound there from Jamaica in Ballast  
                     Benjn Francis Hughes Mastr taken 21st Octor by the *Chance*  
                     and *Congress* Privateers<sup>2</sup> sent a petty Officer and 2 Men on-  
                     board her, and brought 12 men belonging to the above Privateers  
                     from Her. at 8 Close Reefed the Topsails.

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/650.

2. *Britannia*, B. F. Hughes, master and owner, from Jamaica for Liverpool, in ballast, and with one ton of ivory, Howe's Prize List, March 31, 1776, PRO, Admiralty 1/487. Her captors had been the Pennsylvania privateer sloop *Chance*, Captain James Armitage, 6 guns and 35 men, and *Congress* (of similar size), Captain William Greenway.

#### JOURNAL OF THE VIRGINIA NAVY BOARD<sup>1</sup>

[Williamsburg] Friday 1st November 1776.

Ordered that the Commanding officer on Board the Sloop *Defiance* turn over to the Brig *Musquetto* what Men he may have on Board more than sufficient for his intended Voiage. –

Ordered that a Warrant Issue to John Hatley Norton for Ninety eight pounds Ten shillings for Whiskey furnished Capt John Calvert for the use of the *Norfolk Revenge* Galley & Capt Thomas Lilly for the use of the Brig *Liberty* –

Lieutenant William Green of the Sloop *Defiance* received Orders to Proceed with his Vessel to Hoods on James River there to apply to Mr Thomas Shore for

a Load of Flour & Tobacco and when loaded to return to James Town and wait on the Board for further Orders. –

Ordered that a Warrant Issue to David Cockran for Thirteen pounds fourteen shillings and four pence half penny for the use of Archibald Govan for a Cannon delivered Capt [Thomas] Lilly for the Brig *Liberty*

Ordered that a Warrant Issue to Matthew McVoy for the use of Capt Charles Thomas for Five hundred and eight pounds four shillings and seven pence half penny for Necessaries furnished for the Rope Walk.

Ordered that the keeper of the Public Store deliver unto Capt Edward Travis thirty Cotees, thirty under Waistcoats and ten Blanketts for the use of the Brig *Raleigh* – <sup>2</sup>

Capt Edward Travis is recommended to his excellency the Governor and the honble the Council as a Proper person to take the Command of the Brig *Raleigh* –

Robert Gray is recommended to his Excellency the Governor and the honble the Council as a proper Person to be appointed Second Lieut of the Brig *Raleigh*. –

Signed, Thomas Whiting 1st Comsr

1. Navy Board Journal, 97–98, VSL.

2. VSL collections contain a Navy Board ledger which includes accounts of various Virginia Navy vessels and the state Marines.

#### ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE AT JAMESTOWN OF THE PRIZE BRIGANTINE *Sarah* <sup>1</sup>

By Virtue of a Decree of the Hon. Court of Admiralty of this State, will be sold at public vendue, for ready Money, on Monday the 29th Instant, at Jamestown, on James River, about 7 Miles from the City of Williamsburg,

The Brigantine *Sarah* of Great Britain, lately made a Prize of by the *Montgomery* Privateer Capt. [Robert] Polk, of Annapolis, in the State of Maryland, with her Sails, Rigging, and Materials, being 170 Tons Burthen, British built. An Inventory of her Sails, Rigging, and Materials, may be seen on Board the said Ship. – At same Time and Place will be sold her Cargo, consisting of a large Quantity of exceeding good Jamaica Rum, Muscovado Sugars, Coffee, Ginger, Cotton, and sundry other Articles, Shipped on Board the said Ship from Jamaica for the London Market.

Benjamin Powell, Marshall.

Williamsburg, November 1, 1776.

1. Dixon and Hunter's *Virginia Gazette*, November 8, 1776.

PURDIE'S *Virginia Gazette*, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1776

Williamsburg, November 1.

Since our last another salt vessel is arrived, with 2000 bushels of that useful article.

JOURNAL OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA NAVY BOARD <sup>1</sup>

Navy Board [Charleston]  
 Fryday 1st. November 1776 –

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. – Edward Blake Esqr first Commissioner Thomas Corbett Geo A Hall  
 Roger Smith Esqrs –

Read the Minutes of last meeting –

Agreed; that application be made to the President for Eight Hundred Bushells of Salt; to be delivered to the Commissioners of the Navy for salting provisions for the use of the Navy.

Agreed. That the first Commissioner do write to James Black, Stone & Russel, Paul Pritchard & Clement Lempriere, to know on what terms they will undertake to Build, the Row Gallies, by what time they will have them finished, and what quantity of Iron will be requisite for Each Galley.

1. A. S. Salley, Jr., ed., *Journal of the Commissioners of the Navy of South Carolina, October 9, 1776–March 1, 1779* (Columbia, S.C., 1912), 16. Hereafter cited as Salley, ed., *South Carolina Navy Board*.

## 2 Nov.

### JOURNAL OF H. M. SLOOP *Albany*, LIEUTENANT MICHAEL HYNDMAN <sup>1</sup>

November 76                      Moored in Halifax Harbor

Saturday 2d                      AM Dried Sails read the Articles of War & Abstract &c to the Ships Company

Fresh Gales & Cloudy Wear    PM    Anchd here His Majts Sloop *Hope* with a rebel Privateer    at 12 Midnight Benjn Arnold    Wm Babb    John Ward <sup>2</sup> & John Bear took the Yawl and run Away with her to Dartmouth Side    Sent after her and got the Yawl again

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/23.

2. Ward was the only deserter apprehended. On January 6, 1777 in Halifax harbor, "the *Rainbow* made the Sigl for Boats Mann'd and Armed to Attend the Punishment of John Ward for Desertion who recd 30 Lashes Alongside." PRO; Admiralty 51/23.

### LIST OF BRITISH NAVAL PRISONERS IN THE TOPSFIELD AND IPSWICH JAILS <sup>1</sup>

Essex ss;  
 Gentlemen

In Obedience to your order of the 22d of October last I hereby Transmit you a List of the Names of the Prisoners belonging to the Naval Service of Great Britain under my Care as follows Vizt –

Names of British Navy. To what Vessells belonging When & where Taken

in Topsfield

Claudius Charles Surgeon Nathl Fits Partrick in Ipswich Thomas Davison James Rogers James Howard Thomas McCarty Henry Sangat William Bradbury John Scott Matthew Cornish Samuel Bird John Doyle	Armed Scooner <i>Dispatch</i>        Ship of War, <i>Lively</i>  Sloop of War, <i>Falcon</i>	Taken 12th July 1776 – by Capt [John] Fisk   at Gloucester – 9th of August 1775 at Gloucester Michael Farley Sheriff <sup>2</sup>
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Ipswich Novemr 2d 1776 –

To the Honble The Council of  
the State of Massachusetts bay

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 8, 236.

2. Farley also provided a list of British Army prisoners, Mass. Arch., vol. 8, 236.

PETITION FOR COMMISSION FOR JONATHAN OAKES TO COMMAND THE  
MASSACHUSETTS PRIVATEER BRIG *Hawke* <sup>1</sup>

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Hon'ble the Council now sitting in Watertown –

The Petition of Uriah Oakes and William Shattuck of Boston – Humbly  
sheweth

That your Petitioners owners of the Brige called the *Hawke* Burthen Eighty  
Tons armed with ten Carriage Guns, four Pounders, ten Swivells & fifty Muskets,  
five Hundred Weight of Powder & Shot in Proportion – navigated by Eighty Men;  
Jonathan Oakes Capt., John Smith 1st Lieut, John Dexter 2d Lt, Smith Kent  
Master – has on Board as Provisions fifty Bls Pork & Beef three thousand Weight  
of Bread.

Said Brig is designed to cruise against the Enemies of these united States –

Your Petitioners would therefore humbly request your Honors to Comission  
Said Brige & Comander for the Purposes above mentioned and as in Duty  
Bound shall ever pray –

W<sup>m</sup> Shattuck      Uriah Oakes

[Endorsed] In Council Novr 2d 1776 Read & Ordered that a Comission be issued out to the above named Jonathan Oakes as Comr of Said Brige he complying with the Resolves of Congress –

John Avery Dpy Secy

Boston Novr 2d 1776

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 166, 11.

CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES TO COMMODORE ESEK HOPKINS<sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

*Alfred*, Tarpawling Cove 2d Novr 1776.

As the wind fell very light Yesterday Afternoon and had a Southerly Appearance – Captn Hacker and I thought it most Advisable to go thro' the Shoals – it was Dark when we got in here. – I found at Anchor the Privateer Schooner *Eagle* – Captn [Isaac] Field – And having examined her and found – John Dobie – and James Merihew belonging to the Fleet and Joseph Ryder & James King belonging to the Rhode Island Brigade – Concealed away below – I took them out with about Twenty – others agreeable to your Orders. –<sup>2</sup> I shall now proceed with all possible dispatch. . . .

1. Papers CC (Letters of John Hancock, and Miscellaneous Papers), 58, 97–98, NA.
2. Of this incident, Marine Lieutenant John Trevett wrote:

I went on board the Sloop *Providence*, Capt Histed Hacker, and I soon found we were to sail under the command of John Paul Jones, Esq. We sailed in a short time, and stopped at Tarpolin cove, where we found a small privateer belonging to Providence, commanded, I think, by Capt. Rhodes [*sic* Field]. Com. Jones sent for me on board of his Ship, late in the day, and gave me orders to arm and man our barge on board the Sloop, and he would have his barge manned and armed, and send along side our Sloop, and then we were to go along side, and while I was examining the Ships Articles I was to give the barges crews orders to press all we could, I did so and we pressed 25 men out of 35, and carried them out on a cruise on board the Ship *Alfred*, Com. Jones. Trevett's Journal, NHS.

Justin Jacobs gives this version of the affair:

November. 1776

I Justin Jacobs being Prize Master of the Schooner *Eagle* Privateer Commanded by Capt Isaac Field –

Do declare and depose that on the first day of November 1776. – about 4 o'Clock P.M. We lying at Anchor with sd Schooner in Tarpaulin-Cove, a Boat from the continental Ship *Alfred* commanded by Jno Paul Jones came on Board sd Schooner – Jno Rathbone [John Peck Rathbun] an Officer of sd Ship having the Command of Sd Boat told Capt Field he had orders to bring sd Schooner under sd Ships Stern – Accordingly the sd Rathbone immediately with his Men weigh'd Anchor and carried her along side the Sloop *Providence*, & set a Guard over the same for the Night ensuing robbing sd Schooner of her Boat till the next Day – A little before sun-rise next Day, 2 Boats, one belonging to the *Alfred*, the other to the Sloop *Providence* with armed Men came on Board sd Schooner with the sd Jno Rathbone and Edmund Arrowsmith who was Capt of Marines on board the *Alfred*. Another Officer belonging on Board sd Ship, & one Philip Brown first Lieutenant of the Sloop *Providence*, Who said they had Orders from Capt Jones to come and examine whether any of his Men were on Board – Capt Field offer'd them to take what Men they could challenge – they said they had further Orders to take all the men on Board – That by Force and Violence they took out of sd Schooner 24 of their best Sea-Men at different times in different Boats, and carried them on Board the sd Ship and Sloop – That the People who came in sd Boats cutt away sd Schooners Main-Sheet and carried it off – likewise Stove in the

Bulk-Head forward – in the last Boat which came on Board were a Number of Indians armed, who were ordered by sd Rathbone (who told them he was come for another Load) to go into the Hold and prick about with their Cutlashes to discover any concealed Men, which they did – Rathbone abus'd the first Lieut of sd Schooner by heaving him on the Deck, and many other Acts of high insult were committed by Rathbone's Orders – Directly after, the sd Men were put on Board the *Alfred*, the said Ship and Sloop came to sail – That by means of the aforesd proceedings of the sd Jno Paul Jones the sd Schooner was detain'd 24 Hours –

I do further declare that Capt Field said, that he would put into the first Port where he could get a Main Mast & proceed on his Cruize – And that by means of his men's being taken out he proceeded to Providence – Justin Jacobs

Miscellaneous Collection, vol. 16, RIHS.

COMMODORE ESEK HOPKINS TO THE CONTINENTAL MARINE COMMITTEE<sup>1</sup>

Gentlemen

Providence November 2nd 1776

I left Newport the 26th October last – The *Alfred* & *Hamden* were then under Sail going out, but on the 28th I receiv'd a Letter from Capt'n Jones, a Copy of which you have inclosed – I set off directly to Newport, and found the *Hamden* so much damaged, that she must be hove out – I put Capt'n Hacker with all his hands onboard the Sloop *Providence*, and they both Sail'd yesterday with their former Orders – I went from there to Kings County to the General Assembly, and applied for an Embargo untill the Continental Fleet was mann'd; but fail'd in getting it by two Votes, owing to a Number of the Members being deeply Concerned in Privateering – I am at a loss how we Shall get the Ships Mann'd, as I think near one third of the Men which have been Shipp'd and receiv'd their Month's pay, have been one way or another carried away in the Privateers – I wish I had your Orders giving me leave, whenever I found any man onboard the Privateers, not only to take him out, but all the rest of the Men – That might make them more Cautious of taking the Men out of the Service of the States –

I thought I had some Influence in the State I have lived so long in, but find now that private Interest bears more Sway than I wish it did – Shall go down to Newport in a day or two and do all in my power to get the New Ships, the *Columbus* and *Hamden* every way Ready for the Sea – though I think it may not be best to let any single one go for fear you might have some particular Service for a Number together –

A three deck Ship Prize of the *Cabots* arrived yesterday in the River.<sup>2</sup>

I could wish your Commissions would come for the Officers of the New Ships, or that you would give me Orders to Commission them, as they seem to be uneasy at not having them . I am with great Respect Gentlemen [&c.]

E.H. –

1. Hopkins Letter Book, RIHS.

2. *New Westmoreland*.

*Providence Gazette*, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1776

Providence, November 2.

Capt. [Thomas] Stacy, in the *Diamond* Privateer, has taken a Brig, having on board 1500 Quintals of Codfish, bound from Newfoundland to Spain, and sent her into a safe port.<sup>1</sup>

Capt. [Job] Pierce, in a Privateer belonging to East-Greenwich, has taken a Brig laden with Sugar, Rum, Cotton, Fustick, &c. bound from Tortola to Liverpool.<sup>2</sup> Another Prize we hear is taken by a Greenwich Privateer, both of them safe arrived.

A Ship is arrived at a neighbouring Port, in seven Weeks from Nantz, in France, with 3000 Stands of Arms, a Quantity of Gunpowder, Salt Petre, and other military Stores.

We just learn that the Brig *Cabot*, Elisha Hinman, Esq; Commander, in the Service of the United States, has taken and sent into a safe Port a Ship from Jamaica, bound to England, mounting 16 Carriage Guns, with 700 Hogsheads of Sugar on Board.<sup>3</sup>

#### At public Auction

On Tuesday the 12th of November will be sold, at East-Greenwich, the Ship *Belle*, Burthen 300 Tons, well found; together with her Cargo, consisting of 15015 Feet of Boards, 52600 Ditto of Ranging Timber, 47050 Shingles, 2900 Hoops, 71056 Staves, 22192 Feet of Spars, and 280 Quintals of Fish. The Sale to commence at Eleven o'Clock, A.M.

#### For Sale at public Auction,

The Prize Ship *Union*, and her Cargo; consisting of about 200 Hogsheads of Sugar, 45 Puncheons of Rum, 30 Bags of Cotton, 20 Bags of Pimento, 30 Tons of Fustick, &c. The Sale to begin on Thursday the 7th of Nov. inst. at Ten o'Clock, A.M.

On Wednesday the 13th Instant, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, will commence the Sale of the Prize Ship *Thomas*, and her Cargo, consisting of Irish Linens, Dowlas, Sheeting, Mens and Womens Worsted Hose, Mens Silk Ditto, a great Variety of Calicoes, Chintz and Patches, Mens and Womens Leather Shoes, Bohea and Green Tea, Pepper, 10 Pipes of red Port Wine, bottled Porter, Geneva in Hogsheads, &c.

N. B. The Linens, Stockings, &c. will be sold by the Piece, Dozen, &c.

Notice is hereby given, that on Wednesday the 6th Instant, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, will be sold at public Vendue, at Messieurs Thurbers and Cahoon's Wharff, in Providence, the Brig *Mary and Joseph*, with her Appurtenances and Cargo, consisting of best merchantable Codfish.

And on Thursday the 7th Instant, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, at Mr. John Brown's Wharff, will be sold at public Vendue, to the highest Bidder, the Ship *Peggy*, with her Appurtenances and Cargo, consisting of Jamaica Rum, Sugar, &c.

Providence, Nov. 1, 1776.

Paul Tew, Sheriff.

The Officers and Men belonging to the private Sloop of War *Independence*, commanded by Capt. Jabez Whipple, may receive their respective Shares of all Prizes taken in her first Cruise, by applying to Mr. Ebenezer Thompson.

Jabez Whipple.

1. *Mary and Joseph*.

2. *Pasley*.

3. *New Westmoreland*. She was condemned as a legal prize on November 27, 1776, Admiralty Court Minute Book, vol. 2, 43-46, R. I. Arch.



JOURNAL OF LIEUTENANT WILLIAM DIGBY <sup>1</sup>

[Crown Point]

November 2. We embarked in our battows & long boats for Canada, & proceeded about 17 miles, where our small fleet were obliged to put into a creek, the wind blowing very fresh, though fair for us, but causing a deep swell which was not so safe for the battows; as to the long boats there was but little danger. Our soldiers called this place Destruction-Bay, and not unaptly, as there we saw the great execution the enemy suffered from the fire of our fleet, in the engagement on the 11th and 13th October. Some of their dead were then floating on the brink of the water, just as the surf threw them, these were ordered to be directly buried. During the night it blew fresh, & was attended with a fall of snow, which was the first we had experienced.

1. Manuscript journal of Lieutenant William Digby, Additional Ms. 32413, BM. Hereafter cited as Digby's Journal, BM. Published under the title *The British Invasion from the North, The Campaigns of Generals Carleton and Burgoyne from Canada, 1776-1777, With the Journal of Lieut. William Digby of the 53d, or Shropshire Regiment of Foot.* Illustrated with Historical Notes by James Phinney Baxter (Albany, N.Y., 1887; reprinted, New York, N.Y., 1970).

DIARY OF FREDERICK MACKENZIE <sup>1</sup>

[Long Island] 2nd Novr The *Fowey*, came down yesterday from her Station at the mouth of Haerlem Creek, and anchored in the harbour. She is appointed to Convoy a large fleet of transports, victuallers, and other vessels which are to sail for England in a short time. The *Mercury* replaced her in Haerlem Creek.

A Frigate went up the N. River this morning.

1. *Diary of Frederick Mackenzie* (Cambridge, 1930), I, 94. Hereafter cited as *Mackenzie's Diary*.

VICE ADMIRAL RICHARD LORD HOWE TO COMMODORE WILLIAM HOTHAM <sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

*Eagle* [New York harbor]

Dr Sir

Novr the 2d 1776

By the Generals desire, about 150 Artillery & Baggage Horses, are to be at Whitestone this Evening. Your directions will therefore be necessary for transporting them across the Sound.

An application has been made to me for some countenance to be given to a Sloop which is to be employed for taking off some friends to Government from the Connecticut shore, under the direction of Govr [Montfort] Browne. I have given a note in consequence, to be delivered to Capt [Roger] Curtis by the Master of the Sloop, another to the Pilot Hoyt, for the *Senegal* to protect him on that Service.

A Representation was made to me yesterday that the Enemy have intended for some time to land with a number of Men, to do some piratical injury on Long Island they are said to have collected several Boats &c for this purpose at Newhaven I [have] given a letter thereupon to be delivered by the Persons

who bring the Intelligence, to Capt [George] Talbot; supposing they will find him off Huntington Bay.

He is therein desired to stretch Eastward of Newhaven at times, that by his appearance in those parts of the Sound the Enemy may be deterred from attempting to molest the Coasting trade, between Long Island & New York It is in the same letter signified that the *Senegal* should keep off Huntington Bay or to the Westward of the *Nigers* Station. . . .

1. Collection of Lord Hotham, Yorkshire (East Riding) County Record Office, England.

### JOURNAL OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS<sup>1</sup>

[Philadelphia] Saturday, November 2, 1776

The committee to whom Governor [William] Livingston's letter was referred, brought in a report, which was read:

The committee, to whom Governor Livingston's letter concerning some sailors in New Jersey was referred, beg leave to report, that they have taken into their consideration the unparalleled inhumanity and alarming tendency of a late act of parliament for obliging sailors taken on board American vessels to fight against their brethren and country; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Sailors lately taken on board the Sloops *Phoenix*, the *Sally*, and the *Mary*, except such of them as belong to the United States, be immediately put on board some of the armed vessels of the United States, and compelled to fight against the Enemies of this country, and by thus executing the great and necessary law of retaliation, our Enemies may be induced to put a stop to a practice so dishonourable to human nature, and first taught the world by the british nation.

*Resolved*, that this resolution be extended to all Sailors hereafter taken on board british vessels.

That Robert Colefax, Richard Williams and Peleg Mansfield, natives of America be permitted to return to their families in New England.

*Ordered*, To lie on the table.

1. Worthington, C. Ford, *et al.*, eds., *Journals of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789* (Washington, 1904-1937), VI, 918, 919. Hereafter cited as Ford, ed., *JCC*.

### CONTINENTAL MARINE COMMITTEE TO BARNABAS DEANE<sup>1</sup>

Sir

Philada Novr 2d 1776

Inclos'd you have the Commiss[ion]s for the Officers of the Frigate in the State of Connecticutt call'd the *Trumbull* you will perceive the Lieutens Commissions are not fill'd. I did not know but some Alteration might have taken place, tho' we have only the Names of the first & second Lieuts Vizt Jonathan Maltbay 1st Lieut & David Phipps 2d Lieut if they agree to go, you will then please to fill them up with their Names, & you with the Capt & Mr [Joshua] Huntington appoint the 3d Lieut, or if the others decline you will in the same

manner proceed to Appoint others in their Stead you have also Blank Warrants to be fill'd with proper Officers to be Appointed in the same manner. You will return to me a List of the Names of all the Officers, both Commission & Warrant as soon as possible after they are fill'd. You have also Inclos'd the Books, & some new Regulations. I Refer you to your Brother<sup>2</sup> who takes Charge of this for every other Instruction relative to the Frigate I wish you happy & am with Respect, Sir [&c.]

John Hancock pres

You have Blank Commiss[ion]s for Marine Officers, which are to be Appointed in same manner as mention'd before, of these you will also return a List. Take care of the spare Warrants & Commisss either Return them to me or destroy them I think there has been neither Capt nor Lieutenants for the Compa of Marines appointed, that you must appoint the whole

1. Deane Papers, ConnHS.

2. Simeon Deane.

#### JOURNAL OF THE VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

[Williamsburg] Saturday November 2nd 1776

On the Recommendation of the Navy Board It is Ordered that Commissions issue to Captain Edward Travis appointing him Captain of the Brig *Raleigh* lately commanded by Captain James Cocke. And to Robert Gray appointing him second Lieutenant of the said Brigg. And upon the Information of Champion Travis Esquire that James Davis had returned to the Navy Board a Certificate of the review of his Quota of Marines. It is also Ordered that a Commission issue appointing him to be third Lieutenant of the Company under Captain James Foster. And Commissions were accordingly issued bearing Date this day.

1. H. R. McIlwaine, ed., *Journals of the Council of the State of Virginia* (Richmond, 1932), I, 223-24. Hereafter cited as McIlwaine, ed., *Journals of the Virginia Council*.

#### VIRGINIA NAVY BOARD TO CAPTAIN RICHARD BARRON<sup>1</sup>

Sir

Williamsburg Nov. 2d 1776

We have just receiv'd a letter from a member in Congress giving account of two arm'd Vessels cruising in the Capes of Virginia. you are therefore desir'd to reconoiter the coast often, and if you shou'd discover any arm'd Vessel acquaint this Board immediately. I am by order of the Naval Board [&c.]

Thomas Whiting 1st Comr

To Capt Richard or James Barron at Hampton<sup>2</sup>

1. Navy Board Letter Book, VSL.

2. Commanders respectively of the armed boats *Patriot* and *Liberty*.

#### VIRGINIA NAVY BOARD TO CAPTAIN GEORGE MUTER<sup>1</sup>

Sir

Williamsburg Nov. 2d 1776

Yours of the 28th past we have receiv'd with the several Papers inclos'd therein respecting Capt [Robert] Tompkins on which we have only to inform

you that we think Capt Tompkins gave just cause for his arrest, and that you ought to proceed immediately to his trial by a Court Martial agreeable to the rules of the Navy. we have lately heard that the Troops expected at Portsmouth on their way to the Northward are countermanded. you are therefore to take on Board all your Seamen and Marines and repair to your station at Hampton and to order all the other Vessels now at Portsmouth belonging to the Navy immediately round to York unless you shou'd be inform'd from undoubted authority that the Troops are on their way and will be at Portsmouth within a few Days. When the Vessels arrive at York the Captains are to apply to the Board for further orders. By order of the Naval Board [&c.]

Thomas Whiting 1st Comr

To Capt George Muter Portsmouth <sup>2</sup>

1. Navy Board Letter Book, VSL.
2. Muter commanded the galley *Hero*.

VIRGINIA NAVY BOARD TO CAPTAIN WILLIAM SKINNER <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Williamsburg Novr 2d 1776

You are to proceed with your Vessel immediately to Portsmouth and deliver eight of your Guns to Captain John Harris of the Brigg *Musquetto* with such of your small Arms and Stores as you may think unnecessary for your intended Voyage to the West Indies or at least such of them as he may want and if any of them remain you are to bring them with you to York when you return there and deliver them to Mr Thomas Archer who will receive them, the Guns and clean your Vessel and get her properly and floord for the foreign West Indies and to return to York and apply to this Board for further instructions. By order of the Navy Board [&c.]

Thomas Whiting 1st Comr

To Cap William Skinner of the Sloop *Congress*

1. Navy Board Letter Book, VSL.

JOURNAL OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA NAVY BOARD <sup>1</sup>

Navy Board [Charleston]

Saturday 2d November 1776

A Letter was wrote to Clement Lempriere Esqr –

South Carolina November 1st 1776

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy having been Informed, that you have Engaged with his Excellency, the President to Build a Row Galley for this State, They desire that you will as soon as Possible, Acquaint them by Letter on what Terms you are to Build the said Galley, the Particular Dimensions, when she is to be finished, and what Quantity of Iron will be wanted to Compleat her – I am Sir [&c.]

Edward Blake 1st Commissr –

Copies of the above Letter were sent to Paul Pritchard, James Black, & Stone & Russell,

The following Letter, containing Orders for Capt. Pickering was reported to the Board by Mr. Hall, the same being read was agreed to.

Navy Board Chas. town 2 Novemr. 1776.

Captain Thomas Pickering

Your Commission as Captain of the Brigantine of War *Defence* will be delivered you with this, together with Commissions & Warrants for your Lieutenants & other Officers, which you will have read to your ships Company that they may know who to Obey in their different stations & then deliver them to each Officer respectively before you proceed to Sea – You will also receive from the Clerk of this Board the following Papers Rules of Discipline & good Government to be observed on board the Vessells of War belonging to the state of South Carolina, which you will Cause to be frequently read to Your ships Company – Instructions for the Captain or Commander of any of the Vessells belonging to this State, – Instructions for the Lieutenants – Instructions for the Master – Instructions for the Purser – Instructions for the Carpenter – Directions for the Gunner & Armourer – Directions for the Boatswain & Sail-maker – which you will deliver to the Different Officers after Making your Clerk enter them in a Book for that Purpose

The *Defence* having her Guns, Amunition, stores and Provisions on board & being every way equipped for a Cruize You are hereby directed to embrace the first favorable Opertunity of proceeding to sea, And after you are over the Barr, Steer along the Coast untill you arrive off St. Augustine keeping a good look out for a Sloop Commanded by one Osborne which has been fitted out from thence & is said to be Cruizing upon this Coast which you are to use every Possible means to take – After you have been off St. Augustine You are to proceed to Cape Francois in Hispaniola, where there is the greatest reason to Think you may procure Seamen, which is in the most particular manner recommended to you & that you use every endeavour to ship as many as your Vessel can Conveniently bring, for which purpose there is put on board the *Defence* 16 Casks of Indigo Amotg to £ 7032..10.. Currency which upon your arrival, You will put into the hands of Mr. Duraseau, or the most capital Merchant there to sell for Cash, that You may be enabled to pay the Bounty to the Seamen you may Ship, & purchase such provisions & necessaries as you may want, after which You are to procure a quantity of stores necessary for the Navy, that is, such which cannot be procured here, for Instance, Canvas, Twine, Quadrants, Paint, Oil, Compasses, sand Glasses, Slops for Seamen, 6 & 4 lb shot, & Grape Shott, the remainder of the money to be invested in good Muskets with Bayonets, which you are carefully to examine, as some which are not proof have been sent out to the French West Indies, You will bring with you proper accots. of the sale of the Indigo, & Vouchers for the Monies Laid out – If You should Meet Mr. Provoaux at Cape Francois,

& he has purchased any heavy Cannon for the use of this State, You are to take two of them in the *Defences* hold & shott for them, if it can be done without any detriment or disadvantage to the Vessel, – In case of Your Death the command is to devolve to Your first Lieutenant & should he fall the 2d: Lieutenant succeeds, & so in rotation – You have Liberty to cruise for three Months from the time of your sailing, during which You are to sink, burn, Take, or destroy any ship, or Vessel, belonging to the King of Great Britain, or the subjects of Great Britain, Ireland, the British West India Islands, East & West Florida, Hallifax, Quebec, or Newfoundland, observing that any Prizes which you may take, a Carefull good Officer is to be put on board as Prize Master, Together with a Sufficient Number of Men to Navigate them to Charles Town or any convenient inlet in the State of South Carolina where all Your prizes are to be sent; should it happen that you are fortunate enough to take a prize, or prizes, early in Your Cruize near the Islands, it is recommended to You, to send her forward, and go into any French or Dutch Port that may be most Convenient, & supply Your Vessel with more Men, Continuing your Cruize till the Time Limited, unless You think it necessary to convoy any Prize you may take to this Coast, in which case it is left to your own Discretion, so that you do not Exceed the Limit of your Cruize, allowing for usual Passage from Your Cruizing Ground which is Left to Yourself to chuse & to return by the way of St Augustine, & scour the Coast from thence to this Port. – You are to Treat any Prisoners you may take, with the greatest Humanity & Tenderness, & upon no Consideration, suffer the Honour of the American Arms to be stained by any Act of Cruelty or Inhumanity, if any Seamen that you take are Inclined to enter into the Service, give them the Bounty, & allow them the same wages as Your other Men receive, from the time they sign the Attestation – You are to take every Opportunity that may offer, to advise the Commissioners of the Navy where you are, & of Every Transaction that may happen, worth Communicating to them – Your Letters are to be directed, To Edward Blake Esqr. First Commissioner of the Navy Board Charles Town So Carolina –

1. Salley, ed., *South Carolina Navy Board*, 16–19.

#### VICE ADMIRAL JAMES YOUNG TO PHILIP STEPHENS <sup>1</sup>

Duplicate./

Sir.

Antigua 2d November 1776

I have the pleasure to acquaint you, this moment arrived in English harbour, the *Putnam* Brig Privateer of 12 Carriage Guns and 80 Men, belonging to Rhode Island, Christopher Whipple, Commander; taken by His Majesty's Ship *Portland*, Captain Thomas Dumaresq, Commander, in the Latitude 32°..20' North, Longitude 60°..22' on the 18th October last.

I am sorry to add, that before the *Portland* met with her, She had taken the Merchant Ship *Cambden*, from this Island bound to London, which Sailed from St Johns the 1st October last; and by which I sent my Dispatches of the

30th September past; Duplicates of which I have forwarded by the Convoy that is to Sail from St Christophers the 4th Instant. I am Sir [&c.]

Jam<sup>s</sup> Young

1. PRO, Admiralty 1/309.

VAN BIBBER & HARRISON TO THE MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

Gent – [St. Pierre, Martinique] November 2nd 1776.

. . . Inclosed you will be pleased to find an invoice and bill of lading for the goods we now ship you by the *Molly* Captain [Thomas] Conway amounting to £3944.19.10 this currency . . . <sup>2</sup>

We have put as much salt on board as the Captain judged it prudent to take, and all the woolens we were able to procure of any kind. We should esteem ourselves very happy to supply you with a sufficiency of these useful articles, but as vessels and seamen are both scarce, apprehend we cannot furnish you with near the quantity required of the first and the latter is really not to be had at any rate just now, tho' we expect there will be some out soon.

The most convenient way of getting dry goods would be, we think, to give Capt Conway leave to cruize a week [or] two to windward of the Island when he comes out again. By the time he gets back, if dispatched quickly, there will be fine pickings among the outward bound West Indiamen.

1. Correspondence of Council of Safety, Md. Arch.

2. In Naval and Maritime Papers, Md. Arch., a "Freight List of the Sloop *Molly* Capt Thos Conway from Martinique for Maryland," November 2, 1776, shows 197 casks of powder shipped to the Council of Safety as well as 333⅓ barrels of salt. Miscellaneous cargo was also carried for individuals. Freight of 7½ percent was charged on all except shipments to the Council of Safety.

WILLIAM WATERMAN TO GOVERNOR NICHOLAS COOKE <sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

Martinequa Novr 2nd 1776

. . . With regard to fiting My Sloop with Guns it is Verrey Defecult to geet 3 or 4 pound Canon but I have Boughte Six 3 pounders with Careges all Compleat and Expect 4 More in two or three days with some Swiv[e]lls but thaire is so many Vessells Fiting From this Island that small Canon is Verrey Dear Mine when all Compleate will Cost Not less then Seven Hundred Livers Apair Small Arms of the Best Qualety is Sixty livers I have Purchest 100 arms that Has ben in Youse but are Verrey good with Good Bayenots for thirty livers P piece the Other Hunderd I shall Endevere to geet of The Best Qualety I Have purchest Five Thousand of Powdr at two livers P pound & Expect the rest at that rate or Some thing Lower Which is Considerable Lower then has been Purchest for in Martineque For One Year Past at present I am fiting My Sloop in the Best Maner with Sails And Rigen & Shall geet Ready & Shall make All the Despatch that is possable and Sail the First opertunety which I Hope wonte be longer then the 15th of this Month But it is Verrey on Certain as thair is two Ships [and] Three Tende[r]s a Crusing of[f] this Island and som Times Comes withen Reach of the Forts but The Reasson is the French Fregett that was Keep the Coste Clear and

to proteck't the Americans was Dismasted and is Now Repairing In Point Peter Gardeloupe thaire is now two Privateers from Philedelphia lying in St Pers And Two More a fiting Oute Yesterday Arived A Fr[i]get and Two Transports with three Hundrd French Solders From France and thair is 4 Thousand More Expected Every Day and it is Expected that War will be declard with in Six Months Between France & England we have Recd the On Hapy news of New York being taken which seems to Afect the French Verrey Much as thay are Verrey fearfull that amereca will be forste to give up to England or that the Despute being setteld and then thay Say that thay will have two powers in Stead of One to Encounter with — But as long as they Have Aney Hops of the Amerecans standing to thair Entegerity thay will Suply us with Everey Nesecery We wante —

1. Letters to the Governor, 1776–1777, vol. 9, R. I. Arch. Waterman, commanding the sloop *Diamond*, owned by Governor Cooke, had arrived at Martinique on October 16 to find a dull market for his cargo of flour and fish.

### 3 Nov. (Sunday)

CAPTAIN CHARLES DOUGLAS, R.N., TO CAPTAIN RICHARD PEARSON,  
H. M. S. *Garland*<sup>1</sup>

By Charles Douglas Esqr Captain of His  
Majesty's Ship *Isis*, and Senior Officer  
in the River St Lawrence

His Excellency General Carleton, Governor of this Province, & Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Army employed therein, and on the Frontiers thereof; having by his Letter to me of the 21st Ultimo, dated at Crown point; set forth, That the proximity of the Rebels to Lake Champlain (notwithstanding the late defeat of their Fleet) renders it absolutely necessary, that some Ships of War, do Winter in this River to the End that as many of the Men and Officers thereunto belonging as can be spared therefrom, may be employed on the said Lake, as early as possible — You are hereby required and directed to get His Majesty's Ship which you Command, brought into such State as may be proper for laying her up in the Cul au Sac of Quebec for the Winter without loss of time.

And Whereas His Majesty's Ships and Vessels, as per annexed List, are also directed to winter in this Province, You are to take them under your Command, And to employ them, their Crews, or any part of their Crews, Cannon, Amunition, Stores &c or any part thereof, in such manner, as according to your Judgment, And in Co-operation with General Carleton, and the Land forces under his Command, shall be most conducive towards promoting the good of His Majesty's Service, either on this River, or upon the Lake aforesaid — Until the Right Honorable the Lord Viscount Howe Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in North America (under whose Command you are to consider yourself) or other your Superior Officer, shall have been pleased otherwise to direct.

And Whereas divers hired Transports do yet remain in this Province — particularly at Sorel; It is hereby strongly recommended, that you do your utmost to get them out of this River before the Winter sets in. The Directions of the Admiralty to me are that they repair to Spithead.



So soon as the Navigation opens in the Spring ensuing, you are to send an Account to our Commander in Chief at Halifax, of the State & Condition of His Majtys Ships and Vessels under your Command; And of His Excellency General Carletons, and your own joint Views of Service for the Ensuing Summer.

And Whereas His Majesty's Sloop the *Beaver* is shortly expected here; You are not to detain her, providing She arrives before the 20th of this Month; Nor any other of His Majesty's Ships arriving previous to that period, but to suffer them to depart to follow their former Orders, Unless the Weather should be such, as to render very dangerous the departure of any such at so late a Season of the Year; In which last supposed Case, You are to be very careful, in assigning a proper Place for every such Ship or Vessel to Winter in, as also for such hired Transports as cannot get away.

Whereas moreover several Victualling Ships are now in the River St Lawrence tho' they be not in the Navy departmt, It is nevertheless recommended to you, to be aiding and assisting with Men (and your good Council if acceptable) towards getting the same delivered of their Provisions in such due Season (if that be now possible) as that they may yet be able to leave the River St Lawrence, before the Winter be confirmedly set in.

For the due performance of all the foregoing, as also for your acting in all things, for the Public weal in zealous Co-operation with His Excellency aforesaid, or others, having Command in His Majesty's Land Forces under him. This shall be your Order.

Given under my Hand, on board the *Isis* off Quebec, Novemr 3d 1776.

Ch<sup>s</sup> Douglas

(A Copy) Rd Pearson

[Endorsed] No 8 In Lord Howes Lre of the 15 Jany 1777

1. PRO, Admiralty 1/487.

#### JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Lizard*, CAPTAIN THOMAS MACKENZIE <sup>1</sup>

November 1776

[Off South Coast of Nova Scotia]

Saturday 2

Saw a Sail in the NW Quarter. Got up Top Gallt Yards & gave Chace. Fird 4, 3 prs & 1, 9 pr at the Chace, but she still kept her Course

Sunday 3

Fired 2 three & 1 nine Pr at the Chace wh made her bring to. Sent the 1st Lieut in the Cutter to board her. found her a Privateer of 5 guns & 23 rebels  
Brought the Rebels aboard & sent an officer & nine Men onbd the Prize

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/550.

#### COMMODORE ESEK HOPKINS TO THE CONTINENTAL MARINE COMMITTEE <sup>1</sup>

Gentlemen

Providence November 3rd 1776 –

I receiv'd yours of the 10th October this day; and am extremely unhappy in not receiving it in time, as Captn Jones in the *Alfred*, and Hacker in the *Providence* Sail'd two days ago well Mann'd – and the Ships now here are the two New Ships,

the *Columbus*, and *Hamden*. – The *Hamden* must be repaired before She can Sail, and the Ships are not more than half Mann'd – however I am glad to receive your Orders for an Expedition to the Southward that I may have it in my power to Convince the Gentlemen in every State that I have nothing at heart but the Common Cause – without any partiality to any particular State – this you may rely on that I will attempt to put your Orders in Execution if I am obliged to do it with a Single Ship, although Shall do all in my Power to get all the Force here with me that possibly can be Mann'd – If I can't get the whole Mann'd next week, Shall take the Men out of some to Mann the others & leave them with a few Officers to take Care of them untill they receive your further Orders – I am with great Respect Gent. [&c.]

E.H. –

1. Hopkins Letter Book, RIHS.

JOURNAL OF H. M. SLOOP *Senegal*, CAPTAIN ROGER CURTIS <sup>1</sup>

Novemr 76	In the [Long Island] Sound
Saturday 2d	At 11 AM recd Advice that the Rebels landed at a place to the Etwd to plunder at ½ past weigh'd & run out of the Bay to the <i>Niger</i> , made signl to speak with her and fired Guns. Do Wear [Fresh Breezes & Hazey] at 1 PM the Capt: went on board the <i>Niger</i> at ½ past ret'd made Sail to the Etwd at 5 Anchd with the Bt Br in 7½ faths in Satocket bay & Veer'd away to a whole Cable Mount Misery EbS 2 Ms Church SSW. 3 Ms
Sunday 3d	at 5 AM found the Rebels had quitted that place and gone to New Haven. The <i>Niger</i> Anchd here with the <i>George</i> arm'd Sloop.

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/885.

MAJOR GENERAL PHILIP SCHUYLER TO THE NEW YORK CONVENTION <sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

Albany, Novr 3d, 1776.

I wish the Convention would order the Depth & Breadth of Hudson's River to be carefully taken at such place as they conceive would be most proper effectually to obstruct the Navigation – Ver plank's Point or Jan Kanten Hook may be proper places, perhaps the latter the most eligible of any – I propose taking the earliest Opportunity that is afforded me to prepare every thing for it – At present I cannot, as I have neither Troops Nor Carpenters – the latter being all employed in constructing Barracks.

1. Schuyler Letter Book (25 February 1775–19 November 1776), NYPL.

JOHN HANCOCK TO THOMAS CUSHING <sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

Philada., 3d Novr., 1776

Dear Sir, – By Capt. Manly [John Manley] I sent you the Warrants for the Officers. I now Inclose you the Commissions for the Officers of the Ships and of Marines. I have not fill'd in the names, you will therefore please to fill in the Names of such as have been already appointed, but in case they Decline you will

fill them with such as you and the Captains and Mr. Agent [John] Bradford shall Judge proper, as it will not answer to Delay. You will send me a List of all the Officers to these Ships as soon as compleat.<sup>2</sup>

Inclos'd are Capt. Manly's orders open for your perusal, do hurry them on as fast as possible. Inclosed you have some new regulations respecting Prizes. . . .

If any thing else be needful for the Ships, let me know by Express, if no other way, but I think I have sent you every thing necessary.

1. *Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society* (Boston, 1927), LX, 115-16.

2. Continental frigates *Boston* and *Hancock* outfitting in Boston harbor.

# RICHARD HENRY LEE TO THOMAS JEFFERSON<sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

Philadelphia 3d Novr 1776

. . . By every account from Lake Champlain whe [we] had reason to think ourselves in no danger on that water for this Campaign. Nor did Gen. Arnold seem to apprehend any until he was defeated by an enemy four times as strong as himself. This officer, fiery, hot, and impetuous, but without discretion, never thought of informing himself how the enemy went on, and he had no idea of retiring, when he saw them coming, tho so much superior to his force. Since his defeat our people evacuated Crown point, and joined their whole strength at Ticonderoga. We do not hear the enemy have thought proper to visit them there, and the Season must now stop operations on the Lake. on the borders of the Sound it has been a war of skirmishes, in which I think we have gained 5 or 6. Never was a Ship more mauled than a Frigate that lately attempted Fort Washington, she had 26 eighteen pounders thro her and most of the guns double shotted. . . .

Among the various difficulties that press our Country, I know of none greater than the want of Ships and Seamen - Perhaps a good basis for remedying the latter might be an alteration of the Act of Assembly for binding out Orphan & poor Children, and direct that, for some time at least, the whole of such children should be bound to the Sea. Without safe Ports to build ships in, and give protection to foreign Vessels, our trade must long languish. Would it not [b]e proper therefore, to make Portsmouth and Norfolk immediately as strong as Cannon can render them, by adding to the guns already there as many from York as will answer the purpo[se] Gen. [Adam] Stephen tells me that the works he laid out at Portsmouth will put (if properly gunned) that place in a state of security from any Sea force that can come against it. The Cannon are of no use at York, experience proving incontestibly, that Ships will pass any fort or Battery with ease, when favored by wind and tide. The quantity of seasoned timber said to be in the neighborhood of Norfolk would furnish a number of fine Vessels, whether for fighting or for commerce. I think the large Sea gallies that carry such a number of men for war and for the navigation part of the Vessel, are well contrived for the defence of our bay and for raising seamen quickly. I sent our Navy board a draught of the large gallies building here by order of Congress. It seems to me, that for the different purposes of battery and Ships our Country could well employ a thousand Cannon. How very important it is that the Cannon foundery on James river should be pushed on with all possible vigor and attention. . . . Let us have Can-

non, Small Arms, gunpowder, and industry; we shall be secure – But it is in vain to have good systems of Government, and good laws, if we are exposed to the ravage of the Sword, without means of resisting – This winter will be an age to us if rightly employed. Let us get strong in Vessels, Troops, and proper fortification in proper places. Let us import plenty of military stores, soldiers cloathing, and Sail cloth for tents, shipping &c[?] – I do not think our armed Vessels can be so well employed in any other business as in [?] two or three trips to the French & Dutch Islands for these necessaries, carrying Tobo & fine flour to purchase them. . . .

1. James Curtis Ballagh, ed., *The Letters of Richard Henry Lee* (New York, 1912), I, 222, 223–25. Hereafter cited as Ballagh, ed., *The Letters of Richard Henry Lee*.

#### CAPTAIN JOHN KILTY TO THE MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

Honored Sirs/

Baltimore November 3 1776

On friday Last [November 1] we finished heaving down the Scooner *Ninety Two* And yesterday I Called A Survy of Masters of Ships On her Standing Rigging they gave their Opinion that the Rigging was Suffiti[e]nt for A voige her fore Mast is bad I intend to get it Out tomorrow And Check it Or get A New One I intend to begin to Loade On tuesday next [November 5] the searsity of men to work is incredible As to Sailors there is not One to be got Mr [Thomas] Smith cannot Supply me with Any cordage but I believe Mr [William] Lux can furnish us with what we want, the *Resolution* has 20 hogsheds tobacco And 220 barrils flower in She will be Loaded this next week I Am Honrd Sirs [&c.]

John Kilty

1. Red Book, XVI, Md. Arch.

#### 4 Nov.

#### PROCEEDINGS AT FORT CUMBERLAND, NOVA SCOTIA <sup>1</sup>

[November 4]

On the 4th of Novr the Command boat was sent with Provisions to a small party which had been posted at Chepodia [Shepody] to interupt deserters and to cutt off their communication from Machias thro. the River Petiwtiak [Petitcodiac] to this Province. The People in the boat first discovered the Enemys being in the Country immediately return'd with an information which they received from the Inhabitants, that on the 25th Octr a Number of boats from the Westward with about Two hundd Men, includg near fifty Indians, Surrounded and took that Detachment of the Regiment and carried them to Machias.

The remainder of this body of the Enemy dividing themselves into three Divisions, two of which went to stop the Communication from Cumberland to Halifax, the other up the river Cocan [Cocagne] and Merimiche [Memramcook] to collect Indians and others

The Transport Sloop with our Winters provisions and Stores that arrived into this Harbour the 25th Octr under Convoy of the *Juno*, which soon after sailed got into Cumberland Creek, near the Garrison. A Night Guard was placed for her protection, and spies sent out in the Country to reconitre but they not returning about the time they were expected and hearing various reports of the Enemy from the Country People, the Guards were Augmented and the whole Garrison employ'd

to complete the Works, and put the fortification in as respectable a situation as time and circumstances would admit.

1. "Extract of a Journal. The Proceedings at Fort Cumberland on the Isthmus of Nova Scotia, during the late investment and attacks on the Fortress by the Rebels." PRO, Colonial Office, 217/53, 1-2, DAC Photocopy. Hereafter cited as Proceedings at Fort Cumberland, PRO, Colonial Office, 217/53, DAC Photocopy.

JOHN LANGDON TO JOHN HANCOCK <sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

Sir  
 Portsmouth 4 Novr 1776 –  
 The Letter from the Honle Marine Commee of the 9th Ultimo I received last week with the order on the Committee at Providence for the Cannon . . .

Immediately on my Receiving the order for Guns I dispatched Cap. [George] Wentworth for Providence with a Letter to Messrs Clarke & Nightingale who are of the [Providence] Committee & were for my haveing the Guns to forward as Soon as possible but as I had heard they had got the Guns on board "took care to make this Proviso" if the Guns could be had without injuring the Service this gives me pleasure as I find it Coincides with the Opinion of the Honle Committee as mentioned in their Letter which I've received Since by Cap Falconer, The answer I received was, that the Ships were Compleated & delivered to the Honle Stephen Hopkins Esqre who tho't the Guns could not be delivered without Injury to the Service; am very glad they have given such dispatch for the last six weeks to those Ships as to have them ready for Sea, Tho' I humbly conceive it has been of no small Assistance to the Dispatch by haveing most part of the Continental Fleet there this Season – Cap. [Nathaniel] Falconer has examined our Ship [*Raleigh*] & who is a Gentleman well acquainted with Maritime Matters to whom I beg leave to refer the Honle Committee as to her forwardness I should be very happy if the Guns could be forwarded, from Connecticut Philadelphia or out of the *Alfred* or *Columbus* if they are not to go to Sea soon as I am verry fearful we shall not have a hand left on board unless the Guns are forwarded soon & a prospect of the Ship's going to Sea, there being the Greatest Demand for Officers & Seamen to Man the Privateers; hardly week passes but more or less leave the Ship, tho' we keep the best look out possible to prevent them & some severely punished (who have been taken as Examples []) at least five Hundred Men have gone from this Town since last May who would have gone in the Ship if wanted had the Guns been ready –

Honle John Hancock Esqre  
 President of the Honle  
 Continental Marine Commee

1. John Langdon Letter Book, Captain J. G. M. Stone Private Collection, Annapolis.

CAPTAIN JOHN FOSTER WILLIAMS TO THE MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL <sup>1</sup>

[Boston, November 4]

I beg leave to Inform your Honours that I Sail'd in the State Sloop *Republick* from Nantasket on 9th Octor on A Cruze, meet with Nothing remarkable till the 12th. when Accidentally jibed on the Main boom & broke him off 6 feet from the Mast at the same time Carried away part of our Head peice. the Next

day got fitted & Main sail bent Again proceeded on our Cruze till the 14th in the Lattd. 40:0 Longde. 68:18 West spake a Schooner from Cape Nicholor Mole bound for Nova Scotia was taken by two Privateers & bound to Providence <sup>2</sup> we Altered our Course to the Eastward on the 19th saw a Brigantine standing to the Westward in Lattd. 39:39 Nth Longd 64:46 West Gave Chace but our Sloop proveing so Crank that we Could not carry sail, & Night Comeing on we lost sight of the Chase – on the 22d Lattd. 40:42 N Longd 61:28 Wt we took A Schooner from Anoplos [Annapolis Royal] bound to the West Indies Commanded by John Akins, put Onboard Saml Mayhew prize Master & Nine men, took Onboard the Capt & three of the crew & Orderd the Schooner to some port in this State. that night spake A Privateer Brigantine from Beverly Smith Comander.<sup>3</sup> on the 24th in Lattd. 42:58 N Longd 56:36 W we Took the Ship *Julias Ceaser*, Commanded by Ezariah Uzuld from London bound to Hallifax took the Capt & 22 Men Onboard & put Onboard the Ship my 2d Lieut. & 14 Men left Onboard the Ship 2 Gentlemen Passengers the Mate & 2 hands. the Sloop being in such A Shattered Condition & haveing so many Prisoners Onboard I thought It Expedient to put Away for Boston with my Prize & on the 31st it being Very dirty weather & Blowing hard lost sight of my Prize & in the Morning found our Main boom sprung. on the 3d Novr Arrived safe in Boston Harbour. Prisoners brought in with us are the Capt of the Ship, the Capt of the Schooner & twenty five men –

I beg leave to Represent to your Honrs. the true State of the Sloop *Republick* her boon [*sic*] carried away, one of the Chain plates broke, her sails & Rigging much shatter'd oweing to her Labouring much in A sea, togeather with her being Very Crank & A bad Sailing Vessel upon the Wind render her as I Humbly Conceive (without some Alteration) unfitt for the service of the State, but as it is my Opinion that she may be made a serviceable Vessel with proper Alterations I therefore pray your Honors to take the same into Consideration & Order such as your Honors shall think Necessary & as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

Jn<sup>o</sup> F Williams

[Endorsements]

In Council Novr 5th 1776 Read & thereupon Ordered that Moses Gill & Willm Phillips Esqrs with such as the Hon<sup>ble</sup> House may join be a Comittee to take the Above Representation of Said Jno F. Williams under Consideration & Report what is necessary to be done thereon relative to Said Sloop – Sent down for concurrence

John Avery Dpy Secy

In the House of Represent[ative]s Novr 6, 1776

Read & Concurred and Colo Orne Mr Drew & Mr Nye of Sandwich are joined  
T. Dalton Spkr pro Tem <sup>4</sup>

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 211, 119–20. Date is approximated and based on endorsement.
2. The schooner *Property* taken October 10, 1776 by the Rhode Island privateers, the sloop *Montgomery* and schooner *Eagle*. She was condemned as a legal prize on November 18, 1776, Admiralty Papers, vol. 9, R. I. Arch.
3. Elias Smith commanded the Massachusetts privateer *Washington*, commissioned October 3, 1776.
4. The committee found the *Republic* unfit, and recommended that the state “dispose of said Sloop for the most She will fetch, and that some more Suteable Vessell, be Procured for said Williams . . .,” Mass. Arch., vol. 211, 118, 121.

PETITION FOR COMMISSION FOR JOHN STEVENS TO COMMAND THE  
MASSACHUSETTS PRIVATEER SLOOP *Satisfaction*<sup>1</sup>

State of the Massachusetts Bay –

To the Honble the Council now setting in Watertown

The Petition of Tristram Dalton of Newbury, Joseph Russell, Joseph Barrel  
& Job Prince of Boston –

Humbly Sheweth –

That your Petitioners Owners of the Sloop *Satisfaction* burthen Ninety Tons, armed with fourteen Carriage Guns, four Pounders, twelve Swivels, Seven hundred Weight of Powder, with Shot in Proportion Navigated by one hundred Men, John Stevens Capt. Joseph Drinkwater 1st Lieut John Bartlett 2d Saml Brown Master – has on Board as Provisions, five Tons Bread Seventy Bls Beef & Pork – twenty Bushls Peas – Said Sloop is intended to cruise against the enemies of the united States –

Your Petitioners would therefore humbly Request your Honors to Comission said Sloop & Comander for the Purposes above mentioned & as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

John Stevens  
In behalf of the owners

Boston Novr 4t[h] 1776

[Endorsed] In Council Novr 9t 1776 Read & Ordered that the Prayer of the Above Petition be granted and a Comission be issued out to the Above named Comander he complying with the Resolves of the Congress –

John Avery Dpy Secy

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 166, 15.

CAPTAIN STEPHEN MASCOLL TO NATHAN CUSHING<sup>1</sup>

Massachusetts Bay	}	To the Honble Nathan Cushing Esqr Judge of the Mari- time Court for the southern District –
Southern District		

Be it remembred that on the fourth day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Six – Stephen Mascoll Commander of the Private armed Commissioned Schooner calld the *General Putnam* & the Officers marines & mariners on board the same the owners thereof & all Concernd therein claims a Large Part of the Ship *Betsey* her Cargo & appurtenances against which a Libel is filed in sd Court in behalf of Thomas Nicolson commander of the Private Armed Commissioned Sloop called the *America* & the truth of the facts Containd in said Libel is to be Tried in Sd Court on the Second Tuesday of November Currant & the said Mascoll says he & his Company in sd Schooner & sd Nicolson and his Company in sd Sloop at the time & for the Causes set forth in said Libel did jointly take said Ship in manner aforesaid Wherefore he prays the same Ship her Cargo & appurtenances may be decreed to be forfeited and such Part thereof assignd to the Claimant for his own use and the use of Others Concernd therein as the Law directs –

A True Copy  
attest Bartlett LeBaron Regr

Stephen Mascoll.

1. FDRL.

LIBEL FILED IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT ADMIRALTY COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
 AGAINST THE PRIZE BRIGANTINE  
*Henry and Ann*<sup>1</sup>

State of the Massachusetts Bay, }  
 Maritime Court, Eastern District } To all whom it may concern.

A Libel is filed before me, in Behalf of this State, and the Officers, Marines and Mariners on board the armed Brigantine *Massachusetts*, against the Brigantine *Henry and Ann*, Robert Farra late Master, her Cargo and Appurtenances said to be in the Service of the Enemies of the United States, and taken and brought into said Eastern District. And for the Trial of the Justice of the said Capture, a Maritime Court will be held at Pownalboro', East Precinct, on Thursday the 14th Day of November, 1776; when all Persons that are any Way concerned in said Brigantine may appear and shew Cause, if any they have, why said Brigantine, her Appurtenances and Cargo, should not be condemned

Tim'y: Langdon, Judge of said Court.

1. *Boston Gazette*, November 4, 1776. Libels were also filed this date against the schooner *White Oak* and *Sally* taken by the privateer sloop *Putnam* of Falmouth, Maine.

*Boston Gazette*, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1776

Boston, November 4.

The beginning of last week arriv'd at Dartmouth, a vessel from St. Eustatia, in 17 Days, with 6 & 9 pound cannon, duck, &c. &c. The master of which says, that the governor told him that by the time he sailed War would be declar'd in France against England.

We have certain Advice, That a Vessel in the Service of the United States, arrived at a safe Port last Week from Nantz, in France, with 3000 Stands of Arms, 300 Barrels of Powder, 100 Boxes of Tin, &c. &c.

Last Evening returned here from one Month's Cruis[s]e, Capt. [John Foster] Williams in a Sloop belonging to this State; in which Time he took the Ship *Julius Caesar*, of about 400 Tons Burthen, Capt. Azariah Uz[a]ld, mounting 10 Carriage Guns, besides Swivels, and had 25 Men. She was bound from London for Halifax, laden with some Woolens, Linens, Provisions &c, the Amount of her Cargo is said to be about 11,000 Sterl. and may be hourly expected as she was [left but 2] or 3 Days ago. — Also a Schooner, Atkins, Master, bound from Annapolis [Royal] for the West Indies, laden chiefly with Fish, which is also soon expected.

We hear from the Eastward, that on Friday the 20th of September last, a number of persons belonging to the private armed schooner *Hannah and Molly*, Agreen Crabtree master, went into the port of Liverpool, in Nova-Scotia government, and crossed by land 'till they came within call of a large ship of 500 tons, mounting 4 carriage guns, 4 cohorns, and 4 swivels, the leader of the party hailed the ship and desired them to send the boat on shore; accordingly the mate came with the boat: The privateers-men got into her, went on board the ship and took her — They brought the guns to bear upon a brig loaded for England, and ordered the master of the brig to come along side the ship, with the brig —



They then striped the ship of every thing valuable, and put the effects on board the brig, and let the ship go on shore, and came off with the brig. The same crew also, at the same time took two schooners and a sloop; the schooner and sloop have arrived, but the brig had not arrived in port the 6th of October, so that we fear she is retaken. The Captain of the privateer was so careful as to put all the guns and cannon, with a quantity of powder on board his own privateer, so that they have arrived safe. The schooner and sloop had nails, fish and a number of valuable articles on board.

Wanted Immediately  
A Surgeon for the Sloop *Rover*.

Any one meaning to make his Fortune in a short Time, may have an opportunity by applying to Capt. Abijah Boden, at Marblehead, or to any [illegible] of the Owners of said Sloop in Salem. Salem, Nov. 2, 1776.

Deserted from the Brigantine *Independence*, Simeon Samson, Commander, in the Service of this State; the following Persons viz.

Joseph Freeman, Herman Myrick, John Pasara, a Portuguese; of Eastham – Nathan Figuras, an Indian; of Sandwich – Seth Autnett of Hingham – James Boldige, Stotenhams; passes by the name of John Goodwill – Jonathan Elmer, Hingham, – John Thompson, Great-Britain – William Heapout – Nathan Bryant, Plymouth – Hezekiah Repley, Hingham.

Whoever will apprehend the said Deserters, or any or either of them, shall receive for each that shall be apprehended and delivered on board said Brigantine, or committed to Plymouth Goal, the Sum of Forty eight Shillings, from the said Simeon Samson, or James Warren.

CLAIM OF RICHARD DERBY TO THE PRIZE BRIGANTINE *Kingston Packet* AND  
CARGO <sup>1</sup>

State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations	}	To the Honble John Foster Esqr Judge of the Court of Justice erected for the Trial of Prizes in and through- out said State.
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Be it remembered that on the fourth Day of Novr, AD 1776, Richard Derby Esqr by Francis Dana his Attorney comes into Court and claims the Brigantine *Kingston Packet* with her apparel Boats and appurten[ances] together with Two Hundred Quintles of Dry Fish and Thirty five Barrels of pickled Fish or Mackrel part of her Cargo against which a Libel is filed in said Court by Esek Hopkins Esqr in behalf of himself and others as is set forth therein and saith that said Brigantine Dry Fish Pickled Fish or Mackrel are his property and were so at the time of their Capture – Wherefore he prays the same may not be adjudged forfeit but be restored to him as to Law and Justice appertaineth

Francis Dana <sup>2</sup>

1. Revolutionary War Prize Cases, No. 6, Court of Appeals, 1776–1787, NA.

2. *Kingston Packet* and cargo were condemned as legal prize this date. Dana appealed to Congress, and the appeal is endorsed: "Decree below reversed Sepr 8, 1777," Revolutionary War Prize Cases, No. 6, Court of Appeals, 1776–1787, NA.

DR. JOHN BARTLETT TO COMMODORE ESEK HOPKINS <sup>1</sup>

Sr

Newport Novr 4th 1776 –

The General Assembly of this State have ordered that the House at present made use of as an Hospital be immediately cleared. I have at present under my care upwards of twenty Sick men [be]longing to the Fleet. I know not what to do with them without some further order. I should think it would be best to take up some suitable building to lodge them in, and furnish it with such utensils as should be tho't necessary and take care of them all together. The present expence would be less than to lodge them at private houses and many inconveniencies be avoided, Whatever furniture is provided now will be ready for any that may have the like occasion hereafter. However, I submit the whole affair to your superior judgement but beg your Order in the present case.

I should be proud to be employed by you in taking care of any of your Fleet that may at any time or place be so unhappy as to require the assistance of a Surgeon or Physician. I am sr with due respect [&c.]

John Bartlett

To Admiral Hopkins

1. Hopkins Papers, RIHS.

MEMOIRS OF WILLIAM SMITH <sup>1</sup>

[Haverstraw] Monday 4 Novr. 1776

Reports from above that Mr. Carlton has retired back to the North End of the Lake, and from below that the Provincials have gained Advantages last Monday & Tuesday in several Skirmishes near White plains. . . . When [David] Waterbury was enlarged after the Action on the Lake Carlton told him Burgoyne was sick at Montreal – Perhaps this Event and the Season were the Cause of his being recalled & 'tis not improbable but that a Part of the Northern Army may leave Canada for a more active winter on the Sea Coasts of the Southern Provinces. There is an Expedition agt East Florida, from which [Charles] Lee was ordered to N York which may have contributed to this Diversion of the British Forces. The St. Lawrence is not ordinarily navigable after the middle of Novr. by which Time there is also Ice in Lake Champlain and Snow in Canada. If Provisions are short in that Country & the Clothing intercepted Burgoyne must leave it & it is very doubtful whether the late Discharge of the Prisoners was not owing to Scarcity, the Design of drawing off their Regular Troops & a Dread of the Fidelity of the French & the Influence of the Prisoners in the Course of the Winter.

1. William H. W. Sabine, ed., *Historical Memoirs from 12 July 1776 to 25 July 1778 of William Smith, Historian of the Province of New York, Member of the Governor's Council and last Chief Justice of that Province under the Crown* (New York, 1958), II, 33. Hereafter cited as Sabine, ed., *Memoirs of William Smith*.

*New-York Gazette*, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1776

New York, November 4.

Last Sunday Morning (October 27) was ushered in with a violent Cannonade from the Forts Constitution <sup>1</sup> and Washington, against the *Repulse* and *Pearl*

Frigates, who had advanced somewhat higher towards the Rebel Quarters, They fired near a hundred Shot; but providentially did no other Damage than breaking one Man's Leg by a Splinter on board the *Repulse*. The Frigates, having answered the Purpose of their Motion, which seems to have been to draw the Attention of the Rebels from some Manoeuvres of the Land Forces, returned to their former Stations. These Manoeuvres were, the marching of a Detachment of the King's Army stationed on [New] York Island towards the Rebel Lines, while the main Army on the Westchester Side made an Impression upon the Enemy, and took Possession of an advantageous Post with very little Loss.<sup>2</sup>

We are well informed, that Doctor Franklin, sailed for France from Philadelphia, on Sunday the 27th ult.<sup>3</sup>

1. Fort Lee.

2. The battle of White Plains.

3. Franklin sailed October 29 on board the Continental ship *Reprisal*.

VICE ADMIRAL RICHARD LORD HOWE TO COMMODORE WILLIAM HOTHAM <sup>1</sup>

*Eagle* [off New York] Monday Nov the 4th 1776

Dr Sir

10 O'Clock

The appointment you propose to make of the small Cruizers does not appear to be capable of more correctness for the present purpose. As the *Rose* will be in your Neighborhood when you move Westward, the *Carysford* may remain off of Hungerford for a protection to the small Cruizers, for a few days longer. But I believe I shall soon have occasion to employ Capt [Robert] Fanshaw in another manner. His Instructions for that purpose must be forwarded to him through the Sound; So that he must be watchful to keep in with the Land at times or anchor in the Bay occasionally, that he may not miss the Vessel that will be sent with his Orders.

I imagine it may be managed to furnish the Fuel Vessels with a regular Convoy, to conduct them Westward at stated times, when the small Cruizers can be set at liberty from their attendance on the Army.

When the state of things admit of moving the Victuallers &c. to Morrisina, or the station of the *Brune*, I do not see that you need be longer withdrawn from us. You will therefore then be pleased to leave the direction in the hands of Capt [James] Ferguson and return to us here. The *Kingsfisher* may remain with the *Brune* for the present. She will be in the way for further service that may offer.

The Bearer of your Letter mentions a Report of an Incursion of the Rebels to Long Island on the side of Hungerford. The mention of Cannon being brought over, renders the Story still less credible that I should otherwise have thought it, the stations of the *Niger* & *Senegal* considered. But if it is true, the Armed Vessels should be employed in concurrence with the *Carysfort* or the other Frigates on that part of the coast, to destroy the Vessels in which the Enemy have ventured over to the Long Island shore. I am Dr Sir [&c.]

Howe

1. Collection of Lord Hotham, Yorkshire (East Riding) County Record Office, England.

JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Sphinx*, CAPTAIN JAMES REID <sup>1</sup>

Novr 76                      Moord in New York River –  
 Monday 4                  Captn Anthony Hunt superceeded me I being appointed to  
    Command His Majestys Ship *Rose*.

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/922.

JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Perseus*, CAPTAIN GEORGE KEITH ELPHINSTONE <sup>1</sup>

November 1776              Sandy Hook N67: W Distce 82 Leags  
 Saturday 2d              (AM) Unbent the Foresail and Foretop mst Stayls being torn and  
    bent new Ones.  
    Fresh Gales and Squally.  
 Sunday 3d                  (AM) gave Chace to a Sail in the SW Quarter.  
    Fresh breezes and Cloudy.  
    at 9 (PM) left off Chace.  
 Monday 4th                  At 6 (AM) chaced to the Et ward. at 9 came up with do which  
    proved a Ship from Boston for Hispaniola – took charge of her.<sup>2</sup>

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/688.

2. Ship *Adventure*, Job Prince, master, Prince & Co., owners, with fish, staves, spermaceti candles and pine plank, Howe's Prize List, March 31, 1777, PRO, Admiralty, 1/487.

JOURNAL OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS <sup>1</sup>

[Philadelphia] Monday, November 4, 1776

It being represented that some of the marines in the barracks are sick,  
*Resolved*, That Doctr Rush be desired to take them under his care, and see  
 them properly provided for.

1. Ford, ed., *JCC*, VI, 920, 921.

MINUTES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

[Philadelphia] November 4th, 1776.

Commodore [Thomas] Seymour informed the Board that the Commanders of the Continental Vessels, the *Wasp* and the *Fly*, had received and detained divers Men belonging to the Armed Boats of this State, and declare their Intentions of receiving and detaining as many more of the said men as they shall be able to obtain; therefore,

*Resolved*, That Commodore Seymour be directed to apply to the Board of War, (or to the Marine Committee, if they are now Sitting,) and inform them of this Circumstance, And request an order for the return of the Men belonging to our Boats, which from the Justice of the request, this Board have the Strongest confidence will be immediately granted.

1. *Pennsylvania Colonial Records* (Philadelphia and Harrisburg, 1851–1852), X, 777–78.

MUSTER ROLL OF THE MARYLAND SHIP OF WAR *Defence*<sup>1</sup>A Compleat List of the Officers and Men on Board the Ship *Defence*

Capt Geo Cook Commander

[Baltimore]

Henry Auchenlick	1st Lieutt	James Hogan	ditto
John Burnell	2d Lieutt	Joseph Walpole	ditto
James Cordery	Master	James Gifford	ditto
John Hall	Mate	James Allen	ditto
Nathaniel Cooper	2d Mate	William Portis	ditto
Levin Langrel	3d Mate	Collin Brown	ditto
Peter Sharp	Midshipman	John Valiant	ditto
James Rownd	ditto	William Gaggan	ditto
Archibald Douglass	ditto	Dennis Larkens	ditto
William Carter	ditto	Thomas Howard	ditto
Francis Muir	Capt Clerk	William Herbert	ditto
John Wright	Quart Master	Christopher Short	ditto
James Falkner	ditto	Alexander Nicholson	ditto
Charles Chamberlane	ditto	David Primrose	ditto
Alexander Duffey	ditto	William King	ditto
Anthoney Hanson	Boatswain	John Knight	ditto
Benjamin Simpson	ditto Mate	John Crapper	ditto
John Barr	2nd ditto	Henry Carberry	ditto
James Hawkins	Yeoman	Joseph Jones	Ordinary
William Flemming	Coxswain		Seamn
John Berryman	Gunner	Hoshier Cole	ditto
Henry Ranford	Guns Mate	Henry Gilbert	ditto
William Piercey	Yeoman	Thomas Gilbert	ditto
James Arne	Quart Gunner.	Robert Fassitt	ditto
Matthew Murray	Armourer	Dennis Fooloe	ditto
George Rower	Mastr at Arms	Richard Sutton	ditto
James Greer	Armourr Mate	Patrick Cole	ditto
William Beauchamp	Carpenter	Charles Blunt	ditto
William Prince	Carp Mate	Daniel Nevin	ditto
Alexander		Robert Hope	ditto
Cummings	Carp Crew	Thomas Green	ditto
William Howard	ditto	James Barrey	ditto
Nathan Ross	ditto	John McIntyre	ditto
Joseph Dunbar	Cooper.	Samuel Woolf	ditto
Joseph Burge	Ships Stewart	James Bradford	ditto
Francis Jackquelin	Cabin Stewt	William Trott	ditto
James Gaggan	Cook.	Joshua Hozier	ditto
Francis Herbert	Able Seaman	Lane Surmon	ditto
James Hastey	ditto	James Collins	ditto

James Green	ditto	William Bishop	ditto
Thomas Moor	ditto	William Granthum	ditto
Abel Mason	ditto	John Chaise	ditto
Richard Cockey	ditto	Charles McNelus	ditto
Samuel Wilson	ditto	Simon Trainor	ditto
Joseph Dennis	ditto	William Askins	ditto
John McKinney	ditto	John Squib	ditto
Benjamin Thompson	ditto	William Judges	ditto
Jacob Sutton	ditto	John Power	ditto
John Vaughan	ditto	Benjamin Sutton	ditto
Abraham Strong	ditto	John Garvey	ditto
Moses Scott	ditto	Morgan Murphee	ditto
Timothy Kelley	ditto	James Codey	ditto
John Smyley	ditto	Conrad McGuire	ditto
Bassett Smith	ditto	John Grant	ditto
Robert McDonald	ditto	Bartholemew	
John Davis	Ships Taylor	Delorey	ditto
William Adair	Ships Barber	Thomas Crow	ditto
Thomas Buckley	boy	John Donavin	ditto
James Brown	boy	Moses Greer	ditto
Nathan Dorsey	Surgeon	Robert Wilmot	ditto
Samuel Church	Surg Mate	Henry Kerr	ditto
Francis Muir	Purser	William Porter	ditto
Garrett Brown	Capt Marines	John Lemmon	ditto
Thomas Walker	1st Lieutt	Edward Gibbens	ditto
Joseph Smith	2d Lieutt	William Sohon	ditto
William Morriss	3d Lieutt	James Armstrong	ditto
William Radford	Sergeant	John Wilson	ditto
Vachel Yates	ditto	William Huggard	ditto
Michael Craig	ditto	James McGill	ditto
William DeCoarsey	ditto	Philip Henley	ditto
William Matthews	Corporal	Walter Lemasters	ditto
Alexander Stanton	ditto	Barney McMarnes	ditto
Thomas Roberts	Drummer	William Davis	ditto
Ezekiel Disney	Marine	James Smith	ditto
Robert Conner	ditto	Clemment Tozier	Loblolly boy
Michael Conaway	ditto		

The above Officers & Men Enter'd

Septemr 19th 1776

The following enter'd

4th Novemr 1776

William Ayres                      Able Seaman

Marshall William              Ordy Sea

Martin Forts                      ditto

VERNON HEBB AND TIMOTHY BOWES TO THE MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

Gentlemen –

Leonard Town Novembr 4th 1776

Agreeable to the requisition of your Honble Board, We Examined, into the state and Condition of the Vessells drifted on Shore, or made Captures of from Lord Dunmores Fleet, and are of Opinion that of the following Vessells lying at Kitts Point (to wit) –

1 very large Pilot Boat

1 Schooner of about 1400 Bush[el]s Burthen

1 Sloop of about 2000 Bushs do wth some Rigging

The Sloop only in condition to be removed, And in order to do that, it will be necessary to send hands down with an Anchor & Cable – no hands to be hired here

At Cherry Fields –

1 Sloop about 1400 Bushs Burthen

1 Schooner of about 1200 Bushs do much repairs necessary before either can be removed,

If Gentln it should be the Opinion of your Board to have the Vessells which in our Judgment cannot be removed, without repairing – which we should not have relied on could we have procured any skilful Person to have examined them, disposed of We should be glad to receive your Instructions relative thereto as soon as convenient – We are Gentlmn [&c.]

Vernon Hebb Timothy Bowes

1. Red Book, XVI, Md. Arch.

# JOURNAL OF THE VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

[Williamsburg] Monday November 4th 1776 -

Resolved that Edward Ross Master of the Sloop *three Friends* lately arrived in James River from Curracoa be permitted to dispose of the remainder of his Cargo consisting of thirty Cases of Gin and one hundred and ten peices of Striped Linnen and that he be allowed to trade in this Commonwealth to the amount of his Cargo consisting of the aforementioned Articles and of fifteen hundred Bushells of Salt imported in the said Vessell which last Article was purchased this day by the Board for the use of the Publick at twelve shillings and six pence per Bushell and three pence as freight in conveying it up Rapahannock River Captain Ross produced a Manifest of the foregoing Cargo which he swore to and delivered in at the Board.

Resolved that William Taylor Master of the Sloop *Bold Defiance* lately arrived in James River from Turks Island be permitted to dispose of his Cargo consisting of two thousand four hundred Bushells of Salt and that he be permitted to trade in this Commonwealth to the amount of the said Cargo. Captain Taylor produced a Manifest which he swore to and delivered in at the Board.

1. McIlwaine, ed., *Journals of the Virginia Council*, I, 224, 225.

JOURNAL OF THE VIRGINIA NAVY BOARD <sup>1</sup>

[Williamsburg] Monday 4th November 1776.

Ordered that Mr Benjamin Powell deliver unto Capt Wright Westcott Two hundred two shilling Nails and one bag of Spanish Brown <sup>2</sup> for the use of the Sloop *Scorpion* –

Ordered that Robert Anderson deliver unto Capt Wright Westcott six Gallons of Linseed Oil for the use of the Sloop *Scorpion* –

Ordered that the keeper of the Public Store deliver unto Capt Wright Westcott one Compass, one Spie Glass, four sail Palms eighteen small Sail needles, eight Roping Ditto twelve pounds of White Lead, five hundred Pump nails five hundred Scupper Nails, four Horn Lanthorns three pieces of Light Duck, two Hammers, Twelve pounds whipping Twine, two half Minute Glass's & two Quarter Minute Glass's for the use of the Sloop *Scorpion*

Ordered that Capt Wright Westcott of the Sloop *Scorpion* deliver unto Capt John Harris four four pound Cannon for the use of the Brig *Musquetto*. –

Ordered that Mr Thomas Archer deliver unto Capt Wright Westcott two three pound Cannon and One hundred three pound Shott for the use of the Sloop *Scorpion*. –

1. Navy Board Journal, 99–100, VSL.

2. A pigment.

VIRGINIA NAVY BOARD TO CAPTAIN WILLIAM SKINNER, SLOOP *Congress* <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Williamsburg 4th Nov. 1776

Lieutenant Browne is order'd by this Board to repair with the Marines he has on board the *Congress* Sloop immediately to join his Company under Capt Ellison which you are to permit to accordingly, the Arms belonging to these Marines you are to keep on board 'till your return to York. By order of the Navy Board [&c.]

Geo. Webb 1st Comr P.T.

1. Navy Board Letter Book, VSL.

VIRGINIA ADMIRALTY COURT PROCEEDINGS IN THE TRIAL OF SLOOP *Vulcan* <sup>1</sup>

[Williamsburg] November the 4th 1776.

Present

William Holt and George Seaton Esqrs two of the Judges.

The Court was opened and the Marshal returned an Appraisement and Account of Sales of the Sloop *Vulcan* & Cargo together with an Account of the Charges attending both Trials which are ordered to be Recorded and of which Copies are hereunto annexed <sup>2</sup>

(A Copy) Signed  
Teste

Wm Holt George Seaton  
Will Russell Ck Curt

1. Revolutionary War Prize Cases, No. 5, Court of Appeals, 1776–1787, NA.

2. *Vulcan* and cargo were appraised at £1521 . . 4 . . 5 and account of sales totaled £1895 . . 3 . . 11½, Revolutionary War Prize Cases, No. 5, Court of Appeals, 1776–1787, NA.



JOURNAL OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA NAVY BOARD <sup>1</sup>

Navy Board [Charleston]  
Monday 4th.. November 1776.

The following Letter was }  
wrote to Capt. Pickering }

Navy Board Chas Town So Carolina

Captn. Thomas Pickering

4th Nover. 1776 –

The Commissioners of the Navy having received Intelligence that a Ship & Sloop belonging to the subjects of Great Britain are Loading at St Marys River which is guarded by two small Vessels from St Augustine You are without delay to proceed off the Port of Sunbury in Georgia where if no Pilot Boat should be off & the weather will permit send your Boat on Shore with an Officer to the Committee there to get a Pilot Acquainted with St. Marys River & Immediately proceed to the said River where You will endeavour to Take or Destroy the Cruizers & bring off the Vessels Loading provided they belong to the Subjects of Great Britain Ireland &c – in doing which it is apprehended You will Meet with no difficulty –

The following Letter was wrote to the Committee of Sunbury

To the Committee at Sunbury

Gentn –

Having received intelligence that two Vessells are Loading at St Marys Covered by Two small armed Vessels The Commissioners of the Navy have given directions to Captn Pickering of the Vessel of warr *Defence*, to Call off your Port & require Your assistance to obtain a Pilot for St Marys River which they will be glad that You will procure for him as speedily as Possible & render him any other service which he may require after which he has directions to Proceed to St. Marys River in quest of the cruisers and Vessels Loading –

By Order of the Navy Board

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Ordered That the Pilot Boat *Hibernia* be this day discharged from the Public Service –

1. Salley, ed., *South Carolina Navy Board*, 20.

JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Maidstone*, CAPTAIN ALAN GARDNER <sup>1</sup>

Novemr [1776]

Et end Tortuga SbE. 5 or 6 Ls

Monday 4

11 [A.M.] Gave Chace to two Sail to the Eastward ½ past TKd Ship

Do Wr [Fresh Breeze and cloudy] PM 1 Set studing Sails, ½ past Fired two Guns and brot to a Brig from Nantuket Bound to Cape Nichola <sup>2</sup> took out the Master. Sent a Mate and 10 Men to take Charge of her. Sent the Prize in Chace of a Sloop in Shore. Fired a Gun and brot to a french Snow.

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/572.

2. Brig *Yarmouth*, — Folger, master, with a cargo of lumber, fish and oil, Gayton's Prize List, February 26, 1778, PRO, Admiralty 1/240.



# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF NOVA SCOTIA<sup>1</sup>

Intelligence having been received that an Expedition is now forming in New England by raising an Army for the Invasion of this Province, and that for that purpose, Magazines of Provisions were already forming:— It was considered and Advised that Application be made to Sir George Collier Commander of the King's Ships in this Harbour, that he would dispatch such Men of War or Armed Vessels as he could spare, to the Rivers Kennebec, Penobscot and Passamaquoddy, to gain the best information, respecting such designs.—

1. Minutes of the Executive Council of Nova Scotia, January 2, 1775 to October 6, 1783, Public Archives of Nova Scotia, Halifax, N. S. Hereafter cited as Council Minutes, N. S. Arch.

Sir                                  Secys Office                  Halifax 5th November 1776

In consequence of Intelligence having been received of an Army raising in New England, with intention of invading this Province by Land, and that Magazines of Provisions were now forming for that end: It was this day consider'd in Council, and agreed that application be made to you; requesting that you would Order such of His Majesty's Ships or Armed Vessels, as shall be most fitt for the purpose to proceed to the River Kennebeck, Penobscot, & Passamaquoddy in order to get such intelligence as may be had, respecting preparations, which have been made, or are making for any such designs. I am &c

1. Dispatches and Letters of Governors, Lieutenant Governors, and Secretaries, Record Group 2, vol. 136, 241, N.S. Arch.

Dear Alderman Halifax, Nov. 5, 1776

As so many of his majesty's transports have scandalously given themselves up to the rebel pirates, in justice to Capt. Edward Carey, commander of his Majesty's hired transport *Newcastle Jane*, as well as Capt. Murdock M'Lean, who commanded 20 soldiers on board, I have the satisfaction to tell you, and you will oblige me if you will inform Mess. Coppingers, of Corke, who are his owners, that about 200 leagues from this port he was attacked in the evening by a rebel pirate, and after giving them what is due to all rebels, the pirate sheered off, and remained near them, to renew the engagement next morning; they bore down on the *Newcastle Jane* in the morning, and began the fight within 20 yards of each other; the action



Exportation without payg the Duty & So to reShip it for the London Market wch is the best, or sum Other On Our Accot & Resque & the Nt proceeds May be Negotiated by Bills of Exchg & whither the Policie of London would Admit Oil from a foreign Market we know not if this Could be done, & your Hous would Advance to the Value of the Oil till a return of remittance from London or where-ever it was sold, it would do, Your House Might be safe in the Advance As the Oil May be Insurd to Market of this you Will Consider & Write us emediatly as we have a large cargo of Oil by Us . . .

Vessels may be purchasd here on very reasonable Terms as there has been many Prizes sent in –

In the last pararaff of yrs of 16 Ulto you Say thus to “Acquaint Me with the Price of the Wa & if it is possable to find Grait Quantities in your States” Now what the Article is you Meand to Enquire after we dont know by the letters Wa, if you Meand Wax there is No large Qty to be got here . . .

1. Nicholas Brown Papers, JCBL.
2. Gideon Crawford commanded the brig *Happy Return*, which entered Providence from France, October 2, 1776, Account of Permissions granted by his Honor the Governor, Outward and Inward Entries, 1776–1787, R. I. Arch.
3. Avery commanded the schooner *Sally*, Account of Permissions granted by his Honor the Governor, Outward and Inward Entries, 1776–1787, R. I. Arch.

#### MINUTES OF THE NEW YORK COMMITTEE OF SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

[Fishkill] Tuesday Morning, Nov. 5th, 1776.

Mr. [Isaac] Roosevelt reported to the committee that Col. [Abraham] Brasher and himself had examined the muster rolls, account of sales and papers relative to the schooner *General Putnam*, and find that for want of proper papers and more full information it will be impracticable to settle with Thomas Quigl[e]y, the late lieutenant of that vessel, for the crew. Thereupon,

*Resolved and Ordered*, That John Imlay and Comfort Sands, Esquires, be and hereby are authorized and empowered to examine and settle accounts relative to the schooner *General Putnam*, and to settle with and discharge the crew of that vessel in the most frugal manner possible; and for that purpose that they be and hereby are authorized to apply the nett amount of sales of the vessels and appurtenances. That Comfort Sands, Esqr. be requested to take with him such papers, or extracts of papers, or accounts, from his own or the Treasurer's office, and to advance such sum of money as may be necessary for that purpose.

1. *Journals of the Provincial Congress, Provincial Convention, Committee of Safety and Council of Safety of the State of New-York, 1775–1776–1777* (Albany, 1842), I, 697. Hereafter cited as *New York Provincial Congress*.

#### MEMOIRS OF WILLIAM SMITH<sup>1</sup>

[Haverstraw] Wednesday [*sic* Tuesday] 5t Novr 1776

On Monday 3d [*sic* 4th] Inst. one of the Provincial Ships of War was launched at Poghcepsing & called the *Montgomery*. It is seen but too late that this was an ill advised Undertaking. The Ship is to be carried to the Creek at Esopus & the Expençe would have fitted Twenty Privateers out of N England

where the People are growing rich by Captures of trading Vessels daily brought into Port. Poor N York! To the general Foresight of the total Loss of Trade & her becoming by the Means of Hudson's River & her scanty Sea Coast, the Theatre of this unnatural War, is in a great Measure to be imputed the Backwardness of Multitudes in adopting the common Principles of the Continent—There were other Reasons for their dreading a Civil War, which I have often mentioned elsewhere, and among the Rest that of losing their Estates by the Claims of the New England Colonies was not the least.

1. Sabine, ed., *Memoirs of William Smith*, II, 33, 35–36.

JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Pearl*, CAPTAIN THOMAS WILKINSON <sup>1</sup>

November 1776                      At single Anchor in the No River [New York]  
 Tuesday 5                      Came up and Anchd here two Victualling Ships. The Carprs  
    as before  
    The first part Modte Breezes the middle and latter light Airs  
    & Varble PM at 3 Weigh'd and came to Sail. the *Joseph*  
    and *British Queen* in Company at ½ past the Rebels opened  
    their Batteries on us from both shores. at 5 running throw  
    the Shive de frise. they fired Cannister, Grape, and Musquet  
    shot at us we return'd Round & Grape Shot with Musquetry.  
    at ½ past 5 sent all our Boats to assist the *Joseph*. We  
    recd a number of shot in our Hull & several between Wind  
    & Water found the Ship to make at the rate of 5 inches p hour.  
    had the Major part of our running Rigging & a great part of our  
    lower Cut to pieces found Wm Brown, Seaman Kill'd & sev-  
    eral wounded. The Sails much torn our Mizen & Mizen top-  
    mast shatter'd & the Boats much damaged. at 6 Anchd about  
    ½ a Mile above Kings bridge with the Bt Bower in 8 fm water,  
    muddy bottom. Veered to ⅓ of a Cable as did the other  
    Ships.

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/674.

GOVERNOR MONTFORT BROWNE TO LORD GEORGE GERMAIN <sup>1</sup>

My Lord    New York November the 5th 1776

The begining of this year I did myself the honor of congratulating your Lordship upon your promotion to the American department, which Event I may truly say, has given universal Joy & satisfaction to all the friends of Government on this great Continent, since that period, I have experienced the most complicated scenes of distress that can be well imagined, which with the Circumstances attending the refusal of the Kings powder & stores to General [Thomas] Gages order, and the consequences attending the dismembering the Forts at New Providence, I will as briefly as possible endeavor to explain; – I must therefore request your Lordships patience and forbearance.

In the Month of July 1775, during my absence from my Government (on Account of my health), there arrived at New Providence His Majesty's ship of

war, the *Falcon* commanded by Captn Lindzie [John Linzee], with Two Transports to carry away the stores, Gunpowder, and Ordinance in his Majesty's Forts of said Islands, accompanied with a Letter from his Excellency Genl. Gage, signifying that certain intelligence had been received by him, of the intention of the Rebels in North America to seize & carry away all the Kings Powder & Stores; That in consequence John Brown Esqr. President of His Majesty's Council & then Commander in Chief of the said Islands, by & with the advice of His Majesty's Council, & on a petition & representation of the Inhabitants (that they would defend the said Stores against the Rebels) did absolutely refuse to deliver the same to Captain Lindzie, as by Copy of their petition & the minutes of council, already transmitted to your Lordship will more fully appear; – That on the 3d of March following an Armed force consisting of Two Ships of 30 Guns each, Two Brigs of 16, & a Schooner of 12 Guns, besides Two Large Armed Sloops, their Compliment in all, upwards of One Thousand men infested the Island of Providence, & a formal demand was immediatly made (by a certain rebel by name Hopkins, stiling himself Admiral and Commander in Chief of the Fleets of the United Colonys) in behalf of the Continental Congress of all the Kings powder & Stores; That upon the appearance of the said Fleet off the Harbour, I did without delay summon His Majesty's Council as also the Militia & all the inhabitants to assemble & defend the said Garrisons, according to their resolution & petition to the president as already mentioned; But finding the Majority of the Council rather Backward in their assistance, I did select and Join the principal inhabitants to the Council, in order to take the General Sence of the whole; And that upon proposing to them whether they would assist me to defend his Majesty's Fortresses & Stores, there appeared 14 against defending the same, to 10 for defending them; Considering then the eminent danger the powder was in, & finding that it was the visible opinion of the whole Community, that sending away the whole of it might enrage a disappointed enemy, & induce them to burn the Town, & commit other depredations, I immediatly determined to charter a vessel in order to Ship it, which was accomplished without a moments delay by Wm. Chambers a native of England, to whom great merit is due, as at my request he instantly Cast overboard a cargo of Lumber with which he was ready to sail to Jamaica, & was the only man in the Government that would have ventured at the risque of his Life and ship to carry it away, & he sailed at 2 O Clock in the morning of the 4th of March, notwithstanding the Rebel Fleet was off the harbour, and delivered the whole (162 Large Barrels) to His Excellency Governor Tonym at St. Augustine; – That a little after Day break the Rebels had taken possession and had made me a close prisoner at Fort Nassau, and put two Lieutts and Thirty two men to guard me in a place without food, water, bed, table, or chair, from whence I was soon after removed to the Government house for the better convenience of their officers & Men, who used at discretion all my wines & other Liquors as they did every thing else they had Occasion for; – That on the 10th day of March the Rebel Admiral sent a Number of His Sea Officers to conduct me on board his Ship, with orders to allow me but One Quarter of an hour to prepare myself for a voyage, but to what part of the world they did not themselves know; – this indulgence, I refused, adding, that I would receive no Compliments from a sett of Rebels, who

by breaking thro' a proclamation issued by their admiral upon his Landing, had forfeited every degree of Honor, faith, & Confidence, upon which I was seized, Collard, & Draged away like a felon to the Gallows in the presence of a Dear wife and an aged Aunt both near relations to the Earl of Dartmouth who were treated with such abuse, & such Language as certainly could not be equalled at Billingsgate, & tho' I was several days Wind bound in the harbour & within an hundred yards of the Government house, I was not permitted once to see my family; – O' tempore, O'mores; – as soon as Hopkins came on board I demanded the reason of my Confinement, & the Crime for which I was to be carried away, to which he answered, "for presuming to fire upon his Troops from Fort Montagu," but the principal & original motive was, for daring to send away the powder; – On the 21st we sailed accompanied by my Secy. Mr. Babbidge & Mr. Irving, the first imprisoned for being an Officer on half pay, & the latter for being a Mandamus Councillor in So. Carolina, & in our passage to New London we fell in with his Majesty's Ship the *Glasgow* of 20 Guns who fought the whole rebel fleet for upwards of one hour & three Quarters; as I was eye witness to every thing that passed do think it a Common Justice to declare Capt'n [Tyringham] Howe a brave & gallant officer, he killed & wounded above thirty of the rebels, among the former were Two Lieutts. & a master, among the Latter, the Rebel admiral's Son, & some Others; every wounded man died, I suppose on Acct. of the unskilfullness of their Surgeons, and the want of Cloaths & Other necessarys at their Hospital, Capt'n. Howe was very near sending the *Alfred* (the admiral's Ship) to the bottom, we received seven nine pounders between Wind and Water, & for three Days they could scarce gain upon the water She made, the fire at one time was so hot, that the rebels left their Guns; what a pitty it was Capt'n. [James] Wallace could not get out with the *Glasgow*; in such case the whole rebel fleet would have fallen into our hands; – the greatest mortification I had during the action was to see a fine spirited young man (an acting Lieutt. belonging to the *Bolton* bomb Brig, which the rebels took the Day before) Killed by my side in the Cockpit by a nine pounder, Hopkins was so disabled in this action that he was obliged to put into New London to refit from whence I was sent to Norwich, Lebanon, Windham & Hartford in Connecticut, & Lastly to Middletown where I did not experience the same hard usage I did at first, & at which place I remain'd till I was a few days ago exchanged, for that rebel, who calls himself Lord Sterling; I am much indebted to General Howe (with whom I had the honor to serve last war,) for this unexpected as well as distinguished mark of His favor and attention which I shall never forget; –

Before I conclude this long Letter for which I entreat your Lordships forgiveness, I beg leave to mention that the behaviour of the greater number of the Inhabitants of Bahama Islands both before & since the Rebels invested them, as also from the resolution of the Continental Congress forbidding any of their Privateers to make Captures of; or molest any of the trading vessels of that Colony, gives me the strongest reson to believe that the Rebels were invited by some of the principal inhabitants, and I beg Leave to add that I have been upon my arrival here credibly informed that the Rebel Privateers made use of the Island of [New] Providence as a harbour, & that Some of them had very Lately actually



chased the same Captain Chambers whom I have already mentioned to have carry'd the powder to St. Augustine, he is just now arrived here & has given me this information, I likewise understand, that these Rebels are aided & assisted by James Gould speaker of the assembly (who mutiny'd in Fort Nassau on the night of the 3d of March last & took Eighty of my militia from me at one time) Alexr Frazer a well known rebel, Thos Duncoun, Jer. Newton, John Kemp the Younger, Jno. Bedon – Adderly & others, as also Countenanced & encouraged by some of the members of His Majesty's Council, & officers of the Crown & Customs.

From the present wretched situation therefore of the Bahama Islands, I flatter myself that your Lordship will agree with me in Opinion that it would be highly imprudent for me to return to my Government during its present abandoned state, in which his Lordship the Admiral, as well as his good brother the General agree with me in Opinion; adding that it is for the present intirely out of their power to reinstate me; – I most heartily congratulate your Lordship on the success of His Majesty's Troops, and with expectation of receiving your commands by the first Opportunity to this place, I beg leave to Subscribe myself – My Lord

Your Lordships [&c.]

Montfort: Browne

P.S. It is necessary, in my own Vindication, to acquaint your Lordship, that the removal of the detachment of the 14th regiment by Genl Gage, & the two Sloops of War by Adml. Graves occasioned my falling an easy Prey to the rebels, for I had not even a sick man left behind.

[Endorsed] R. 30th December

1. PRO, Colonial Office, 23/23, 107–09.

VICE ADMIRAL RICHARD LORD HOWE TO COMMODORE WILLIAM HOTHAM <sup>1</sup>

D: Sir

*Eagle* Off New York Novr the 5, 1776

The Generals intention being to take his next supply of Provisions from Morisania with which he will have communication next Thursday, I think it necessary for you to move the Ships &c. with the Supplies, by the first opportunity to the *Brune's* Station. Capt [James] Ferguson thinks the best station for the ships will be just to the Westward of the Brothers. He will take with him two Pilots if they can be found in time to return with him from hence to his Ship, and will be ready to assist in placing the Ships as they arrive.

The desertion of Capt [Robert] Fanshaws Men is a very unfortunate Circumstance: particularly if it is attended with that of his Boat also. Not knowing how we shall be able to replace one or the other, except by some Landsmen which came out in these last Ships, and no way fitt to be used for present Service.

The mistake in my Letter has been as you have supposed. Not from hurry of business I must confess, but really from the repeated interruptions I met with from people coming upon one trifling matter or another, all the morning: So that I could only write three lines in the letter together. And I fear you found it writ without any connection, & scarce intelligible.

Unless from information you have since heard concerning the reported Landing about Huntington, the *Carysfort* may remain in her present station until I see what can be done about Men for her. If she will, on the contrary, be useful by appearing on that more eastern part of the coast, from such Intelligence received, she may move Eastward for the interim, and return to her present station again in about 5 days or a Week as circumstances suit. I am Dr Sr [&c.]

Howe

1. Collection of Lord Hotham, Yorkshire (East Riding) County Record Office, England.

#### JAMES LOVELL TO CAPTAIN THOMAS PROCTOR <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Jersies Novr 5th

I left Capt Francis Procter, yr Brother on Board the Prison Ship *Glasgow* in New York Harbour the 3d of this month.<sup>2</sup> He is in good Health, has some Encouragement of being speedily exchanged, but hopes his Friends will exert themselves to bring about that desirable Event as much as if he had not received any Hints about it, for he fears those Hints are only to amuse him. He has once wrote and he now earnestly wishes that Proof may be sent to Genl Washington of his having had a regular Discharge from the Irish Artilery and consequently that he is not a Deserter as is sometimes thrown in his Teeth.

I have been his Fellow Prisoner for Months at Halifax where has has fared hardly but greatly better than when under the Controul of Capt [James] Montague who seemed to aim at his Life.

I will be more particular by another Oppy if I catch one in my Hurry Please to inform the Friends of his Corporal Jer: Low of Fredericksburg that Low is with Capt Procter in Health. He served to a Sadler in Philada & enlisted there.

I am yr Friend tho unknown

James Lovell

Capt Thomas Procter or

Mr John Henderson in Philada

1. Papers CC (Letters addressed to Congress), 78, XIV, 93, NA.

2. Francis Procter was taken by H. M. S. *Syren* in March 1776. See Volume 4.

#### MINUTES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

[Philadelphia] November 5th, 1776.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay [Lieutenant] John Thompson for Water Casks, Harness Tubs & Mess Tubs, &ca., for the Armed Boat *Convention*.

1. *Pennsylvania Colonial Records*, X, 778.

#### GEORGE WELLS TO THE MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

Gentlemen

Baltimore Novr 5th 1776

Captain [John] Martin has been Speaking to me about Lengthening the Brig *Friendship*, Which I think I can doe Captain Martin Will acquaint You With the time &c If Youll agree to have the Brig done, Id be obliged to You to Send me per Captain Martin four hundred Pounds. Please to let me know by return of the

Capt How the Row Galley is to be masted, as I cant provide the Spaars, Untill I have Yr Orders – I am gentlemen With great respect [&c.]

George Wells <sup>2</sup>

1. Red Book, XVI, Md. Arch.

2. The Council urged Captain Martin to ready for sea, and rejected the suggestion that the *Friendship* be lengthened, Council of Safety Letter Book, No. 2, Md. Arch.

### JOURNAL OF THE MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

[Annapolis] Tuesday, November 5th 1776

Ordered That Captain Thomas Walker deliver to Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Milne all their Cloaths, and wearing apparel,<sup>2</sup> taking care to detain all such goods, for which Bills of Lading have been Signed, 'till the further order of the Council of Safety, or Court of Admiralty of this State.

1. Council of Safety Journal, 29 August 1775 to 20 March 1777, Md. Arch.

2. Passengers on board the prize sloop *Daniel*, taken by the Maryland state ship *Defence*.

### JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL COUNCIL OF WEST FLORIDA <sup>1</sup>

At a Council held in the Council Chamber at Pensacola the 5th day of November 1776 –

His Excellency the Governor then acquainted the board that He had received also a Message from Lt Coll [William] Stiell by Captn Johnstone of the Royal Artillery importing that He thought it would be Expedient to have the Several Guns & timber which Still remain at Rose Island – Tartar Point, and the Red Clifts brought up to Pensacola for the Use of the fort, Upon which He had made application by Letter to Captain Thomas Davey of the *Diligence* sloop of War for his Boats & Men to assist in this Service and had recd the following Letter in answer thereto –

*Diligence* Pensacola Harbour

1st November 1776 –

Sir

Agreeable to your Excellency's request I will Order Lieutenant Cobb with His Majesty's Sloop under His Command to proceed to Rose Island to give Every assistance in his power to bring up here Such Cannon and other Stores as may be wanted for His Majesty's Service – I will also Send an Officer and a Party of Men from the *Diligence* that the Service may be Carried on with the Greatest Dispatch

I must beg leave to Observe to Your Excellency that it is the Custom in the Naval Service to pay Such Men as are Employed on extra Duty a Shilling a Day and the Officers a Crown I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Thomas Davey

His Excellency Peter Chester Esquire &c –

Whereupon His Excellency desired the advice of the Board upon the propriety of paying the Officers and Men from the Navy to be Employed on this duty the Sums mentioned in Captn Davey's Letter which he Supposed might be the Custom in time of Peace but did not appear So proper at this Critical Juncture. The

Board gave it as their Opinion that it was very necessary that the Guns and Timber should be brought up to Pensacola with all the dispatch possible And that Captain Davey's assisting Hands Should be paid the Rates mentioned in his Said Letter as it appeared to be the Customary Wages allowed on Such Extra Duty – And recommended that the Same Should be paid by His Excellency –

1. PRO, Colonial Office, 5/634, Part II, 397, 399–400, LC Photocopy.

“EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM WILLIAM MILLER, MASTER OF THE SHIP  
*Caesar*, DATED KINGSTON, IN JAMAICA, NOV. 5 [1776], TO  
ROBERT GORDON, ESQ. AT BRISTOL”<sup>1</sup>

We arrived here yesterday, after a passage of 25 days, from Newfoundland. On the 12th of October, in lat. 30.43. long. 59. at one p.m. fell in with an American privateer of ten carriage guns, who fired a shot at us, but shewed no colours, and immediately afterwards she fired a second shot; we hoisted our colours, and gave him a shot from one of our stern chase, having hoisted two of our guns on the quarter-deck for that purpose, at the same time making all the sail we could, the privateer coming up but slowly, and keeping a constant firing with her two bow guns, which we returned as fast as possible. We thought she intended to board us; upon which we got all our guns over to the lee side, and gave them all at once, which made her heave about to repair her rigging for a few minutes, and then gave chase again, but night coming on we altered our course, and saw her no more. Wm. Miller.

1. *London Chronicle*, January 11 to January 14, 1777.

VAN BIBBER & HARRISON TO ROBERT TOWNSEND HOOE & Co., BALTIMORE<sup>1</sup>

Gentlemen

St Eustatia 5th November 1776

Inclosed you have Invoice and Bill of Loading for one Hundred and Sixty half Barrels Gun powder Quantity Lbs 5300 on the Proper accot and risque of the State of Maryland – Our Mr Harrison is dispatching Capt [Thomas] Conway from Martinique with a verry Valuable Cargoe. I hope she has Sailed or about Sailing at this time. We have just made a large Purchase here of Some Woolens, Musketts, and Gun flints which we shall ship in the first of the Councils Vessells that may arrive here. We cautioned you and the Council some time past agt sending your Vessells to this Island, thinking it the most dangerous and difficult to get into, which we are since sorry for, as it has proved less here than to any other Island and for the future Advise you to send all your Vessells here for su[ndr]y reasons Vizt This is allways the best Markett for our Produce, particularly Tobacco which is now rising fast, all our Purchases are Made here and Freight paid from this to Martini[que] for all the goods shipped from there and most of the Cargoes is sent from Martini[que] here to be sold and verry high Freight paid on them, that on the whole this is the best place by farr and grows less difficult to Transact here, as the Dutch have discover'd that their Laws when put in force must ruin their Merchants – I am on the best terms with his Excellency the Governour and have his word and Promise relative to some Particulars that gives me great Satisfaction and puts much in our Powers – I was not so happy

some time agoe and every bad Consequence to apprehend on our new Governours taking the Command, but we are as well fixed with him now as we were with the former – We are very largely Indebted here on accot of the State many sums now due and many lately Contracted that will of course be due shortly We are doing all in our power to serve our Country and hope they will not let our Credit suffer – We are Gentlemen [&c.]

Van Bibber & Harrison

Copy

1. Red Book, XVI, Md. Arch.

6 Nov.

JOURNAL OF LIEUTENANT WILLIAM DIGBY <sup>1</sup>

November 6. After a variety of weather, we made Point-au-faire. We had a strong gale of wind crossing over Cumberland-Bay, where we could not keep the shore without going six times the distance at least, & this short cut, if I can call it so, was near endangering many of our battows; near that we saw the wreck of the *Royal-Savage*, and had the rest of their fleet behaved as well as she did we should not have been so easily masters of the Lake. We found an Artillery man of ours who fell the 13th. him we buried.

1. Digby's Journal, BM.

SIR GEORGE COLLIER TO LIEUTENANT MICHAEL HYNDMAN, H. M. SLOOP  
*Albany* <sup>1</sup>

(A Copy)

His Majestys Lieut Governor and the Council of this Province have represented to me, that Intelligence has been received by them of a Rebel Army being now Assembling in New England, for the purpose of invading the Province of Nova Scotia, and that Magazines are now forming for that End.

You are therefore, hereby required and Directed to proceed immediately to Sea, with His Majesty's Sloop under your Command, taking with you the *Diligent* Armed Brig (whose Commander has directions to obey your Orders,) and make the best of your way to the several Rivers Kenebeck, Penobscot and Pasmaquody using your utmost care to procure Intelligence whether any Preparations are making for the above mentioned purpose, or any other respecting His Majesty's Service.

And in case of receiving any authentic Information which may appear necessary for the Governor, or myself to be acquainted with, You are to lose no Time to communicate it, by either proceeding yourself, or sending the *Diligent* Brig into Annapolis [Royal] and Dispatching an Express immediately from thence to this Place.

You are in that case, afterwards to take every Measure to impede and obstruct such Preparations, by destroying their Magazines, Boats, &c. employing the *Diligent* Brig for the same Purpose, and exerting your utmost Attention to distress the Rebels, and afford every Protection to His Majesty's faithful Subjects.

But if you shall be convinced that the Report of such intended Invasion is

groundless and without Foundation, you are nevertheless after visiting the before mentioned Rivers to proceed to Annapolis, and send an Express to the Governor, or myself, of the Intelligence you have procured, and then Cruize between Annapolis and Mount Desart till the 10th of December after which you are to return to this Port for further Orders.

You are at liberty if no Preparations are making by the Rebels in those Parts against this Province, to employ the *Diligent* in the manner that may appear to you most for the Advantage of the Kings Service, either by leaving Her at Annapolis, or by sending Her round to this Port as Convoy to such Vessels as may be bound to it; for doing which this shall be your Order.

Given on board His Majesty's Ship *Rainbow* in the  
Harbour of Halifax the 6th of November 1776

Geo: Collier

[Endorsed] No. 1 *Albany*

1. PRO, Admiralty 1/1611, 2, 12.

### MASTER'S LOG OF H. M. SLOOP *Hope*<sup>1</sup>

Remarks &c on Wednesdy the 6th Novr 1776

7 AM Let T-G-Sails, Saw a Sail in the SE Qr Chaced the Isl of Hope WBN 3 or 4 Miles, at 1/2 Past 9 fired one 4 Pdr Shoted at the Chace Brought to, Found hir to be the Snow *Lord Standley*, Tacken by the Rebels, took Pocesion and made Sail, at Noon Port M[u]tton Island NWBW 7 or 8 Leags Fresh Breezes & Hazy P[ri]se in Compy

1. PRO, Admiralty 52/1794.

### JOHN LANGDON TO WILLIAM WHIPPLE<sup>1</sup>

Dear Sir

Portsmo Novemr 6. – 1776 –

My being out of Town for sometime past must be the excuse for my not writing you ere this, your kind favour from Springfield I have received. It would have been of little Service if you had gone by the way of Providence, as the Guns cannot be had from there Cap. [Nathaniel] Falconer went from hence two Days since for Providence by him you'll be informed of all Matters from that Place – I've no prospect of Guns unless from Connecticut or Philadelphia; I understand that the Guns at Hartford, are ready for the Ship at Middletown which is not ready to receive them now if them were immediately ordered for me & another sett cast for her there, or sent from Philadelphia it would do pray mention this matter to the Honle Committee if they should order it would be best to send off immediately to Hartford and order the Guns to be halled to Boston and delivered to the Agent Cap. [John] Bradford for me from whence I may have them by Water the Guns for the Ship are those 26 Twelve Pounders, 6 sixes or fours twenty swivels. – For Mercy sake let something be done immediately or our Ship will never go to Sea, I do not expect to have one Man left in few days In short them want to be excused, as they have great offers every Day in the Privateering way there is scarce now one single man out of employ fit for Midship-

man Privateers every Day calling for Men – Pray let me have also an order to Enter Seaman from the Continental Troops, here, as they can be filled up out of the Country (that is if the Guns are ordered) I've received no Orders from the Honorable Secret Committee Relative to the Goods by [Thomas] Palmer please mention this least my Letters should have miscarried, which I wrote them –

I've now the pleasure to Inform you that the *McClary* Privateer Cap. [Robert] Parker got home few days since and has brought in here one fine River built Ship with five Hundred & odd Hogsheads Jamaica Rum Designed for Quebec for the Army there, there is one Hogshead Sterling old Stuff for Burgoine & one for Carlton this prize is worth at least 20,000 Lawful Money, also a Brigantine with about two Hundd Hogsheads Sugar and a Ship loaded with Mahogany these three prizes with the two small Schooners sent in before makes verry successful Cruise. –

I have begun to Load the Ship I bought have had the Carpenters to work ever since put in new hooks new Steps some new Ceiling new Top's some new Yards her Cargo will consi[s]t of about Twenty Thousand feet of Mahogany about thirty Masts & Bowsprits from 18 to 26 Inches compleatly hewed about Two Thousand Inches sparrs, about Thirty Thousand Oak Plank Plank measure as much pine about Thirty Thousand Staves white oak & red &c pray let me know if the Honle Committee see fit to take her by Charter or any other way they think best & what Goods they choose purchasd pray let me know this by return of Post as she will be ready to go in about three weeks pray be good enough to see that my Letters to the Honle Committee, are laid before them least the Hurry of Business should omit them, I've reason to believe that some of my Letters to the Honle Committee have miscarrd; as their Letter to me refers to mine to Mr [Josiah] Bartlett & does not mention mine to the Board which I wrote at the same time pray try to forward all these Matters by return of Post –

I went to Cambridge to the appeal of Lears [Tobias Lear's] case but the Court is adjourned to February & his property & Yettens [Hopley Yeaton's] laying Spoiling I wish if it can be done you'll get the sense of the House about that matter whether if we should loose it at Cambridge we may not apply to Congress for redress for it is an unheard of piece of Robbery not even to allow them their Adventures tho' they are americans and proved Friends to the Cause of America as any on the Continent. I hope the Congress will order the Cause before them or the Men will be totally Ruined<sup>2</sup> all are well of our Friends – God bless you –

With Friendship I am [&c.]

J. Langdon

P S please to Remember me to Mr Bartlett if he's there which I do not expect & also to Mr [Matthew] Thornton

1. John Langdon Letter Book, Captain J. G. M. Stone Private Collection, Annapolis.

2. Langdon had reference to captured ship *Polly*. See Langdon to Bartlett, September 28, Volume 6, 1031.

JOHN LANGDON TO CLARKE & NIGHTINGALE, PROVIDENCE<sup>1</sup>

Gentlemen

Portsmo Novemr 6. 1776

Your favour P Cap [George] Wentworth I received by which I find your Frigates are near ready for Sea. It was not the Intention of the Honle Continental

Committee to take the Guns from them Ship's if they were ready for Sea by any Means some time since I sent round my accot against your Frigates for Masts & Sparrs, to Mr Nicholas Brown amountg to £172.8.6¼ bringing down the River £1.10 more which had not been Charged as also my accot against Mr John Brown for supplies to Cap Jacobs in his Sloop amounting to £3.11/- all in Lawful money I shall take it verry kind if you'll be good enough to call on them for the money & send it to Boston to the care of Messrs Breck & Hammatt I don't expect to be at any expence for sending the money as I ought to receive it here free from Charge the Expences that may arise are to be paid to Mr <sup>2</sup> & charged to the Continent I am with Respect Your [&c.]

John Langdon

P.S Wee have had brou't in here within few Days by a Privateer belonging to few of us here, one Ship from Jamaica with 515 Hhds Rum a Brig with 200 Hhds Sugar and a Ship Loaded with Mahogany

1. John Langdon Letter Book, Captain J. G. M. Stone Private Collection, Annapolis.
2. Name omitted.

#### JOHN LANGDON TO JOHN HANCOCK <sup>1</sup>

Sr

Portsm Novr 6th 1776

The letter from the Honbl Committee of the 17th Ult by Cap [John] Roche, I Recd this day, and immediately Ordered one of my Master builders out of the Yard, with a Gang of Hands into the woods to Cut and procure Timber for the Vessell, which I am order'd to build,<sup>2</sup> - I should been very glad to have had the order little sooner, as it would have saved much Trouble and expence the Season being so far advanced. the hauling so bad, and the days so short. however shall pay my greatest Attention in giving every Dispatch in my power; I've a very Compleat Ship almost ready to Launch of the very Same Dementions which this must be of. (belongg to Private Concern,) the molds of which and many other matters will exactly do for this, which will save much time, and some expence - I observe the Honbl Committee, Intend her for a Brig but they will pardon me for Differing in Opinion, the Riging her a ship will be Attended with little or no more expence, [( ) and by far the best.] of which Cap. Roche when he came to Consider the Matter was fully Convinced, - This vessell will T[o]nage upwards of three hundred Tuns and if Rigged a Brigt her Mainmast main Topmast and Boom would be very Unwealdy and by no means answer for these seas; tho' it might Possibly do to the Southward in fine weather or, in Rivers. If the Honbl Committee should think proper to order her rigged a Ship they will please to Signify it in their next. - Cap. Roche will immediately set off to the furnices in Massachusetts, to Procure guns ball, and other Stores in which I fear shall have some Trouble; as every thing of that kind are extreemly Scarce, and of a most Extravigant price - all sorts of Rig[ging] Costs from £6 to 7£ pounds L my P Ct in short there is no price to any Stores for vessells - I shall make it my Study to do the business on the most frugal plan Possible

I Observe the Honbl Committee order the payment of this out of the [prize] money in my hands, which I shall make use of when Recd. the State of the Prizes at a Rough calculation are as follows, in Mr [Joshua] Wentworth's hands



for Ship *Susanna* which sold only for Three hundred and fifty pounds being very old and rotten, her Cargo porter and Sour grout, mostly spoiled – for Ship *Nelly Frigate* and Cargo of Mahogany which sold Low; on these are many Charges and high Portledge bills, so that not much is to be expected from them, when the Accts are made up: the Brig *Elizabeth* with dry goods Nothing, the Continent haveg given up their part to the Claimants. In my hands the Ship *Royal Exchange*, and Cargo which perhaps may Sell for Ten or Eleven thousand pounds L my the shot good for but little the Sale will be on Tuesday the 12th Instant – the Honbl Committee will please to Consider that I have Considerable sums to pay for the *Raleigh*, yet unpaid a Considerable Q[uan]tity of Provision to pack for her, as also for the ship which I am now to build the men to pay off that are on board, every three months keeping back one month's pay – least Desertion – many expences every day accru[n]g. –

From this state of Matters the Honbl Committee will form some Judgement of the Expenditure of the Monies Recd My last Draught on the Honbl Committee in favor of Colonal [William] Whipple, shall most Certainly want for use of the Frigate – I beg leave to Observe to the Honbl Committee, that in the Month of December, and Janry is the time for Cuting and hawling of Timber, therefore if any thing is to be done further in the buildg way, of any large ships &c it will be Necessary for Orders immedeately that the Materials may be got in the proper Season and be ready in the month of February when fine weather and long days are Coming on, to do the work in; this would Save great expence, to the Continent, and the timber much better. It is full one half the Trouble and Labour in geting the Timber and Materials in the yard – I am with the Greatest Respect [&c.]

John Langdon

The Honbl John Hancock Esqr

President of Marine Committee

1. John Langdon Letter Book, Captain J. G. M. Stone Private Collection, Annapolis.
2. Continental sloop of war *Ranger*.

JOHN LANGDON TO ROBERT MORRIS <sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

Sr

Portsmo Novr 6. 1776

Your favo'r of the 18th Ult P Capt [John] Roche, is now before me, to which I answer – It has given me much pleasure to Correspond with you on Publick Affairs, as I was always Certain, of all matters being Carried into execution (that fell within your Department,) with Effect. It now gives me great Satisfaction to have a Correspondence with you, or the House of Willing, Morris & Co[m]p[an]y on private business; – I think my self under Obligation to you for the good opinion you are pleased to Entertain of me and the Liberty you have given me of Speculating for so large a Sum of money. Depend on't I shall take hold of every Opertunity, (that may Turn up in this place) of Serveg you and the House of Cunningham Nesbit and Compy, in the Purchase of Prize goods,<sup>2</sup> – Nothing would make me happier than to have it in my power, to be Concern'd for one third as youv'e been kind enough to Mention; but when I tell you, that two thirds of My little fortune is now in the hands of Messrs Lane & Compy of London, and that which I have here, vested in parts of Private vessells of war, and Mer-

chantmen, will easily see that I should be wrong to Attempt it, not that Iv'e the least doubt but much might be Made, in this way (Common Accidents excepted) by men of large Capital You may Depend on't that whether I am Concern'd or not, (if you ch[oo]se to make Purchases) it shall be done on the best terms, and every Caution taken in my Power: and whatever Allowance you may think for doing the business, will give me full Satisfaction.

. . . the Oak plank you mention will not Suit the Westindia Market, by no means so well as pine I think the Ships may be had, tho the Rigg and Sails which perhaps some may want in part, will be extravagantly high, the men I beleive may be had tho high wages, – some of the Prize ships have been Sold very low, but they have been very old and wanted much Repairg those have been Sold at £500 to £7 or £800 – The ship which Ive mentiond with Jamaica Rum is Very good river built. Thorough repair last voyage which Cost £1500 Stg only the repairs upwards of two hundred Tons, the Ship with Mahogany old, one hundred and Sixty Tons, good ship, Carolina built. . . .

1. John Langdon Letter Book, Captain J. G. M. Stone Private Collection, Annapolis.

2. Morris made a similar proposal to John Bradford at Boston. Bradford to Morris, November 7, 1776, John Bradford Letter Book, LC.

#### MASTER'S LOG OF H.M.S. *Milford*<sup>1</sup>

Novr 1776

Cape Ann N 85d W Dist 8 Leags

Tuesday 5th

AM wore ship & stood to the Sowd – At 7 out all reefs the Main Topsail & out 2d Reefs the F, Topsail. At Noon in Compy with the Tender as before

Fresh Breezes & hazy Latter fresh breezes & clear. At ½ past 3 pm Saw a Strange Sail to the Westwd – Do Gave chase as did the Schooner. At 4 Thatchers Isld bore WbN Dista 4 or 5 miles Do tacked Ship & left off chace the Schooner still in Chace At 5 tack'd hoisted out the Cutter manned & armed her; the Master being the Officer in the Boat, went in pursuit of several Vessels in Shore At 10 Do he attacked 2 Schooners & 2 Sloops with small Arms & after an Attack of about an Hour & ½ he took one schooner & one Sloop, the Rebels run the o[the]r Schooner & Sloop on shore

The Enemy upon leaved [*sic*] the Schooner blew her up. the Sloop went to pieces upon the Rocks. At 11 joined the Ship with the prizes as did the Schooner wth her prize.

Wednesday 6th

At 7 AM brot to the M. T. Sail to the Mast, & brot the prize along Side. The people empld gettg wood & other Stores out of the prize

Little Wind & hazy Latter light Airs & Cloudy. At 1 pm burnt the prize At 6 Do in 2d Reef topsails & brot too the M. T. Sail to the Mast At 8 Do Wore & made Sail

1. PRO, Admiralty 52/1865.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT RELATIVE TO  
PRISONERS OF WAR<sup>1</sup>

The Committee of both Houses, appointed to consider what is proper to be done with those Prisoners brot into this State by armd Vessels, and others, who are not Prisoners of War;

Report the following Resolves,

Viz Resolvd that the Committee of Safety, Correspondance &c in the several Maritime Towns in this State do, as soon as may be, make a Return to the Council of all Prisoners that now are, or that may be, from time to time, bro't into their severall Towns, by any armd Vessel, or others; who are not Prisoners of war, and who shall not inlist into the Sea Service of any of the united American States, or on board any armed Vessel fitted out by private Adventurers: And that the Council be, and they hereby are impowred to remove all such Prisoners to such inland Towns, not laying on any public Post Road, as they shall think proper. –

And it is further resolvd, that the Selectmen of each Town, to which such Prisoners shall be destind be, and they hereby are impowred and directed to put out all such Prisoners, who are not able, and actually do not maintain themselves, to labour for their Support: and if any Prisoner, so put under the Care and Direction of the sd Select Men, by Order of Council, shall refuse to labour, the said Select Men shall make return thereof to the Council, who are hereby impowred to commit him or them to such Goals as they shall think proper, till their further Order. –

In Council Novr 6t 1776

Read & Sent down

John Avery Dpy Secy.

In the House of Represente Novr 7 1776

Read & accepted Sent up for Concurrence

T Dalton Spkr pro Tem

In Council Novr 7th 1776 –

Read, & Concurred –

John Avery Dpy Secy

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 211, 39.

RICHARD DERBY, JR., AGENT FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE BRIG *Tyrannicide*,  
TO FRANCIS DANA<sup>1</sup>

Sir

Boston 6 Novr 1776

I find Mr [William] Creed is about to make application to Councill for the Delivery of the Brigg *Betsey*, & Therefore pray Leave to Inform You that after the Tryall in the Maritime Court at Salem I had Determined not to Trouble my self any further about her, as there Did not appear to me on Tryall there was the Least probability of her being Condemned, but as the Captors were Clamorous & Noisy I Enterd my appeall, with an Intention to prosecute it further at the Supreme Court, but I assure you I have not the most Distant apprehension of

Succeeding, it will be an Expende of about £40 – the board will Act their pleasure  
I am Sir [&c.]

Rich<sup>d</sup> Derby Junr.

To The Honble Mr Dana Watertown  
[Endorsed] In Council Novr 8th 1776 –

Whereas there appears no prospect that the Brig *Betsy* with her Cargo or her Appurtenances lately taken By a Vessell belonging to this State<sup>2</sup> claimed by Mr. Creed & others and has been acquitted in a Tryal in the Maritime Court at Salem will be condemned on the Tryal on the Appeal, to the Sup[reme] Court, Therefore ordered that the agent for the middle district of this State, Be and he hereby is directed, not to enter or prosecute the said appeal so far as Respects the Interest of this State and He Signify to the Captors, or such as represent them, That if they are determind and Will prosecute the said appeal, so far as the Captors are Interested – they must do it entirely at their own Expende

Read & Accepted

John Avery Dpy Secy

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 166, 23. Dana was a member of the Massachusetts Council.
2. *Betsy* was taken by the Massachusetts state brig *Tyrannicide*. See Volume 6.

#### COMMODORE ESEK HOPKINS TO THOMAS CUSHING, BOSTON<sup>1</sup>

Sir

Providence November 6th, 1776 –

I receiv'd yours, and have enquired, and find that there is no light Duck onboard the Ship Captn Manly told you of – but there is a fourteen Inch Cable of about One Hundred & twenty or thirty fathom which has never been used though it has been onboard a Year – the Captn of the Ship tells me it was made in London and he thinks it a very good one – I spoke to Mr Tillinghast the Agent here and he says if it Suits you, You may have the Cable for the same Weight in other Rigging, or for what he gives for Rigging here, which is the extravagant Price of twenty dollars p hundd – but as the greatest part of it belongs to the Continent it is no great matter as to the price – If the Cable should Suit you please to write to Mr Daniel Tillinghast, as I shall go to Newport to morrow and perhaps to Sea before I return – I am with great Respect Sir [&c.]

E. H.

1. Hopkins Letter Book, RIHS. Cushing was agent for the Continental frigate *Hancock*, John Manley, commanding.

#### LIBELS FILED IN NEW HAVEN ADMIRALTY COURT<sup>1</sup>

A Libel being filed before me the subscriber, against six barrels of sugar, four barrels of coffee, four barrels cocoa, two bags of coffee, and two bales of cotton wool, and a number of muskets, part of the cargo of the schooner *Hiram*, bound from the West Indies to Cape-Ann, taken by the *Greyhound* frigate, a British ship of war, retaken by William Rogers, in the sloop *Montgomery*, and said articles by him brought into Milford, in New-Haven county. – Also against the cargo of the sloop *Mary*, Duncan Campbell, Master, from Halifax, bound to Sandy-Hook belonging to the subjects of the king of Great-Britain, taken by said Rogers in said sloop *Montgomery*, and said cargo brought into said Milford – Also against eleven

packs of whale bone, and twelve barrels of oil, and a number of muskets, part of the cargoes of the brigantines *Pembroke* and *Speedwell*, of Nantucket, taken by said Campbell [*sic* Archibald Dickson], in said ship *Greyhound*, retaken by said Rogers in said sloop *Montgomery*, and said goods brought into said Milford. The Court erected to try and condemn captures will be held at New Haven in New-Haven county, in the State House, on the second Wednesday of December next, at two of the clock in the afternoon, to try the justice of said captures; of which this notice is given, that the owners of said goods may appear and shew cause, if any they have, why said cargoes should not be condemned as lawful prize.

Elihu Chauncey, Judge.<sup>2</sup>

New Haven, Nov. 6th, 1776.

1. *Connecticut Journal*, November 13, 1776.

2. *Ibid.*, libels were also filed this date against sloops *Nancy* and *Charlotte* and ship *Crawford* taken by the *General Schuyler*, and against sloops *Princess Mary* and *Lilly* captured by an army detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Henry Beekman Livingston.

*Connecticut Journal*, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1776

New-Haven, November 6.

A few nights since, between 3 and 400 troops, from the State of Rhode Island, crossed the sound, and landed on Long-Island, near Setalket, where they engaged a party of the troops newly inlisted into Gen. Howe's army, commanded by one Smith; five or six of his men were killed in the action, and himself and 23 of his company made prisoners, who were brought off, with 75 excellent muskets. The prisoners are a motly herd, about one half of them being Negroes and Indians. Of the Rhode-Island troops, one was kill'd, and one wounded.

MINUTES OF THE NEW YORK COMMITTEE OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

[Fishkill] Wednesday, 9 ho. P M. Novr. 6, 1776.

Capt. Patrick Dennis's request for the advance of five hundred pounds on account of the vessels by him purchased, and the moneys he has advanced for the purpose of obstructing the navigation of the East river, was taken into consideration: Thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer of this State pay to Captain Patrick Dennis the sum of five hundred pounds, on account of the moneys that have become due him in pursuance of the directions for obstructing the East river navigation.

1. *New York Provincial Congress*, I, 705.

ROBERT HANSON HARRISON TO GOVERNOR JONATHAN TRUMBULL,<sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

White Plains Novemr 6th 1776

Sir By a letter from Majr General Greene who is stationed on the Jersey side of the North River his Excellency is informed, that six officers belonging to Privateers who had been taken by the Enemy and made their escape report that Seventy Sail of Transports and Ships have fallen down to Red Hook, having on board about three thousand Troops, and that their destination, as given out, is to Rhode Island. His Excellency supposing there is such an embarkation does not

apprehend that the expedition will be to the Eastward; he inclines to think that it will be to the Southward, and that some thing may be attempted there by way of a Winter's Campaign. However, he has thought proper to transmit the intelligence to you and Governor Cooke, that you may be on your guard, and have such precautions taken as may appear most likely to counteract their design in case they should attempt a descent . . .

1. Trumbull Papers, XXIX, Letter Book IV, 378, ConnSL.

JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Phoenix*, CAPTAIN HYDE PARKER, JR.<sup>1</sup>

November 1776	At Single Anchor in Tapan-Bay –
Tuesday 5th	Scrub'd Ship Between Wind and Water. Mode & thick hazy Wr at 4 PM discover'd Some Vessels and Whale Boats standing up the River under the Wtern Shore, made the Signal for the <i>Tryal</i> , <i>Howe</i> , & <i>Pembroke</i> to Chace at ½ pt fir'd 2 Guns & made the Signal for all Boats Man'd & Arm'd to Chace, the <i>Tartar</i> Weigh'd and drop'd up the River, made the Signal for the Parole at 10 PM one of our Cutters ret'd with the Loss of One Man Killed and one wounded,
Wednesday 6th	at 8 AM the <i>Pembroke</i> (and all the Boats) return'd and drop'd down the River, at 11 She fir'd a Gun & made the Signal for seeing the Kings Troops, The <i>Tartar</i> , <i>Tryal</i> , and <i>Howe</i> Galley at Anchor off Dreadfull Hook. – Light Breezes & hazy, Parole Signal and Guard Boats as usual

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/694.

JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Tartar*, CAPTAIN CORNTHWAITE OMMANNEY<sup>1</sup>

Nov 1776	At Single Anchor in the North River
Wednesday 6	Do [Light airs and hazy] Wr at 4 PM the Signal on board the <i>Phoenix</i> for all Boats Man'd and Arm'd and the <i>Tryal</i> and <i>Howe</i> Galleys Signl to Chace some Vessels in the NWt Weighed and came to sail Do the Schooner and Galley with the Boats came up with the Vessels and drove them on shore at 6 came too with the S Br in 6 fm and Veerd to ⅓ a Cable

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/972.

DIARY OF FREDERICK MACKENZIE<sup>1</sup>

[Long Island] 6th Novr The *Pearl*, Frigate, and two Navy Victuallers got under way about 3 o'Clock yesterday afternoon from their anchorage near Jones's house on The North River, and notwithstanding a very heavy fire from the Rebel Forts and Batteries on both sides, they got up as far as the mouth of Spikendevil Creek near Kingsbridge, without having received any apparent damage. They came to an anchor there, as the tide was spent. They are going with provisions for the three ships of War stationed higher up.

Four deserters came in this morning. They say but one shot struck the *Pearl*.

It is thought probable that the transports which are now ready in the harbour may be employed in conveying a considerable part of the Army up the North River towards Albany, in order to forward the operations of the Army under Genl Carleton, and assist in dispersing the Rebels opposed to him before the winter sets in. This does not appear impracticable. There is no danger of any Ice in the River till January, and it is navigable for transports and large vessels within 30 miles of Albany. The very appearance of an Army coming upon their backs, would probably oblige the Rebels to retire. Most persons however are of opinion that the fleet is destined for the Southward. Admiral Sir Peter Parker is to Command. The *Carcase Bomb* is ordered to go with it.

Many officers are still of opinion that the Expedition is intended against Rhode Island, as being the Best harbour for the Ships of War.

1. *Mackenzie's Diary*, I, 98,99.

CAPTAIN GEORGE KEITH ELPHINSTONE, R.N., TO VICE ADMIRAL RICHARD LORD HOWE <sup>1</sup>

Copy

*Perseus* at Sea the 6 of November 1776.

My Lord, I am honored with your Lordships Letter bearing date the 21st of October, accompanied with a representation from Mr Alexander Brown, late Master of the *Dinah* Victualling Brig <sup>2</sup> which Sailed from Spithead, under Convoy of the *Perseus*, and desiring my observations relative to his assertions.

In consequence, I need only refer your Lordship to my Journal for a full vindication of my conduct with regard to the *Dinah*, and the Convoy in general put under my protection. Or if your Lordship is of opinion that from the concise manner of keeping a Journal, the circumstances might appear more clearly from my Log-Book, where the observations are noted hourly, I will have the honor of transmitting a Copy: and it may perhaps convince your Lordship that had the Masters been as attentive to my Signals, as I was to the protection of their Vessels, the King's Service would have suffered less.

I will now beg your Lordships permission to enter into a few Circumstances which I flatter myself will remain unanswerable.

First; with regard to Mr Brown's observations on his Vessel, I do perfectly agree with him, and will venture to add she was unfit for any purpose except that of burning. Secondly – "he mentions, I kept company with the Fleet until the 16th of August:" from the time of my leaving St Helens to the time I joined the *Lark* which was the 12th of August, I placed the Ship on the *Dinah's* Lee-beam, distance a Cable's length; and my orders to the Officers were most positive to keep that position during the Night; this circumstance will lessen Mr Brown's merit in keeping company with the Fleet. Your Lordship will see the reason of my requesting Captain [Richard] Smith to take charge of the Convoy by the Letter I enclose.<sup>3</sup> It is also plain that the *Dinah* and *Burstwick* were never seen after eight o'clock in the Evening of the 13th of August; and that on the 14th, the Weather was foggy 'till Noon, at which time there were only 18 Ships in Company, which I with much difficulty collected; on the 15th I made the Signal to speak with the *Lark* evidently to concert measures for the protection of the Convoy;

and on the 16th (which is the day mentioned by Mr Brown for his having parted Company) it is beyond a doubt that I chased different Ships of the Convoy the whole day, fired a great many Shot at the offenders, rebuked the Masters &c. and with difficulty once more collected them. On the 18th I parted from the *Lark* and the *Snow* under her Convoy, consequently 17 remained under charge of the *Perseus*, not one of which was lost before our being driven on the Banks of Newfoundland, where we were dispersed by Gales of Wind and thick fogs.

I beg leave to conclude this tedious narrative by observing that it will ever be impossible for a single Ship to govern a Convoy, except where the Owners and Masters interests are concerned, which has not been the present case; and to assure your Lordship, that no one could have undertaken that Service with more zeal, and as far as my capacity permitted, I used every means for the preservation of the Fleet. I have the honor to be My Lord [&c.]

Geo: Keith Elphinstone

[Endorsed] No 2 In Lord Howe's No 25.

1. PRO, Admiralty 1/487.

2. See Master's Log of H. M. S. *Juno*, October 6, 1776, Volume 6, 1141-42.

3. See Elphinstone to Richard Smith, August 11, 1776, Volume 6, 149-50.

#### JOURNAL OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS <sup>1</sup>

[Philadelphia] Wednesday, November 6, 1776

The Marine Committee brought in a report, which was taken into consideration: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That three persons, well skilled in maritime affairs, be immediately appointed to execute the business of the navy, under the direction of the Marine Committee.

The ship *Lady Catharine*, George Ord, master, which was sent out last winter, being returned,

*Resolved*, That the Secret Committee be empowered and directed to settle the accounts of the voyage, and report in what manner the cargo imported is to be disposed of.

1. Ford, ed., *JCC*, VI, 928, 929, 930-31.

#### MINUTES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

[Philadelphia] November 6th, 1776.

*Resolved*, That Commodore Seymour be directed to send a vessel on board every Vessel passing from this Port through the Chevaux de Frize, with a proper officer to Inspect their Permits, & that said Vessels at all times be assisted by the Boats, &c., in the Service of this State (if required) in going through the Chevaux de Frize.

1. *Pennsylvania Colonial Records*, X, 779.

DIXON AND HUNTER'S *Virginia Gazette*, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1776

Baltimore, Nov. 6.

Last Monday arrived here, from Martinico, Capt. John Martin, in the brig



*Friendship*, mounting ten carriage guns, and forty men, belonging to this State, with a very valuable cargo, 3200 weight of gunpowder, two tierces of gun flints, 410 bushels of salt, a large quantity of osnabrugs, blankets, and a considerable quantity of saltpetre, brimstone, sailor's jackets, &c. likewise drugs and medicines. — With Captain Martin came passengers the following French Gentlemen, viz. Henri Dieu Donne Le Chevalier Drouant De Givricour, Captain Jean Andre, Jean Antoine Coutura, Jean Francois Tallaison, Francois Clinet Chirujien, Nicholas Tronc, Francois Pelletier — Cyrus Cooper merchant at Alexandria, and Daniel Tebbs of Virginia.

MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY TO JESSE HOLLINGSWORTH <sup>1</sup>

No 249

Sir

We are well satisfied that Mr [John] Gibbons is worthy the Trust to which you have recommended him, therefore have appointed him Captain of the *Friendship*, being confident that you would not recommend any man, that was not hearty in the cause of America — Pray push out all the vessels under your care as fast as possible — the sooner they get out of the Capes, the less danger from the Enemy, as we daily expect two Men of War will take their Station there — Salt up one hundred Barrels of Beef as Soon as you can and buy up 300 Bushels of Salt lately come in, the Council want a great Quantity more, but do not care to rob the people too much.

[Annapolis] Novr 6th 1776

1. Council of Safety Letter Book, No. 2, Md. Arch.

VIRGINIA NAVY BOARD TO CAPTAIN WALTER BROOKE <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Williamsburg Novr 6th, 1776

We have receiv'd your Letter of resignation and are very sorry your indisposition prevents your going the intended Voyage in your Vessel, we rely on your care and dispatch in preparing your Vessel for Sea agreeable to our last orders, and before her sailing we shall appoint some proper person to succeed you in the Command of her, the Bearer Captain Lilly <sup>2</sup> is in the greatest want of Seamen and we desire you will turn over to him all the Men you have more than will be necessary for your Vessel on the Voyage for which She is now fitting. You are not to carry more than eight Seamen, and whatever Officers besides the Captain. By order of the Navy Board [&c.]

Thomas Whiting 1st Comr

1. Navy Board Letter Book, VSL.

2. Lilly commanded the brig *Liberty*.

VIRGINIA NAVY BOARD TO CAPTAIN WILLIAM DEANE <sup>1</sup>

Capt Dean,

Williamsburg Novr 6th, 1776

You are to proceed with your Vessel immediately from Jamestown to Woods and when there apply to Mr Thomas Shore at Petersburg or his Agent at Hoods for a Cargo of Flour and Tobacco which You have an order on him for you are

to put your Vessel in the best manner for the reception and safe carrying the above Cargo to the West Indies. taking of the 20 Hhds and filling up with as many Barrels of Flour as your Vessel will safely stow, and when loaded return with out loss of time to James Town and apply to this Board for further instructions. I am by order of the Naval Board [&c.]

Thomas Whiting 1st Comr

To  
Capt Dean  
of the Schooner *Revenge* }

1. Navy Board Letter Book, VSL.

"A JOURNIEL KEPT BY EPHRAIM BRIGGS OBOURD OF THE GOOD SLOOP *Warren*  
A BOLD PRIVATEER A SECOND CRUIZE." <sup>1</sup>

Wednesday November the 6 Day 1776

Latter Part Wednesday the Wind at E. Six A Clock Spied A Sail Bearing E by S. stood to the ship knock'd About Wore ship stood to the Nothard We sot two Reaf'd Mai[n]sail Jib & Fouresail knock'd About stood to the Northard got Up our guns & swifoils very Tumbling After her hove out reafs stood After

First Part of these 24 hours the Wind at E. Blows Quick in Chace of A Ship Under Two Reaf'd Mainsail Jib & Fouresail stearing N. the Wind Hals to Eastward we hall the ship Fast Five A Clock got within gun Shot Fir'd Two guns at her hal'd Down the Jib took off Bonnet Sot the Jib Give Chace Again Within gun shot it grows Dark & squalley sot trysail it Blows A gale

1. RIHS.

"EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM PORT ROYAL, IN JAMAICA, DATED NOV. 6." <sup>1</sup>

The *Winchelsea* man of war has taken six prizes, and has brought them in here, three of them bound to Cape Nicholas, and three that were going in there, one a large brig, three schooners, and two sloops. What their cargoes consist of we at present do not know.

1. *London Chronicle*, December 26 to December 28, 1776.

7 Nov.

"A LETTER FROM QUEBEC, DATED NOV. 7, 1776" <sup>1</sup>

Last week arrived here the *Adamant*, from London, with General Carleton's Lady and sister, and other female passengers on board; passing the Island of Bicquet, in the River St. Lawrence, with a fair wind, and no Pilot to be got, by twelve o'clock at night, on Sunday fortnight, she, and another ship following her, got on a rock on the east end of Reed Island, by being deceived in the course by a large chart of that river: the *Adamant*, being a strong ship, beat over the rock, with the loss of both her anchors; but the other ship in company, loaded with wine and brandy, went all to pieces in an hour's time; the people were saved by the *Adamant*, who went back to Bicquet, and lay till a Pilot came from Quebec.

The General's Lady landed, and would not trust herself any further on the water, but took land-carriage for 70 or 80 miles over a bad road to Quebec.

1. *Whitehall Evening Post*, December 24 to December 26, 1776.

JOURNAL OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH GOREHAM<sup>1</sup>

[Fort Cumberland]

Thursday the 7th [November] Captain Baron prevailed on me to let the Command Boat go off at day light this Morning with Letters for the General, intrusting the Packett with a Corpl of the Regiment, well acquainted with the road to Halifax about 7 OClock in the Morning the thick Fog & Haize clear'd away, I discovered several Boats full of Men coming along Shore from Westcock, & the Merchant Schooner under way, just a head of them, Ordered to beat to Arms; detached Capt Grant & 50 Men to cover the Provision Sloop, which lay at the mouth of the Cumberland Creek; hauled one of the Cannon on the Parapet, there being no Embrasure cut, fired about twenty Shot, which fell rather short of the Enemys boats & the Schooner, which they had now possession of. Capt Grant returned, & confirmed our Suspicion that they had also taken the Provision Sloop, which they soon got under Sail, and out of reach of his Musquetry – this provision Sloop had a Serjeant & twelve Men on board at Night, as Guard, & had orders occasionally to help to unload, when the Tide at those times served –

Capt Barron the acting Engineer, the Revd Mr Eggleston, with a Corporal & six Men of the Command Boat, also some of the Working party, which had got on board this Morning were taken, as the Sloop was undoubtedly surprized, & got possession of by the Enemy during the Night Season. I Ordered a Nine pounder drawn down to the Dyke to fire on the Vessel, & the Boats, the Enemy then stood for the River Leplaneke, & run in that Creek – brought the Gun up again to the Fort, there being little or no Water in the Fort Well, got 13 Hoghds filled for extra Use & purchased a number of Cattle, to serve the Garrison, there being no Pork got from the Sloop, & only about 4 Months flour, & pease, the Rebels taking every thing also sent in the Sloop – but few Friends of Government, or Militia came in; one of the Regiment deserted to them last Evening & by the Intelligence from some of the Inhabitants, who have been with them, they say most of the Inhabitants of Westcock; Amherst & Joly Cour [Jolicoeur] &c, have joined the Rebels, who are between 4 or 5 hundred; two hundred took the provision Sloop, that they expect a number more from St John's & Machias &c, with Frigates & Cannon. – Sent off Lt Sharman, & Mr Sheller, & Farrell from Halifax & Cornwallis in a Birch Canoe for Windsor, but it turning out Leaky they came back

1. Proceedings at Fort Cumberland, PRO, Colonial Office, 217/52, DAC Photocopy.

CERTIFICATE OF HARMON BROCKHORN REGARDING SALE OF HALF SHARE  
IN FUTURE PRIZES<sup>1</sup>

Beverly Novr the 7th 1776

Know all Men By these Presants That I the Subscriber In Consideration of the Sum of Sixteen Dollars To Me in Hand Paid by Mr John Waters in Part for one

Half Shair of all The Prizes That May Be Taken Duering the Cruze of the Privateer Sloop called the *Revenge* whea[re]of Benjn Dean is Commisioned Commander and for the further Consideration of Twenty foer Dollers Moer To be Paid at the End of the Whole Cruze of the Said Sloop and theese Certify that I the Subscriber have Sold Bargaind and Convayd Unto the sd John Waters or his order the one half Shaer of My hole Shaer of all the Prizes that May be Taken duering the Hole Cruze of Said Sloop      Witness My Hand

Witnesses

pr      Harm Brockhorn

Tho<sup>s</sup> Sanders      Benja Waters

1. Miscellaneous Manuscripts, PM.

PETITION OF JOSIAH GODFREY TO THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT <sup>1</sup>

[Boston, November 7, 1776] <sup>2</sup>

The Petition of Josiah Godfrey Chief Pilot of the Sloop of War *Republic* Commanded by Capt Williams fitted out by this State.

Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner engaged in the Service of this State expecting as much Wages as is given to Pilots in the Continental Service, but thinking himself in danger of being deprived of that reward for his Service that he can obtain from others, and which others in his Capacity enjoy, begs leave to State facts to your Honors, not doubting but he shall have all that Justice done him, that the justness of his Cause deserves. Your petitioner engaged with Capt Williams upon his Encouragement to give him as much as those of his Station in the Continental Service, this was Strengthened by Colo [Jerathmeel] Bowers engaging to lay a petition before your Honors, in behalf of your petitioner that Capt Williams engagement might be fulfilled to him, but this by accident was not done; And your petitioner having had Several offers more Advantageous has kept this upon the above encouragement, Now your petitioner is left to the said Alternative either to go much under what others freely offer him, or quit the Service of this State dishonourably and the worthy Officers with whom he is now happily Connected. Your humble petitioner makes choice of the former, and leaves the Event to your Honors, praying your Honors to make good his Encouragements from Capt Williams which induced him to Engage in the Service, and to allow him as much as those in the Continental Service which is Six pounds P Month.

And as in duty bound shall ever pray

Josiah Godfrey

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 181, 299.

2. Date is approximated from location of petition in the source volume.

*Independent Chronicle*, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1776

Boston, November 7.

Last Friday [November 1] two Vessels arrived at Marblehead from Halifax, with 170 American Prisoners on board, who are to be exchanged for Men of equal Rank, now in our Possession. They inform that a Number of private Vessels are fitting out there, as Plunderers of American Property.

We have certain Advice, That a Vessel in the Service of the United States, arrived at a safe Port last Week, from Nantz, in France, with 3000 Stands of Arms, 300 Barrels of Powder, 100 Boxes of Tin, &c. &c.<sup>1</sup>

Last Lord's Day [November 3] returned here from one Month's Cruize, Capt. [John Foster] Williams in a Sloop belonging to this State; in which Time he took the Ship *Julius Caesar*, of about 400 Tons Burthen, Capt. Azariah Uzuld, mounting 10 Carriage Guns, besides Swivels, and had 25 Men. She was bound from London for Halifax, laden with some Woolens, Linnens, Provisions, &c. the Amount of her Cargo is said to be about 11,000 Sterl. — Also a Schooner — Atkins, Master, bound from Annapolis [Royal] for the West Indies, laden chiefly with Fish. The Ship arrived here last Tuesday, and the Schooner is soon expected.

Will be Sold at Auction, at the Store of Joseph Blaney, Esq; in Salem, The Cargo of the Brig *Mary and James*,<sup>2</sup> on Tuesday, 3d Day of December next, and to continue from Day to Day, until the Sale is compleated. The following Articles,

98 Pieces Coatings	14 Dozen Cane Heads
11 Pieces twill'd ditto	2 Dozen Sword-Hangers with Chains and Swivels
20 Pieces Bearskins	4 Dozen Cut-Steel Sword Hilts with Furniture
8 Pieces Broad-Cloths	36 Dozen Swivels for Swords
16 Pieces Narrow Plaids	125 Groce Shoe and Knee Chapes
4 Pieces Cotton Denims	22 Dozen Jappaned Salvers
32 Pieces Drawboys	2 Dozen Plated Spurs
138 Pieces printed and plain Velver[e]ts	12 Dozen Brass Handles and Furniture
99 Dozen Breeches Pieces	150 Dozen Cutto Knives
2 Pieces Sattinets	126 Dozen Table Knives and Forks
205 Pieces stampt Cotton and Linnen Handkerchiefs	675 Dozen sorted Penknives
110 Pieces Cotton and Silk ditto	96 Dozen Silver Capt Spear Knives
40 Groce Gartering	60 Dozen Raizors
68 Pieces Says	2 Dozen jappaned and plated Ink Stands
1000 Ditto	90 Groce sorted Rings
80 Ditto Ditto	35 Dozen Iron Snuffers
4000 Ditto Ditto	92 Dozen Carving Knives
400 Ditto best polished Steel Coat and Brest Ditto	24 Dozen Twitch Whips
900 Dozen sorted Shoe and Knee Buckles	[3]00 English Tanned Hides
60 Dozen Women's Scissars	8000 wt. Pepper
36 Dozen Tea Tongs	40 Hogsheads Allum
309 Dozen Women's Forks, hard metal	5 Barrels Lead Ashes
200 Dozen hard metal Table Spoons	2 Barrels Litharge
140 Dozen Watch Seals	85 Barrels Barr Tin
14 Dozen Ladies Watch Chains	A Quantity German Steel.

89 Pieces 6 qrs Lambskins	150 Dozen Tea Spoons
15 Pieces super 7-4 Ratteens	8 Dozen Ladies Pocket Books
16 Pieces twilled Flannels	64 Dozen Men's Ditto
45 Pieces fig. Lastings	370 Dozen Iron Snuff Boxes
124 Pieces Hairbines	30 Dozen Tweezers
186 Pieces Camblets	15 Dozen Pad Locks
5[0] Dozen Worsted Hose	3 Groce Silver Sleeve But- tons
680 Groce Coat Bindings	36 Dozen Necklaces
49 Rolls Paper Hangings	4 Hogsheads Cocoa
3600 Groce Coat and Breast [horn] Buttons common lacquered, white and yellow double washed Buttons common brass- eyed Ditto Ditto	30 Boxes Tin Plates
20 Dozen Children's Watches	20 Hogsheads Copperas
180 Groce sorted Sleeve But- tons	30 Tons Barr-Lead
	2 Barrels Red Lead
	6 Tons Braziletto
	1 Elegant musical Time Piece

Also, Raizor Cases, Pocket Knives, Steel Snuffers, plated Ink Pots, Desert Knives, Cases of Instruments, Nail Knippers, gilt Brasses, Images, japanned Tea Tryas, Watch Maker's Instruments, Beaver hats, Silver-plated Candlesticks, Jewellery, &c. &c. &c. The Sale to begin at X o'Clock, A. M.

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By Order of the Agent. On Thursday November 19th, 1776, At Ten in the Morning, Will be Sold by Public Auction, on the Long Wharf, in Salem, the Cargo of the Schooner *Kitty and Nancy*,<sup>3</sup> consisting of One Hundred and Forty-Hogsheads of Jamaica Fish, Thirty Two Barrels of Newfoundland Herring, Twelve Hundred Gallons of Train Oyl, and 7 Pipes of Medeira Wine.

W. P. Bartlett, Auctioneer.

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Tomorrow will be Sold by Public Vendue, At the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Congress-Street, The Ship *Lord Howe*,<sup>4</sup> with her Appurtenances, (now lying at Gray's Wharf) a fine Ship, of about 220 Tons Burthen, built by Mr. Walker, in Boston, about 3 Years since, a good sailing Vessel and well found. The Sale to be precisely at 1 o'Clock.

Proctor and Lowell, Auctioneers.

1. The ship *Hancock and Adams*, Captain Samuel Smith.
2. The *Mary and James* taken by the Massachusetts privateer sloop *Rover*, Captain Simon Forrester.
3. The *Kitty and Nancy* captured by the Massachusetts privateer schooner *General Putnam*, Captain Stephen Mascoll.
4. Captured British transport. See Volumes 5 and 6.

LIBEL OF THOMAS STACY, COMMANDER OF THE RHODE ISLAND PRIVATEER  
SLOOP *Diamond*, AGAINST THE PRIZE BRIGANTINE *Live Oak*<sup>1</sup>

State of Rhode Island & } To the Honl John Foster Esq Judge of the Court of  
Providence Plantations ss } Justice for the Tryal of Prize Causes in and through-  
out the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plan-  
tations in America –

Thomas Stacy Commander of the Private Sloop of War called the *Diamond* fitted out at and belonging to the Port of Providence in the State aforesaid duly commissiond agreeable to the Resolves of the most Honl the Continental Congress in behalf of himself the owners and the Officers & Men belonging to said Sloop of War comes into this Honl Court and gives your Honor to understand and be informed that upon the third Day of October AD 1776 being on a Cruise against the Enemies of the united States aforesaid upon the High Seas he together with his officers and Men belonging to said Sloop took and captured and took the Brigantine called the *Live Oak* with her appurtenances commanded by one James Wallace together with her Cargo consisting of about Two Hundred and fourty Seven Hhds of Sugar Eighty Six Puncheons of Rum 450 Pieces of Mohogony Twenty three Tons of Logwood & 1500 lbs weight of Sheet Copper bound from the Island of Jamaica in the West Indies to the Port of London in Great Brittain That said Brigantine and her Cargo at and before the Time of Capture belonged to and were the Property of some of the Inhabitants of Great Brittain or some of the Inhabitants of the West India Islands Subject to the King of great Brittain other than the Inhabitants of Bermuda New Providence or Bahama Islands and were carrying Supplies to Great Brittain whose Fleets and Armies are now acting against the united States of America, And the Libellant further Informs your Honor that he has sent said Brigantine with her Appurtenances and Cargo into the Port of Providence within your Honors Jurisdiction for adjudication – Wherefore he hereby prays that your Honor would take the Premises into Consideration and grant out the proper Process and Monitions in such Cases by Law required and further proceed as to Right and Justice appertainith

John Cole for the Libellant

[Endorsed] Libel Thomas Stacy vs Brig *live-Oake* Received Novr 7: 1776  
Trial ordered to be on 27 Novr 1776.

1. Admiralty Papers, vol. 9, R. I. Arch.

ACCOUNT OF JOHN EARLE, MASTER OF THE CONTINENTAL SHIP *Alfred*<sup>1</sup>

Dr        Mr John Earle Master in Account with the Ship *Alfred*  
1776 –

Novemr 5.	To Amount of Slops, Cash Advanc'd & by Captn [Dudley] Saltonstall pr List left with the Commodore	} £40.18.11	By Wages due from Ship <i>Alfred</i> as Master from Decemr 7, 1775 to Novr 7. 1776 is 11 moths a £7.10 pr Mo	} 82.10..–
	To Cash paid by Daniel Tillinghast Esqr Agent at Providence. . . . . 100 dollars		By wages due from said Ship for his Boy Thomas Wailling from Jany 3rd to Novemr 7. 1776 is 10 mo. & 4 Days a 30/pr Month	
		£78..8.11		
	Ballance due John Earle if not rece'd of the Paymaster in Philada by Virtue of a Power &c	} £19..5..1		} £97.14..–
		£97..4..0		

Providence    Novembr 7th  
1776

Errors Excepted

By Order of hon. Esek Hopkins Esqr Cr in Chief

Sam<sup>l</sup> Lyon    Secy

1. Lloyd W. Smith Collection, MNHP.



ADVERTISEMENT, SALE OF CARGO, PRIZE SHIP *John*<sup>1</sup>

To Be Sold  
At Public Vendue

On Monday the 25th inst. at 2 o'clock P. M.

The cargo of the ship *John* consisting of sugar, rum, cotton, indigo, turtle-shell, mahogany and fustick; the sale to be at Norwich Landing, and to continue from day to day, until the whole be disposed of.<sup>2</sup>

New London, Nov. 7, 1776.

1. *Connecticut Gazette*, November 8, 1776.

2. The state of Connecticut bought the rum and "fifty hogsheads of sugar." Charles J. Hoadly, ed., *Public Records of the State of Connecticut . . . 1776-1781* (Hartford, 1894-1922), I, 60, 73. Hereafter cited as Hoadly, ed., *Connecticut State Records*.

FINAL SETTLEMENT WITH CAPTAIN JOHN McCLEAVE OF THE CONNECTICUT  
GALLEY *Whiting*<sup>1</sup>

New Haven Novr 7th 1776.

Draw on the Treasurer of this State for the Sum of four Hundred and Twenty Eight Pounds Nine Shillings and five Pence in Favour of Capt John McCleave it being the Ballance of What is Due to him and his Men for their Service on Bord the Galley *Whiting*

By Order the Govr & Council of Safety

Benj Huntington Clerk P.T.

To the Committee }  
Pay Table }  
£428-9-5.

[Endorsed]

Novr 7th 1776

Recd of the payable an Order on the Treasurer for the above sum of four Hundred twenty Eight pounds nine Shillings and five pence.

John McCleave

1. Conn. Arch., 1st Series, IX, 26, ConnSL.

BRIGADIER GENERAL SAMUEL HOLDEN PARSONS TO TIMOTHY GREEN<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Green,  
Sir,

As the unfortunate Attempt upon Montrossors Island may very unjustly injure the Character of some very worthy Officers, I beg you to insert the Result of the Court of Inquiry, so far as regards the Conduct of Capt. James Eldredge

At a Court of Inquiry, on the Conduct of the Captains commanding the Boats ordered to land on Montrossors Island, the 23d of September last:

Brigadier-General Parsons, President,

Col [Samuel] Brewer

Col [Jonathan] Ward,

{ Members, }

Col. [Levi] Pawling

Col. [William] Malcolm

Capt. James Eldredge came before this Court of Examination, and sundry Witnesses were examined, who testify as follows, viz. twelve Evidences were examined who all agreed that Capt. Eldredge exerted himself in a spirited soldierlike Manner to persuade and oblige the Men to pull the Boat to the Shore to support the Boat which landed, but another Officer (who has since been cashiered for his base Conduct at that Time) urged and persuaded the Men not to go on, and the Contrariety of Orders between the two was the Reason the Boat could not be got on Shore, the Evidence is very lengthy, but the above is nearly the Substance. – The Court being cleared – proceeded to a Consideration of the Case, and are unanimously of Opinion that Capt. Eldredge faithfully did his Duty as a good Officer and that there is no Foundation for impeaching his Conduct

Samuel H. Parsons, President.

I am informed many Things unfavourable to Capt. James Eldredge's Character as an Officer have been currently reported in Stonington, and the Vicinity where he lives, whereby he has much suffered, I think myself bound in Duty, to certify that Capt. Eldredge, since he entered the Service has always been a faithful good Officer, and no Man has sustained a better Character as an Officer, and he has in no Instance to my Knowledge in the least Degree forfeited that Character.

Samuel H. Parsons

Camp near Greenwich, Nov. 7, 1776.

1. *Connecticut Gazette*, December 6, 1776. Timothy Green was printer of the *Gazette*.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT HANSON HARRISON TO MAJOR GENERAL  
NATHANAEAL GREENE <sup>1</sup>

Dear Sir

White Plains Nov 7th 1776

His Excellency Just now received Intelligence that three of the Enemy's Ships passed the Chivau de frise Yesterday or the day before. When he considers this event with the present disposition of the Enemy who have advanced towards the North River, he apprehends that they have some thing in view that we are not apprized of. – he wishes you to post parties of observation at every place on the Jersey side of the North River where they can land to watch their motions, and upon the least appearance of their collecting Boats or making any disposition to embark that you will give him the earliest notice I am Dr Genl [&c.]

Rob H Harrison

1. Lloyd W. Smith Collection, MNHP.

CAPTAIN ANDREW SNAPE HAMOND, R. N., TO VICE ADMIRAL MOLYNEUX  
SHULDHAM <sup>1</sup>

*Roebuck* in Tapan Bay [30 miles above New York],  
7th November 1776.

My dear Lord – The army having at last extended their flank to the North River has relieved us from a tedious and disagreeable confinement, as well as

from a state of extreme anxiety, not having been able to procure the least certain intelligence of what was going on ever since we came up the river.

I have just been ashore to stretch my legs and to pick up news, by which means I have learnt that your Lordship is still among us, which gives me hopes of seeing you again before you take your departure. Hyde Parker is well, and desires his best compliments; he had great merit in coming up by the chevaux-de-frise, as the pilot proved to be totally ignorant of the place where the opening was supposed to be, at the moment when it was necessary to look out for it. As soon as he found this he determined at once to steer the same way that he came down, which was close to the eastern shore, where we found a broad channel of twelve fathom water.

The shot that did the ships the most damage was from the Jersey shore. The guns from those batteries were so well served that very few missed striking some part of the ship; and by its falling very little wind (perhaps occasioned by the firing), we were upwards of an hour in passing. Eight men were killed in the three ships, four of which unfortunately came to my share who could least spare them, as indeed is generally the case. Among them was poor Leake, my first lieutenant.

I have the pleasure to tell you that we have taken two of their galleys. When they found they could not escape us, they ran them on shore, and left them so precipitately that no man would stay long enough to set them on fire.

Since that time we have had so little to do, and so little to amuse ourselves with, that if it had not been for a little vingt-et-un now and then, I scarce know what would have become of us before this time. I hope and trust the case is so far different with your Lordship and our other friends of the fleet below (who cost us every day a bottle of wine extraordinary in drinking your health) that we expect to find the town of New York, at our return, quite enlivened by your influence. Ommaney is well and sends his best respects; do me the favour to remember me to Sir Peter, the Commodore, Banks, &c., and to believe that I am with the most affectionate attachment and regard etc.,

A. S. Hamond

P.S. — We know nothing as yet of what the army intends doing, but I have taken it into my head it will go farther north this year. General Cleaveland set off this morning with the heavy artillery against Fort Washington.<sup>2</sup>

1. G. R. Barnes and J. H. Owen, *The Private Papers of John, Earl of Sandwich, First Lord of the Admiralty 1771–1782* (London, 1932–38), I, 166–68. Hereafter cited as Barnes and Owen, eds., *Sandwich Papers*.

2. *Ibid.*, 166, enclosed in Shuldhham to Lord Sandwich, November 8, 1776.

#### JOURNAL OF AMBROSE SERLE<sup>1</sup>

[New York] Thursday, 7th. [November]

The *Lively*, Capt. [Thomas] Bishop, with her Prize, came in from East Florida, on the Coast of wch she had been cruising, and left all well.

1. Tatum, ed., *Serle's Journal*, 137, 138.

COMMODORE SIR PETER PARKER TO PHILIP STEPHENS <sup>1</sup>

Sir

*Chatham* off New-York 7th Novbr 1776

Herewith You will receive by His Majesty's Ship the *Fowey*; Two Journals No 1, contains an account of Proceedings on Board the *Bristol*, from the 18th of December 1775 to the 30th of April 1776 and No 2, from Thence to the 31st of last Month; I have also sent the Minutes of Four Courts-Martial with the Sentences; and a List of my Appointments of Officers to Act, during the Time I was Honoured with my late Command, which List I laid before the Viscount Howe, on my Arrival Here the 14th of Augt last, for His Lordships Determination; agreeable to the Order which I received from the Lords of the Admiralty. The Commander in Chief has been so obliging as to confirm all my Appointments, as far as His Power extends; the Vacancies occasioned by the Resignation of Captain [Alexander] Scott, Lord Howe has given acting Orders for, in approbation of mine I must therefore Pray Their Lordships Indulgence and Favor respecting Them, and that They will be pleased to grant Commissions in Confirmation. I am Sir [&c.]

P: Parker

[Minute] 27 Decr Own rect let him know their Ldps have left it to Ld Howe to confirm the vacancies occasioned by the resignatn of Capt Scott if his ldp thinks fit.

1. PRO, Admiralty 1/486.

COMMODORE SIR PETER PARKER TO PHILIP STEPHENS <sup>1</sup>

Sir

*Chatham* off New-York 7th Novbr 1776

I beg You will please to move their Lordships, for an Order for my Pay, for my Broad Pendant, from the first of July last, to the 1st of October following inclusive. I am Sir [&c.]

P: Parker

[Endorsed] R/19 Decr let him know it is not usual to pay Flag Offr or Commodores otherwise than 6 m[onth]s at a time which they are employed

1. PRO, Admiralty 1/486.

AMBROSE SERLE TO LORD DARTMOUTH <sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

. . . Dr Franklin is now sailed for France, either to solicit Assistance, or (what is more probable) to secure his own Retreat. All Accounts agree, that the People in general are tired of their new Governors & their Proceedings, and that Parties are forming who begin to speak plainly against them.

We have had Information of Genl Carleton's Success upon Lake Champlain through the Rebels, for we have as yet no other Communication. Your Lordship will see by one of the inclosed Newspapers (which are published here under my own Inspection) what that Success amounts to; and we have not yet quitted all Hope of seeing that Army at New York before Winter, or of hearing at least that it is quartered about Albany ready for an early Junction in the Spring.

We have heard of the Capture of many of our trading Vessels; and some of our Ships are gone and others are preparing to get out, in order to prevent further Depredations of the Rebels by Sea. Many Ships can now be spared from the Service here, which could not have been spared before; for their Complements of Seamen have been of most essential Service in conveying the Troops backward and forward over the large Inlets of Water, which abound near New York, and which it was necessary to pass and repass to come at the Enemy. The Rebels themselves are astonished at the Alacrity and Dispatch, with which they have been hunted, and at their being driven from Places which they judged almost inaccessible, and where, for that Reason, they had prepared Barracks and the necessary Arrangements for Winter-Quarters. Their Army is in a wretched Plight indeed: Most of them have no other Covering than a Rifleman's Frock of Canvas over their shirt, and are diseased and covered with Vermin to a loathsome Degree.

New York, Novr 7th 1776./

1. B. F. Stevens, ed., *Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives Relating to America 1773-1783* (London, 1889-1895), No. 2044. Hereafter cited as Stevens, ed., *Facsimiles*.

# JOURNAL OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS<sup>1</sup>

[Philadelphia] Thursday, November 7, 1776

*Resolved*, That each of the persons to be appointed to execute the business of the navy, under the direction of the Marine Committee, be allowed the salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum.

~~The Committee to whom part of the report of the Marine Committee was recommitted, brought in a report.~~

1. Ford, ed., *JCC*, VI, 931-33.

## WILLIAM ELLERY TO WILLIAM VERNON, PROVIDENCE<sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

[Philadelphia] Novr 7th 1776

. . . I should be glad to know what is the Office of Commissioners of the Navy,<sup>2</sup> and that you would point it out particularly; unless you can refer Me to some Author who particularly describes. The Conduct of the Affairs of a Navy as well as those of an Army We are yet to learn. We are still unacquainted with the systematical Management of them, although We have made considerable Progress in the latter. It is the Duty of every Friend to his Country to throw his Knowledge into the common Stock. I know you are well skilled in Commerce and I believe you are acquainted with the System of the British Navy, and I am sure of your Disposition to do every Service to the Cause of Liberty in your Power.

1. "Papers of William Vernon and the Navy Board, 1776-1794," *Publications of the Rhode-Island Historical Society* (Providence, 1901), VIII, No. 4, 201.
2. Referring to the British navy. Ellery was a member of the Continental Marine Committee.

*Pennsylvania Evening Post*, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1776

Philadelphia, Nov. 7.

We are informed by authentic intelligence, that an American sloop of war of twelve guns and seventy men sailed from the Delaware the 21st of August.<sup>1</sup>

She cruised between the latitudes of 39° and 33° N. and went to the eastward as far as the longitude of 50° west – having taken three prizes, a whaler, and two West-Indiamen – and having had a very narrow escape from an English frigate after a six hours chase, part of the time within pistol shot.<sup>2</sup> – on the 14th Sept. she bent her course for Nova-Scotia, and on the 20th had another action with an English frigate, and in the course of an eight hours chase, ridiculed the enemy, and answered his broadside with only a single musquet.<sup>3</sup> The next day she went into Canso, and took three English schooners with a Scotch Tory's flag, although the *Savage* and [George] Dawson's brig<sup>4</sup> were within a few leagues distance. The day following she took five sail of Jerseymen in Narrow Hook, and four more in Peter de Great. It is remarkable that though their men were ten to one, they were so panic-struck that they not only gave up their ships, but even assisted to rig and carry them out of their harbour. The sloop then proceeded to the westward – took another whaler on St. George's Bank, and on the 7th Oct. arrived safe at Rhode-Island; having manned and sent in eight prizes, viz. six brigantines, one ship and one sloop – and sunk, burnt and destroyed eight more, viz. six schooners, one ship and one brigantine; and finished her cruise in six weeks and five days.

1. Captain John Paul Jones, in the Continental sloop *Providence*.

2. H. M. S. *Solebay*, Captain Thomas Symonds.

3. H. M. S. *Milford*.

4. H. M. Sloop *Savage*, Captain Hugh Bromedge, and H. M. Sloop *Hope*, Captain George Dawson.

#### JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Orpheus*, CAPTAIN CHARLES HUDSON<sup>1</sup>

November 1776	Do Cape [Henlopen] No 33 Wt 20 Leagues
Thursday 7th	at 7 AM saw a sail in the NE Qr. gave Chace from 8 to 9. fired 2 twelve poundrs and Nine 6 poundrs and brot her too. a Sloop from Philadelphia for Charles Town So Carolina, <sup>2</sup> brought the Master & nine people onboard & sent a petty Officer and 3 Men on board Reef'd Top Sails.

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/650.

2. Sloop *Colonel Parry*, William Gamble, master, Learning & Co., owners, with flour, etc., Howe's Prize List, March 31, 1777, PRO, Admiralty 1/487.

#### CAPTAIN GEORGE WOOLSEY TO THE MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

Gentlemen,

Baltimore of 7th Novr 1776.

Yesterday I received a few lines from Mr [Richard] Ridgely by your orders Requesting my presence at Annapolis to take charge of a ten Gun Schooner – he also says he wrote me a few days before which I never have recd if I had should have answered it. I am much obliged to you Gentlemen for your good opinion of me in Giveing me a preference, and I wish my health would have permitted me to except of it. at present I am under the care of Doctor Wesenthall [Charles F. Wiesenthal], and he will not permitt me to be out at night or get wet. Such a person I am sure is not fit to Serve the publick in the Capacity you propose for Me –

Within this week I think I am something better (and he gives me hope), if I get able by the Spring be assured I will not draw back my service from the Publick. I expect my brother here every day, on his arrivall I shall write you

about him. I know he has offered his service to the Publick, and believe he does not intend to draw back, I wish he would suit you for this Vessell as I make no doubt of his Excepting of it. he is now at Colonl Trevers on Hooper's Island, was sick when he went there, but Expect him every day. I am Gentlemen [&c.]  
Geo. Woolsey

1. Correspondence of Council of Safety, Md. Arch.

# JOURNAL OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA NAVY BOARD <sup>1</sup>

Navy Board [Charleston]  
Thursday 7th.. November 1776.

The Following Letter was Received from Mr. Thomas Wade directed to Edward Blake Charles-Town

George Town 29th October 1776 –

Sir/ As by the advertisement signed by your names I understand you are One of the Commissioners to Contract for Pork and Beef for the Public, and Navy of this Province, and as I have for sale a Quantity of that Article, should gladly supply you with any quantity of Pork, under four or five Hundred Barrels, but if you Engage to do it, you must supply me with  $\frac{1}{2}$  a bushel of Salt to Cure each Barrel, and any Ingagement that may be made by the Bearer, Mr. John Packrow, of George Town, I will abide by, and Comply with, and your Letter of the Price you and he may agree on, will Oblige, Your Humble Servt.  
(signed) Thomas Wade

The following Letter was received from His Excellency the President  
Gent: Novr.. 7. 1776.

I have received Intelligence that two Armed Vessells, from St. Augustine, infest the Southern part of Georgia, & will probably come on this Coast, a Detachment from the Second Regiment is therefore Ordered on board of the Brig *Comet*, You will be pleased to give Capt Allen Orders, to proceed with them in her, with the utmost Dispatch, on a Cruize, for a Fortnight, scouring the Coast from this Port to St. Augustine and in so doing, Acting in Conjunction with the *Defence*, if they should meet., Your Most [&c.]

The Commrs: of the Navy (signed) J. Rutledge  
of South Carolina –

The following Instructions were sent to Capt. Allen –

Capt. Edward Allen Navy Board Chas Town 7th Novr 1776

The *Comet* Brigg of Warr, whereof you are Commissioned as Captain, being now ready for sea, You will receive a Commission for Your 2d Lieutenant & warrants for the other officers, which are to be read to Your ships Company that each officer may be properly Obeyed, You will also receive Rules of Decipline & good Government to be Observed in the Navy of this State – Instructions for the Captain, – Lieutenants, the Master, the Purser – & the Carpenter – also Directions for the Gunner & Armourer Boatswain & Sailmaker, which you are to have Entered in a Book for that Purpose, & then delivered to each

Officer Respectively – You are to embrace the very first Opportunity to proceed to sea, & as Your Vessel is not Completely manned, a detachment of a Lieutenant, Serjeant, two Corporals & Twenty Eight Privates, of the Second Regiment, are under orders to go on board your Vessel, whom you are to send boats for early tomorrow Morning, & by all means during your Cruise, keep up the Strictest harmony both by Yourself; Officers, & Men, with the Officers & Men of the Land Service, that the General Good may not suffer by Private Animosity or Quarrels, & they are to be allowed in every respect the same Rations as Your Seamen receive – Immediately as you get over the Barr Proceed with the greatest dispatch to the Southward, & endeavour to fall in near Sunbury, where if the weather will permit, or no boat should be off, send your own boat on shore, to enquire for Captain [Thomas] Pickering of the *Defence*, who you will by all means endeavour to Join; & shew him the Orders now given to You, which are that under his Command, you are to Act in Conjunction, & endeavour to fall in with, and take, or destroy, Two small armed Vessels belonging to the King or Subjects of Great Britain, which are said to be Cruizing on the Southward part of this Coast, also any Merchant Men, that you may fall in with belonging to Great Britain, Ireland, the British West Indies, East & West Florida, Hallifax, Quebeck, or New Foundland, Your Cruise is to be Continued for a Fortnight or Three weeks, between St Augustine & this Port, during which should you be fortunate enough to take any Prizes, You are to man & send them into this Port; or any Convenient inlet in this State, And to use Your Prisoners with the greatest humanity & Tenderness, that no Reflection may be cast on the Honour of the American Arms through your means, If any Opportunity should offer, Advise the Commissioners of the Navy, Any Transactions worth Communicating, directed to Edward Blake, Esq., 1st Commissioner of the Navy, Upon your return you are to send Your boat on shore at Sullivan's Island, that the Officer there may examine whether you have the Small Pox or other infectious Distemper on board, in which Case your vessel must perform Quarantine –

Edward Blake 1st Commissioner –

In Consiquence of Capt. Thomas Wades Letter Mr. John Packrow Agreed to Supply the Board with Pork a £ 18. P Barrel which was Rejected –

1. Salley, ed., *South Carolina Navy Board*, 21–23.

## 8 Nov.

GOVERNOR SIR GUY CARLETON TO MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM PHILLIPS <sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

[No.] 219

Montreal 8th November 1776

It is my intentions, that besides the Vessels which have already been employed, those taken from the Rebels should be fitted out in the most formidable and usefull manner of which they are capable, and that a new ship be put upon



the stocks, and compleated as fast as possible, to mount twenty twelve pounders if we can get them. I have acquainted Captain [Thomas] Pringle and Mr Shanks of those matters, and the latter has been desired to draw up a state of the arrangement necessary to make for the carrying the design best into execution, and of the workmen and materials which will be required for the Compleating it, which, when he has done, I shall give such orders upon, as the Consideration of his proposals may make necessary. In the mean time I shall approve of any directions you may think proper to give for the forwarding of these purposes.

1. Guy Carleton Letter Book, Haldimand Papers, Additional Ms. 21699, BM.

JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Lizard*, CAPTAIN THOMAS MACKENZIE <sup>1</sup>

November 1776

[Off Cape Roseway, Nova Scotia]

Friday 8

Cloudy Wr hoisted out the Cutter & sent the 1st Lt a Midsn 8 seamen & 8 Marines armd abd the Sloop, to see if there were any American vessells in Rosoway harbr PM returned without finding any –

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/550.

MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL ORDERS RESPECTING EXCHANGE OF NAVAL PRISONERS <sup>1</sup>

State of the massachusetts Bay.

Council Chamber [Watertown] Novr the 8: 1776

Whereas two Vessells have lately Arrived from Hallifax by Ordre of Sr George Collier Commandr of the *RainBow* Man of War; Under the care of Capt Thos Stone as Flaggs of Truce, (with one Hundred & Seventy four of our men that have been taken by the Enemy in Ordre to Exchange for a like Number of their Men & undr like Circumstances that have been taken by Vessells belonging to the United States of America) with Directions to negotiate the affair with Mr Nathl Tracey of Newbury Port whose right to Negotiate with Ld Howe for the exchange of Prisoners was confined by this Board to the persons captivated on board the Brigantine *Yankee Hero* a private armed Vessel of this State, and whereas but five persons so captivated have been sent into this State in the said Flaggs of Truce And it was therefore altogether irregular that the negotiation for the exchange of any other prisoners than those belonging to the said *Yankee Hero* shou'd be managed or conducted by the said Tracey, Yet as it is apprehended that Sir George Collier may have mistaken the extent of the powers committed to the said Tracey, and as most of the prisoners bro't into this State by the said Flaggs have dispersed and gone to their several homes and considering the great hardships and Distresses our Men have undergone during their late Captivity it is thought proper for this time, to deliver up to the said Stone, an equal number of persons who are now Captives in this State (having respect to the Rank & Condition of the persons sent up for exchange) as have been return'd in the said Flaggs – And that for the future no exchange shou'd or ought to be made for any prisoners unless the Officers by whose direction our subjects shall

be sent hither shall give order to negotiate for the same directly with the Government of this State

Therefore Resolved that Benja Greenleaf, Richd Derby & Benja Austin Esqrs be a Committee to Collect one Hundred and Sixty nine Persons that have been taken by our Vessells Under the like Situation & Circumstances as near as may be with those Brought by Capt Thos Stone & Negotiate the affair of the Exchange with Sd Stone and that Mr Nathl Tracey of Newbery Port be Impowerd & Directed to Convey four officers & one Private from any of the Prisoners at or near Northampton (John King & Robert Arnold Excepted) & negotiate the Exchange for the four officers & one Private lately of the Privateer *Yankee Hero*, now in his the Sd Stones Possession –

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 166, 21.

COMMODORE ESEK HOPKINS TO WILLIAM ELLERY <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Providence November 8th. 1776

There was a Negroe Man onboard the *Andrew Doria* named Dragoon Wanton <sup>2</sup> which I have purchas'd – Should be extremely glad if you will take the trouble to take some Charge of him, and either send him to me, or see that he is employ'd in the Service with Captn [Nicholas] Biddle, or any other way, as you may think fit –

My brother Shew'd me a Letter of yours, in which it seems I was roughly handled in Congress – it is true that I applied to the Committee for Blankets for Slops in the Ships, but how they came by them I am altogether Ignorant, however I am extremely obliged to you for Supporting me –

We have no News here, nor Nothing Extraordinary except that the Privateers have great Luck, and getting Money fast – I wish they may not carry it so far as to be any ways detrimental. – I am with great Respect Sir [&c.]

E. H.

To the honble William Ellery Esqr  
one of the Members of the honl Contl Congress  
at Philadelphia

1. Hopkins Letter Book, RIHS.

2. A slave taken on board H. M. Brig *Bolton* by the Continental fleet. See Volume 4.

COMMODORE ESEK HOPKINS TO CAPTAIN ELISHA HINMAN <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Providence November 8th. 1776

I receiv'd yours of the 2nd Instt and Congratulate you on your Success – am now to let you know that I have receiv'd Orders from the Marine Committee to proceed on an Expedition in which the *Cabot* is to be Employ'd – Should you be arrived at New London I desire you will get the *Cabot* grav'd and fitted for Sea as soon as possible, with four Months Provisions onboard – I have a Captains Commission from the Marine Committee appointing you Captain of the *Alfred*, but as she is out at present shall continue you onboard the *Cabot*, or onboard the

*Columbus* –

Should be glad to see or hear from you as soon as possible –

I desire you will on your arrival let my negroe Man Loushir come home, and send Surriname [Surrinam] Wanton <sup>2</sup> with him, as I have bought him at Vendue – I am Sir [&c.]

E. H.

To Elisha Hinman Esqr  
Commander of the Brigantine *Cabot*  
at New London

1. Hopkins Letter Book, RIHS.

2. A slave taken on board H. M. Brig *Bolton* by the Continental fleet. See Volume 4.

COMMODORE ESEK HOPKINS TO THE CONTINENTAL MARINE COMMITTEE <sup>1</sup>

Gentlemen

Providence November 8th 1776 –

Mr [John] Earle the Master of the *Alfred* has applied for leave to come to Philadelphia to see his Family, and as he has done his Duty since in the Service as a good Officer have given him leave to come to you, and take your further directions – Captn [Isaac] Field in the *Eagle* has made a Complaint to me against Captn [John Paul] Jones for taking out some of his hands – I have enquired so far as to find that Captn Jones met the Privateer a coming in from a Cruise – and on sending onboard found two Men belonging to the Fleet, and two More belonging to the Rhode Island Brigade, all four of whom he took out, and I believe some more – which can't be well accounted for any otherway than Captn Jones knew that the Privateers made a constant practice of carrying away the Men belonging to the Fleet, thought it would put some Stop to that practice, and not be any damage to the Owners as she was coming in from a Cruise – I can't but believe that Captn Jones did as he thought best for the good of the Publick – and I must Confess I shall be glad if it meets your approbation –

I hear that the *Cabot* has been in at Cape Ann, and expect her in to New London in a few days – if so Shall try to get her fit to join in the Expedition – I am Gentlemen with great Respect [&c.]

E. H.

1. Hopkins Letter Book, RIHS.

*Connecticut Gazette*, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1776

New London, November 8.

Last Friday arrived at Cape-Ann the Continental Brig *Cabot*, Capt. Elisha Hinman: – by Letters received in Town from said Brig, we learn that he has taken, during her cruize, four Ships and a Brig, all richly laden with Rum, Sugar, Cotton, Coffee, &c. from Jamaica.

Yesterday arrived in Town, via Long-Island, Mr. Elias Thomas, who was taken by the *Galatea* of 20 Guns, Capt. Gurden [Thomas Jordan], about the first of September, in the *Britannia*, Whaleman, belonging to Nantucket, and carried to New York, where he was put on board the *Chatham*. – He made his Escape from the Enemy last Wednesday se'nnight, and says it was currently reported on

board the Fleet that the ministerial Army lost 3000 Men, in the different Actions of Sunday and Monday se'nnight, chiefly Hessians, that 78 wounded Officers were brought into New-York – That in the attack upon Fort Washington the *Phenix* was torn almost to Pieces and two Frigates greatly damaged – That General Clinton, who commanded the ministerial Troops at South-Carolina, lately died in New York of the Wounds he received in the attack on the Fort at Sullivan's-Island – That 100 sail of Transports were shortly to sail to England under convoy of the *Bristol*, *Rose* and *Swan* – that the noted capt. [James] Wallace is promoted to the command of the *Experiment*, of 50 guns.<sup>1</sup>

Four of the Enemy's Ships are now cruising near Block-Island, viz. *Lark*, 32 guns, [Richard] Smith; *Cerberus*, 28, Symonds [John Symons]; *Merlin*, 18, and another ship of 28 Guns. Last Thursday the above Ships lay in East-Bay at Block-Island.

Since our last a Number of Troops from Rhode-Island, from the East-End of Long-Island and from Connecticut, embarked at New-Haven, and landed at Shetocket, on Long-Island with a View of bringing off some Tories and the Effects of a Gentleman friendly to the American cause; being interrupted by some Tories who fired upon them, they killed 10, and have brought off 23, two of the latter were deserters from our Army. A sergeant in our Party was killed in the contest.

About the same Time, one Samuel Glover, a notorious Offender, was taken at Mastick, on said Island, and is committed to Goal in this Town.

1. Of these reports circulating in the British fleet, only two were correct – the proposed sailing of transports for England, and the promotion of Captain James Wallace.

JOSEPH TRUMBULL, COMMISSARY GENERAL, TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON<sup>1</sup>

Dear Sir –

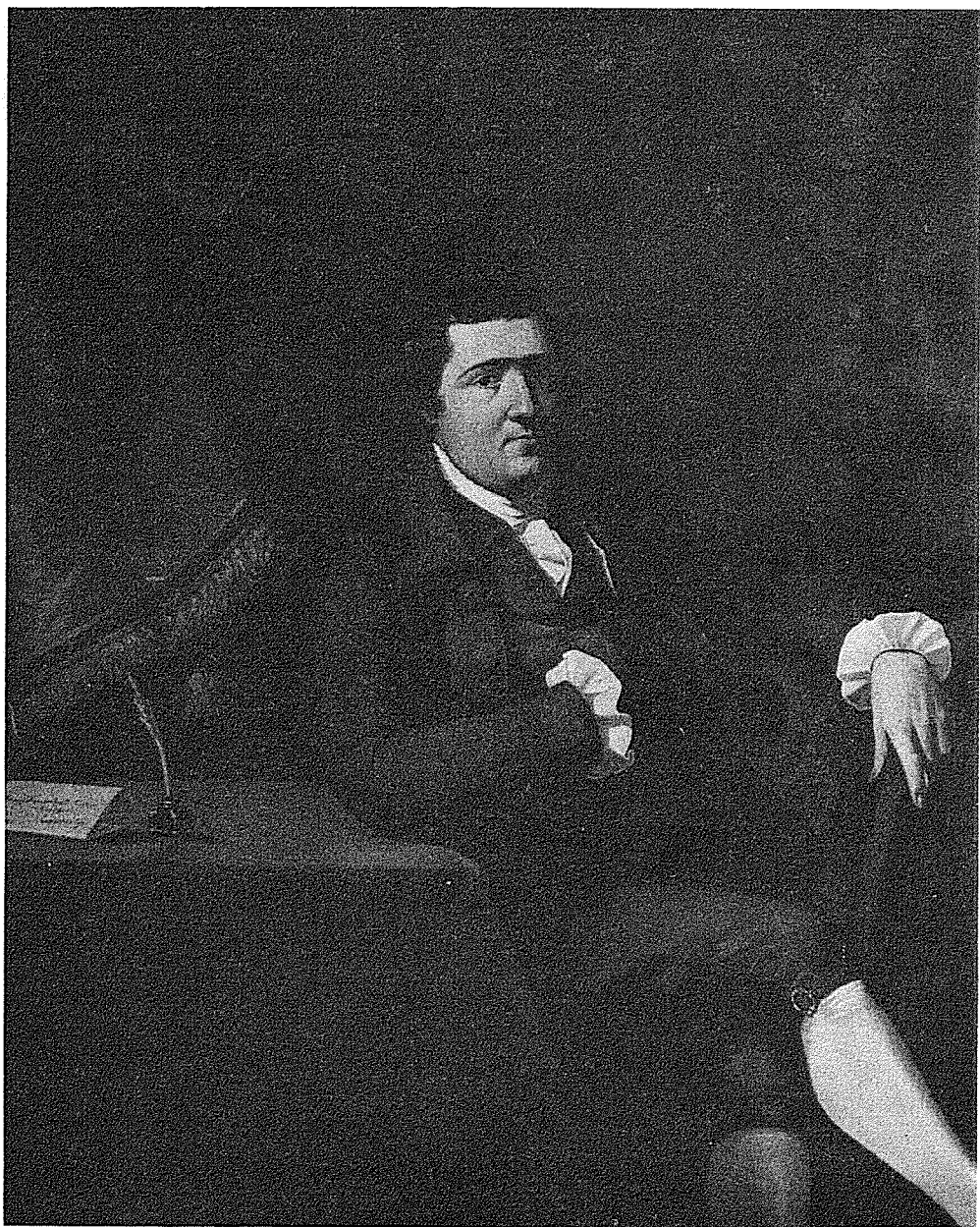
New Haven 8th Novr 1776

I have full authority from Congress, to employ proper Persons to bring Salt from abroad, for the Use, & at the Risk of the United States – The Govr & Council of the State of Connecticut Consent that I shall in behalf of the United States, be equally concerned with them in A Number of Vessells to be sent out, sufficient to bring in 80, or 100,000 bus of that Article – I Am obliged to go to Camp – I therefore hereby Authorise you, to Conduct sd matter, & do every thing necessary therein, as I could do if present, taking the Advice of The Govr & Council therein – & what you do, I will Confirm – You'll furnish Bread & Flour for the Vessells, & such other Articles as you have, that they want, or that you can Procure – Provisions of all kinds I suppose will be best to send out to purchase the Salt with – The Vessells that have been employed here are now dismissed – Pray Send on Flour as fast as possible to the Army, they may go to Stanford & Norwalk – You had best send on for Cash soon – I will write you again as soon as I get to Camp – If the Rum is going at Vendue – Purchase – unless you hear further from me – I am Dear Sir [&c.]

Jos: Trumbull

Speak to Mr Leffingwell  
to send on Flour –

1. Joseph Trumbull Papers, YUL.



*Joseph Trumbull*

SIR GUY CARLETON TO CAPTAIN CHARLES DOUGLAS, R. N.<sup>1</sup>

On board the *Maria* on Lake Champ[lain]

8th November 1776. —

Sir

I have already said so much on the Necessity of having a considerable Number of Seamen in readiness for the Lake Service, that I can now only repe[at] my request, that you will for the reasons I have before alledged, leave as many as possible in Canada, & that, particularly the Frigates of which I wrote lately may remain, as they can furnish in the greatest Proportion and our own wants will be as great or greater the next Campaign as they have been this, it being my intention, in order that our Possession of the Lake may be put to no hazard to build another Vessel of equal Force to the *Inflexible*. I am Sir [&c.]

Guy Carleton

P.S. The inclosed Paper will more particularly inform you, what Number of Seamen will be required, & in what manner it is supposed they may be supplied G.C

(a true Copy) R<sup>d</sup> Pearson

[Endorsed] No 9 In Lord Howe's Letter of the 15 Jany 1777

1. PRO, Admiralty 1/487.

GEORGE WASHINGTON TO MAJOR GENERAL NATHANAEL GREENE <sup>1</sup>

Sir:

Head Quarters [White Plains] November 8, 1776.

The late passage of the 3 Vessels up the North River (which we have just received advice of) is so plain a Proof of the Inefficacy of all the Obstructions we have thrown into it, and I cannot but think, it will fully Justify a Change in the disposition which has been made. If we cannot prevent Vessels passing up, and the Enemy are possessed of the surrounding Country, what valuable purpose can it answer to attempt to hold a Post from which the expected Benefit cannot be had; I am therefore inclined to think it will not be prudent to hazard the men and Stores at Mount Washington, but as you are on the Spot, leave it to you to give such Orders as to evacuating Mount Washington as you Judge best and so far revoking the Order given Colo. Magaw to defend it to the last.

The best accounts obtained from the Enemy, assure us of a considerable Movement among their Boats last Evening, and so far as can be collected from the various Sources of Intelligence, they must design a Penetration into Jersey and fall down upon your Post. You will therefore immediately have all the Stores &c. removed, which you do not deem necessary for your defence, and as the Enemy have drawn great Relief from the Forage and Provisions they have found in the Country, and which our Tenderness spared, you will do well to prevent their receiving any fresh Supplies there, by destroying it, if the Inhabitants will not drive off their Stock and remove the Hay Grain &c. in time. Experience has shewn, that a contrary Conduct is not of the least advantage to the poor Inhabitants, from whom all their Effects of every kind are taken, without distinction and without the least Satisfaction.

Troops are filing off from hence, as fast as our Circumstances and Situation will admit, in order to be transported over the River with all Expedition, I am etc.

P. S. I need not Suggest to you the Necessity of giving Genl. Mercer early Information of all Circumstances, in Order that he may move up to your Relief with what Troops he has.

1. John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* (Washington, 1932), VI, 257-58. Hereafter cited as Fitzpatrick, ed., *Writings of Washington*.

### JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Pearl*, CAPTAIN THOMAS WILKINSON <sup>1</sup>

November 1776	At single Anchor in the No River [New York]
Wednesday 6	AM at 5 weighed & came to Sail. the Transports in company. the Boats ahead towing at 9 the Flood being done Anchd about 5 miles below Dobbs's ferry wth the Bt Bower in [illegible] fm water muddy bottom. Heel'd Ship the Carpenters employ'd stopping the shot holes. the people about the Rigging & sailmakers repairing the Sails Light Airs & Varble with Hazey Wr at 4 PM Weigh'd the Ships in Company at 8 Anchor'd off Dobbs's ferry with the Bt Br in 7 fm water, as did the Ships
Thursday 7	AM Heel'd Ship the People empd as before. the Long boat Empd assisting the <i>British Queen</i> in Landing Provisions. Varble Wear PM The Long boat empd as before.
Friday 8	AM The Rebels fir'd at us and carried away part of our Mizen Top. Some spars and a spare Topmast [and] our Booms. The Carpenters empd Caulking the Quarter Deck, repairing our Boats &c. The People as before.

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/674.

### MINUTES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

[Philadelphia] November 8th, 1776.

Commodore Seymour was empowered to Impress such Sloops or Vessels as may be necessary to weigh the Chevaux de Frize, lately sunk by accident near Fort Island.

Complaint having been made to this Board that a Certain Captain Thomas Cripen has entered into Contract with Samuel Read for the Sale of the Schooner *Nancy*, now Commanded by him, which he refuses to abide by or to give the Complainant satisfaction, Commodore Seymour was directed not to permit said Vessel to pass by Fort Island without Special Licence from this Council.

1. *Pennsylvania Colonial Records*, X, 781.

### CUMBERLAND DUGAN TO THE MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

Gentlem

Baltimore 8th Novemr 1776

Your favr of 6th inst have receivd, desiring to be informed what readiness the Schooner *Ninety two's* in, for Sea &c, of which the bearer Captn [John]

Kelty can inform you perticularly, only I have to Say her Cargo is all ready to go off, She has been hove down and graved with Tallow bottom &c, but yet the Carpenters have some little to do to her, how long it will take them Captn Kelty will advise you, but I think She will be all Clear for Sea, by this day week, She has now in; Some of your Staves, 20 hogsheads Tobacco; and 220 barrells flour; the rest of her flour I expect to get in Tomorrow & the begining of next week, & then her bread to fill up – as to a Master I immagin you wont get your Choice of an undoubted good man, without you give the Consignment, which they seem all to hang out for here, but by the time the Vessell is loaded I hope shall be able to procure a man of Merritt, & if such applys to you, hope youl send him here, I am informed you have some Salt Vessells arrived to you; which is an article much wanted here, & the present is principaly to propose purchasing a Cargo off you, which Shall take imediately out of your Vessell at the highest price any person will give here, and Shall pay on receipt for the Same; or load the Vessell for you as you may order, (or Shall otherways receive the Salt in my warehouse & retail it to the publick as you may think proper to order it [ ]), in all which expect to be accountable to you, and do your bussiness to your Apro-bation, I hope; and on as low terms as any person in this place, Should be glad you woud please to favr me with a line on this head, which shall esteem a favr and haveing now nearly done with the *Ninety two* Shall be out of Bussiness and do wish you woud order me the Loading of another of your Vessells or any other bussiness you may have to do this way, in all which I hope to act to your Satisfaction Gentlem your [&c.]

Cumb<sup>d</sup> Dugan

1. Red Book, XVI, Md. Arch.

#### ARCHIBALD BUCHANAN TO THE MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

Gentn

Baltimore Town Novr 8th 1776

I have Receivd only five Hundred Pounds towards building Gondol[a]s – they are both Deck'd and Now a Corking and will be ready very soon – you May Order Rigging & the Materials as soon as You please – I want a farther Sum of Money which pleas to pay to Mr John Donelson I am Gent. [&c.]

Arch<sup>d</sup> Buchanan

1. Red Book, XVI, Md. Arch.

#### JOURNAL OF THE VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

[Williamsburg] Friday November 8th 1778 [1776]

A Permitt granted to the Sloop *Betsey* Benjamin Williams Master (lately arrived with Salt from Bermuda) to proceed on her return with a Cargo consisting of two hundred and seventy Bbbs of Flour, sixty of ship Bread, and three hundred Barrells of Indian Corn, seventy Kegs of fine Bread and one hogshhead of Tobacco.

A Permitt granted to Sloop *Dickcole*, Josiah Young Master to proceed on a Voyage to Bermuda. Manifest of her Cargo filed, Bond executed acknowledged and ordered to be registered.



A Permitt granted to the Sloop *John and Milley*, Banister How Master to proceed on her Voyage to Saint Eustatia Manifest of her Cargo filed, Bond executed acknowledged and ordered to be registered.

1. McIlwaine, ed., *Journals of the Virginia Council*, I, 231, 232.

#### JOURNAL OF THE VIRGINIA NAVY BOARD <sup>1</sup>

[Williamsburg] Friday Novr 8th 1776.

Ordered that a Warrant Issue to Richard Hobday for the use of Joseph White for three Pounds six shillings for his Wages as Pilot Eleven days on Board the Schooner *Revenge* –

Ordered that a Warrant Issue to Thomas Coleman for twenty Pounds two shillings for his Wages sixty seven day's on Board the Brig *Liberty* as a Pilot –

1. Navy Board Journal, 104, VSL.

#### VIRGINIA NAVY BOARD TO RICHARD HENRY LEE <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Williamsburg Nov. 8th 1776

We have had the pleasure to receive your acceptable favours of 22d Ultimo and am much obligd by your attention to the Marine department here as well as for your attention of giving us intelligence from time to time of any material occurrences that may happen & shall always be ready to give you or the Marine Committee of Congress any information respecting the business of our Board that you may think necessary to require of us. your observations respecting the appointment of a Superintendant of the Dockyards &c. exactly coincide with the sentiments of our Board and the Gent you mention is the one the Board had determin'd to choose before your letter came to hand and will immediately be employed in that Capacity. the having a strong Fortification at Portsmouth we think wou'd be extreamply necessary for the protection of our little Navy, but under the present difficulties of our Country when neither Men or cannon can be procured we have little hope of establishing any other Fortifications than such as may serve to protect our Vessels when heaving down, repairing &c against a small naval force of the Enemy. the Vessels now on the Stocks are at places most convenient to Timber &c. and inaccessible to the Enemy except by Land or in Boats where the River is very narrow. We thank you for the draught of the Galley you were pleas'd to send us, and your order on us for the Cost of it will meet with due honour, the Galleys we had order'd were so nearly agreeable to that draught that they needed very little alteration to make them extreamply conformable to it. We are happy to hear that our Troops behave so well, and that our affairs in New York wear so favourable an aspect, may they continue to do so, we are now making out and shall in a few Days lay before the Assembly a State of our Navy which we will as soon as convenient transmit you a Copy of. I am by order of the Naval Board [&c.]

Thomas Whiting 1st Comr

1. Navy Board Letter Book, VSL.

DIXON AND HUNTER'S *Virginia Gazette*, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1776

Williamsburg, November 8.

By the last South Carolina gazette, we learn, that General [Robert] Howe and the brave Col. Moultrie were just returned to Charlestown, from Georgia, and that there had been two skirmishes to the southward, in both of which our people were successful, but no particulars are mentioned; that a French sloop, with a valuable cargo of warlike stores, linens, wine, molasses, &c. were also arrived from Martinico.

Arrived, in York river, the sloop *Jane*, Booker; schooner *Success*, Hill, and schooner *Rambler*, Buffington, all from St. Eustatia, with 800 casks of gunpowder, considerable cargoes of salt, cordage, and dry goods.

PURDIE'S *Virginia Gazette*, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1776

Williamsburg, November 8.

By virtue of a decree of the Hon. Court of Admiralty of this state, will be sold at publick vendue, for ready money, on Monday the 25th instant, at Jamestown, on James river, about 7 miles from the city of Williamsburg,

The brigantine *Sarah* of Great Britain, lately made a prize of by the *Montgomery* privateer, captain [Robert] Polk, of Annapolis, in the state of Maryland, with her sails, rigging, and materials, being 170 tuns burthen, British built. An inventory of her sails, rigging, and materials, may be seen on board the said ship.— At same time and place will be sold her cargo, consisting of a large quantity of exceeding good Jamaica Rum, Muscovado Sugars, Coffee, Ginger, Cotton, and sundry other articles, shipped on board the said ship from Jamaica for the London market.

Ben: Powell, marshal.

Williamsburg, Nov. 1, 1776.

All marines out upon furlough, belonging to my quota, are desired immediately to repair on board the brig *Muskito*, capt. [John] Harris, — Deserted, Jesse Harden, Joseph Havirlow, and Thomas Meriman, for apprehending each of whom I will give 3 l. reward.

Jacob Valentine <sup>1</sup>

1. Marine lieutenant.

"A JOURNIEL KEPT BY EPHRAIM BRIGGS OBOURD OF THE GOOD SLOOP  
Warren A BOLD PRIVATEER A SECOND CRUIZE." <sup>1</sup>

Fryday November the 8 Day 1776

Latter Part Fryday Morning A Very Bad sea A going the wind to westward the sea all in heaps the wind Very Shourey Some of the Crue Very Sick have not had A Chance to Cok this some Days

First Part of these 24 hours the sea All in Confusion

1. RIHS.

JOURNAL OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BRIG *Tyrannicide*, CAPTAIN JOHN FISK <sup>1</sup>

Remarks on Friday 8th Novr 1776

- 1 [A.M.] Fresh gale of Wind with rain  
 4 [A.M.] I find we have had a Southerly Current for we have been carried 36 Miles South this 24 Hours  
 7 [A.M.] very hard gale bore away before the wind a hull Shipd a great Quantity of water I am afraid we shall damage our bread our Vessel leaks very much  
 11 [A.M.] Sat close reefd fortopsail a high Sea Cloudy  
                     Lattd in 35<sup>d</sup>17<sup>m</sup> Longd in 60<sup>d</sup>3<sup>m</sup>  
 1 [P.M.] Hard gale of wind and high Sea with heavy rain oblige to Scud Shipd a great Quantity of water I am afraid we shall damage our bread Vesel leaks all over  
 9 [P.M.] Lay by under Main sail  
 1. John Fisk Journal, AAS.

9 Nov.

JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Blonde*, CAPTAIN PHILEMON POWNOLL <sup>1</sup>

- Novemr 1776                      Moored off Quebec  
 Thursday 7                      AM Mr Thomas Saunders Grove superseded Mr Burchell the Acting 2d Lieutt unmoored Ship, Weighed & dropped below the Shipping, rec'd on board Fresh Beef.  
   Light airs & hazey, 1/2 past 4 PM General Burgoyne embarked on board the *Isis*, the Garrison Saluted him, came on board a Pilot to carry the Ship down.  
 Friday 8                          AM The *Isis* Weighed, and dropped below the Shipping, the Garrison saluted her  
   Fresh Breezes & thick foggy Wr  
 Saturday 9                      AM the Weather clearing got every thing ready for Weighing rec'd Fresh Beef. worked the Ventilators  
   Fresh breezes and hazey Wr at 1 PM weighed in company with the *Isis*, at 4 Anchor'd St Patricks Hole, Island of Orleans, in 15 fath. water <sup>2</sup>

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/118.  
 2. *Blonde* parted with H. M. S. *Isis* on November 17 off Cape Race, and arrived at Plymouth, England, on December 14, 1776, PRO, Admiralty 51/118.

SIR GEORGE COLLIER TO CAPTAIN JAMES FEATTUS, H. M. SLOOP *Vulture* <sup>1</sup>

In consequence of a representation from Lieut Governor Arbuthnot, that a Pirate Sloop of Eight Carriage Guns and upwards of a Hundred Men, has done infinite Mischief in the Bason of Minas, You are hereby required and directed to proceed to Sea at Daylight with His Majesty's Sloop under your Command, and make the best of your Way into the Bay of Fundy, and from thence into the Bason of Minas, and so on to Windsor, and follow the best Intelligence You can procure for pursuing the said Pirate Vessel, or any other who may infest that

Coast, For the accomplishing which you are to apply for Intelligence to Col: Tounge, or Mr Deschamps at Windsor

But in case you should not receive any Material Information at Windsor, you are then to proceed to Cumberland and advise with Colonel Goreham, or the Commanding Officer of the Kings Troops at that Place; after which if no Intelligence of consequence presents itself, You are to look into the Harbour of Annapolis [Royal] and act as Circumstances may require.

In going allong the Coast of Nova Scotia, if you should meet with the *Gage* Armed Vessel, or the *Loyal-Nova Scotia* Armed Schooner, You are to take them under your Command, as you may judge it necessary to send them up the Bay of Cobequet, or on some other Service.

If you find every Thing quiet, and that the Inhabitants have no Apprehension of an Invasion from the Rebels, You are afterwards to return to this Port for further Orders.

Given on board His Majesty's Ship *Rainbow* in the  
Harbour of Halifax the 9th of November 1776.

Geo: Collier

[Endorsed] No 3 *Vulture*

1. PRO, Admiralty 1/1611, 2, 14.

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE OF SOUTH HADLEY TO THE  
MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL <sup>1</sup>

To the Honble the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay The Comm'te of Correspondence, Inspection & Safety of South Hadley Humbly Shew. Whereas it is Represented to us by Capt [James] Tracy <sup>2</sup> that there is opertunity for his being Exchanged for Lieut John Knights <sup>3</sup> an Oficer on Parole Destined to Reside in this Town (but now confined in Goal at North Hampton), This Comtte have no very material objection against the Said Exchange notwithstanding the Ill treatment we have Received from said Knights but are willing to Dispencc with such matters and notwithstanding the suspicion we have of his takeing a certain Box of papers of Surveys from our posession. your Honrs will observe that as Said Knights has not Receivd any part of his alowance of two Dollars pr Week, So he has not paid for his Boarding but has been provided on trust for which he is still indebted.

All Which is Humbly Submitted by your Humble Servts. the aforesd Committee. Signd by order

Joseph Moody Chairman of Comtte.

[Endorsed] Council Chamber [Boston] Nov. 23 1776 ordered that John Knight now a Prisoner of War at North Hampton, be permitted to be exchanged in the Flag of Truce now at Marblehead, for Mr James Tracy, provided and on Condition said Knight shall make suitable concessions to the Committee of Correspondence &c. of South Hadley for the Male Treatment this Board concieve said Knight has given them. And shall also discharge such Sums as the said Knight may be Indebted, for his Subsistance during the Time He has been a prisoner as aforesd. within this State, and these Conditions being Complied with the Sheriff

of the County of Hampshire, is directed to deliver the said John Knight at Marblehead to the Sheriff of the County of Essex his under Sheriff or Deputy, or to the Committee appointed to Negotiate the Exchange of Prisoners,

Read & Accepted

John Avery Dpy Secy

South Hadley 9th Novem 1776.

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 166, 61.
2. Captain James Tracy commanded the Massachusetts privateer brig *Yankee Hero* which was taken in June 1776 by H. M. S. *Milford*. See Volume 5.
3. Lieutenant John Knight, R. N., commanding H. M. Schooner *Diligent*, was captured in July 1775. The *Diligent* had been on coastal survey work, and in Knight's possession were a number of coastal charts. See Volume 1.

#### JOHN BRADFORD TO GEORGE WASHINGTON <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Boston 9th of November 1776

I've received a Letter from Capt William Burke late commander of the Schooner *Warren* in the Service of the Continent <sup>2</sup> Dated Hillifax 8 Octor who was unfortunate in being taking by the *Liverpool* ship of War Capn Bellow who has treated him with great humanity. Burke desires me to acquaint your Excellency that he saild from thence in company with the flag of truce (which broug[ht] away his men who are arriv'd at this Port) for [New] York in Order to be exchang'd for Capt Bellows Lieutenant who is a prisoner at Germantown near philidelphia by the name of Richd Bowger <sup>3</sup> its probable poor Burke is Arriv'd at [New] York ear this he is a worthy Brave man and deserves a better fate I have the honour to be [&c.]

1. John Bradford Letter Book, vol. 1, LC.
2. Burke was captured in Washington's schooner *Warren*. See Volume 6, 303-04.
3. Lieutenant Richard Boger, R. N., was captured in the tender *Edward* by the Continental brig *Lexington*, Captain John Barry. See Volume 4.

#### PETITION OF CAPTAIN JOHN MANLEY TO THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT <sup>1</sup>

State of the Massachusetts Bay	}	To the Honble. The Council and The Honble House of Representatives in General Court assembled Novr 1776
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The Petition of John Manly of Boston  
Humbly Sheweth –

That your Petitioner being appointed Commander of the *Hancock* Frigate now lying in the Harbour of Newbury Port thinks it is his Indispensable Duty when he foresees an approaching Danger to avoid it if possible, he therefore applys to your Honours for your assistance Your Petitioner would beg leave to Inform your Honors that it will be to the great Damage of sd. Frigate if she should remain in the Harbour of Newbury Port the approaching Winter Season which leads him to think that it will be for the Interest of the Continent as well as of this State that such a Valuable Ship should be preserved & Secured by her Removal from sd. Port to the Port of Boston which cannot be done with Safety unless, she is furnished with some Cannon –

Your Petitioner therefore Prays that your Honors would be Pleased to Permit the Honble. Thomas Cushing Esqr. the Continental Agent to send by Water those Guns that were lent him for the use of the *Boston* Frigate to Newbury Port to put on board sd. *Hancock* Frigate for her protection during her Passage from Newbury Port to Boston said Guns upon said Ships Arival to sd. Port of Boston to be delived over to Capt. Hector McNeil for the use of the Ship *Boston* aforesaid And your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever Pray –

John Manley

Boston Novr 9th. 1776 –

[Endorsements]

In Council Novr 12th 1776 Read & thereupon Resolved that Moses Gill Esqr with such as the Honble. House shall join be a Comittee to take the above Petition under Consideration & Report –

sent down for Concurrence

John Avery Dpy Secy

In the House of Representatives Novr 12th 1776

Read and concurrd and Mr Dalton and Mr Cooper are joined –

J. Warren Spkr

In Council Novr 13 1776.

Resolved that the prayer of the within Petition be granted, and That Thomas Cushing Esqr the Continental Agent, be and hereby is Permitted to send by water, at the expence of the Continent, those Guns that ware lent by this State for the use of the Continental Frigate Called the *Boston*, to Newbury Port, and Cause the Same to be put on Board the Ship *Hancock* for her Defence during her Passage from Newbury Port to Boston, the said Guns upon the Ship *Hancock's* Arrival at the Port of Boston be deliverd to Capt Hector McNeal for the use of the Ship *Boston* and Capt Hector McNeal is hereby directed to Deliver the Guns before mentiond to the Honbl Thos Cushing Esqr or his order for the Purpose before mentioned

In Council Novr 13th 1776

Read & sent down –

John Avery Dpy Secy

In the House of Representatives Novr 13. 1776

Read & pass'd Sent up for Concurrence

J Warren Spkr

In Council Novr 13t 1776 Read & Concurrd

John Avery Dpy Secy –

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 211, 73–74.

*Providence Gazette*, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1776

Providence, November 9.

Since our last two valuable Prizes have arrived at safe Ports; one from Quebec, bound to Grenada,<sup>1</sup> the Master of which informs, that he left Quebec the Middle of September, and that just before he came away, 10 Sail of Transports arrived there, most of them very large Dutch Ships, having on board 3000 Brun-

swickers. They had been 24 Weeks on their Passage, and were in a wretched Condition, one Third of them being sick.

On Tuesday the 12th Instant, at Messieurs Thurbers and Cahoon's Wharff, will be sold the Snow *Friendship*, together with her Cargo, viz. 46 Puncheons of Rum, 451 Ditto of Ship Bread, 39 Ditto of Beef, 41 Ditto of Pork, 50 Hogsheads of Peas, 49 Barrels of Oatmeal, 19 Casks of Rice, 58 Barrels of Flour, 19½ Casks of Raisins, 10 Jars of Oil, 13 Hogsheads of Vinegar, 110 Firkins of Butter

The Sale to begin precisely at 10 o'Clock.

Providence, November 5, 1776.

1. *Ibid.*, brigantine *Phoenix*, John Darrel, master, taken by privateer sloop *Greenwich*, Job Pierce commanding. This issue of the newspaper carries the libel filed against this prize as well as the *Live Oak*, *New Westmoreland*, and cargo from the brigantine *Union*.

ORDER FOR JURY PANELS FOR TRIALS IN RHODE ISLAND ADMIRALTY COURT  
OF THE PRIZE BRIGANTINES *Pasley* AND *Phoenix* <sup>1</sup>

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Kent ss

To the Town Sergeant of the Town of East-Greenwich in the County of Kent  
Greeting

Forasmuch as Libels are filed before Me in Behalf of Job Peirce of East Greenwich and others alledging that they have lately taken and captured the Brigantine *Parsley* [*sic Pasley*] her Appurtenances and Cargo and the Brigantine *Phoenix* her Appurtenances and Cargo as Prize and have brought the said Vessels their Appurtenances and Cargo into the Harbour of East Greenwich for Trial: – And whereas the Maritime Court erected for the Trial of Maritime Causes in and throughout the said State is appointed to be holden at said East Greenwich on the 16th Day of November current at the Hour of Ten in the Forenoon for the Trial of the Justice of the Capture of the said Brigantine *Parsley* her Appurtenances and Cargo; And on the 25th Day of said November at the Hour of 10 in the Forenoon for the Trial of the Justice of the Capture of said Brigantine *Ph[o]enix* her Appurtenances and Cargo

Therefore pursuant to Law you are hereby required and commanded to warn a Town Meeting of the Freemen of said Town of East Greenwich on the Eleventh Day of November current to draw 4 petit jurors to serve at said Court on the 16th Day of said November; and Four Petit Jurors to serve in said Court on the 25th Day of said November: – And you are likewise required as soon as may be to give Notice in Writing to the Jurors so drawn to attend and Serve at said Court at the said Times and Place and to make due Return to Me with your Doings hereon with the Names of the Jurors so drawn and Notified upon the Penalty of Ten Pounds for Failure herein –

Given under my Hand & Seal in said East Greenwich this 9th Day of November A. D. 1776 –

John Foster Judge of said Court.

1. Admiralty Papers, vol. 9, R. I. Arch. A similar order to the Sergeant of the town of Coventry was issued the same day.

GENERAL WILLIAM HOWE TO COMMODORE WILLIAM HOTHAM<sup>1</sup>

Dr Sir

Camp. Dobbs Ferry. Novr 9th

Being informed the Artillery Ships attending upon this army are not got up to Morisani, & as the stores in them will immediately be wanted on shore, I beg leave to solicit yr assistance for getting them to the most convenient station for landing their Stores at Morisani I am Dr Sir [&c.]

W Howe

1. Collection of Lord Hotham, Yorkshire (East Riding) County Record Office, England.

JOURNAL OF AMBROSE SERLE<sup>1</sup>

[On board the *Eagle*, New York] Saturday, 9th. November.

Great Preparations making for an Expedition. The *Fowey* & *Active* Frigates fell down the River in order to proceed with their Convoy to England. My Letters were put on board the *Fowey*, Capt. Montagu, with whom Lord Dunmore sails homewards.

1. Tatum, ed., *Serle's Journal*, 138.

DIARY OF DR. THOMAS MOFFAT<sup>1</sup>

[On board H. M. Sloop *Swan* at Sandy Hook]

Friday November 8th Therm: morning 41 wind N. *Unicorn* saild on a cruize. broke Smiths Thermometer. Evening *Unicorn* Returnd with a Prize laden with whole oil Sperm from Brazile belonging to Bedford in Massachusetts bay.

Saturday Novr 9th Thermom: morning 43. Evening came in the *Perseus* with 2 prizes a Ship from Boston with provisions &c for Hispaniola & a Brig from Dartmouth in Massachusetts bay with Horses &c for Surinam.<sup>2</sup>

1. Thomas Moffat's Diary, LC.  
2. Ship *Adventure*, Job Prince, master, and brigantine *Roby*, William Howland, master, Howe's Prize List, March 31, 1777, PRO, Admiralty 1/487.

*Pennsylvania Evening Post*, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1776

Philadelphia, November 9.

Whereas George Folger, master of the brig *Richmond*, on his passage from London and Nevis to Nantucket, was taken by the private sloop of war called the *Congress*, by which means said Folger was plundered of receipts and notes included to the amount of twenty-one hundred pounds sterling, which are refused him, though often requested. This is to forbid all persons taking any drafts on any merchants in London in the name of Thomas Boylston or George Folger, as they may be assured they will be protested, particular care being taken to prevent every species of fraud that may be executed by said receipts.

George Folger.



JOURNAL OF THE MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

[Annapolis] Saturday November 9th 1776

Council of Safety agreed with Colonel [Robert] Hooe for all the Jackets imported in the Brigantine *Friendship*, at twenty two shillings and six Pence, each.<sup>2</sup>

1. Council of Safety Journal, 29 August 1775 to 20 March 1777, Md. Arch.

2. "Receiv'd Novr 12th 1776 into the Public Store from Colo Robert Hooe five hundred and fifty seven Seamen's Jackets - C. W. Howard," Naval and Maritime Papers, Md. Arch.

"A JOURNIEL KEPT BY EPHRAIM BRIGGS OBOURD OF THE GOOD SLOOP *Warren*  
A BOLD PRIVATEER A SECOND CRUIZE."<sup>1</sup>

Saturday November the 9 Day 1776

Latter Part Blows Very hard Saterdag Morning

First Part of these 24 hours it Blows a Very Gale the Wind to the westward Starting Each way A very Bad sea A Going seven A Clock Looks very Dubarious Very heavy Squals ten A Clock A squall struck Us the Trysail bos't Down to the Deck Almost took Bouth parts of the Clue of the Trysail off at once As if they was Cut off with an Ax Got Down the Trysail What was Left of him A Tirible hard Gale inde'd She Lays down Very low Laying A hul

1. RIHS.

## 10 Nov. (Sunday)

JOURNAL OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL GOREHAM<sup>1</sup>

[Fort Cumberland, Nova Scotia]

Sunday the 10th [November] Two of the Inhabitants living just under the Garrison, came early this Morning to inform me of their being between six & seven hundred Men in Arms at their House, most all Night, waiting for a favorable opportunity to attack, that they approached in small partys, near the Fort, during the Night, but found our Centrys so alert, & firing on them, they retired. - Said they intended to send a Summons this day to the Commanding Officer to surrender the Garrison, that among these people, there appeared all the French Acadians of the Country, & Inhabitants of Amherst, Westcock, Joly Cour &c. - One Clough a trading Vessel from Halifax, lying in Bay Vert [Baie Verte], was taken by the bloody Bridge French Acadians. -

	Men	The above Number of Men Sir Geo.
<i>Vorture</i> <sup>2</sup> to land	50	Collier, commanding 'the Kings
<i>Albany</i>	50	Ships here, promised the[y] should
<i>Hope</i>	50	land to Cooperate with any Detacht
<i>Gage</i>	30	none came or has appear'd but the
<i>Diligent</i>	30	<i>Voluture</i> while I remain'd at Wind-
<i>Nova Scotia</i>	30	sor - <sup>3</sup>

1. Proceedings at Fort Cumberland, PRO, Colonial Office, 217/52, 315, DAC Photocopy.

2. H. M. Sloop *Vulture*.

3. This statement and list of ships are in a different hand; possibly written by General Massey.

JOURNAL OF LIEUTENANT WILLIAM DIGBY<sup>1</sup>

[St. Johns]

November 10. The remainder of our Corps came down, the day being clear. Our ships were all laid up at this place for the winter, masts and rigging taken from them, and the ice broke round every morning & evening, to prevent their keels from suffering by the severe frost, then shortly expected.

1. Digby's Journal, BM.

RECEIPT OF WILLIAM WILKINSON, MASTER OF THE BRITISH SCHOONER *Hannah*<sup>1</sup>

Halifax, November 10, 1776.

Received in good order and well conditioned, from Wm. White, on board the schooner *Hannah*, myself master, bound for St. Augustine, but to touch at New-York, the following goods, viz.

Twelve barrels barley; ten half barrels.  
 Seven Anchors; five barrels pitch.  
 Twenty-one firkins beef.  
 Twenty-two barrels beef.  
 Twenty-three tierces do.  
 Thirteen casks raisins.  
 Nineteen barrels and four tierces peas.  
 One hawser; thirty-seven coils cordage.  
 Fifteen hhds. beer; thirty-four bundles scathing paper.  
 Two hhds. tobacco; one hhd. glass ware.  
 Four cross-cut saws; one puncheon shoes.  
 One barrel shoes.  
 Seven bales woolens, and three bales linens.  
 One bale osnaburgs; one hundred and sixty bolts canvas.  
 Eight casks raisins; one cask lampblack.  
 Two cases mustard; and one box spices.  
 One puncheon linens; two boxes printed linens.  
 Three bundles twine.  
 One hundred and ten cheeses.  
 One cask of nails; forty-eight hampers of wine.  
 One bale cinnamon; four boxes pipes.  
 A parcel of oakum.

All of which I promise to deliver in like good order, as when shipped, to the said Wm. White, or his assigns, at New-York or St. Augustine, he or they paying freight for said goods as per charter party, dangers of the seas excepted, having signed three receipts of this same tenor and date; one whereof being fulfilled the others to be void.

William Wilkinson.

1. *New York Provincial Congress*, II, 359.

COLONEL PIERSE LONG TO WILLIAM WHIPPLE<sup>1</sup>

Dr Sir

Portsmo Novr 10th 1776

Since mine to you of the 29th Ulto I have to advise you that the Battalion Stationed here, Are for Numbers much as when I wrote you about (400) – But to Come to our Matters between us, I congratulate you on the Success that's attended the *McClary* Capt [Robert] Parker. Soon after he Sailed he took Two Schooners, With fish Oil and salt which were Sold Yesterday – He is also arrived Together with a fine Large Ship having on board 516 hhd Jama Rum Which were intended for the Army at Quebec But the Captains meeting with many Contrary winds Obliged him to bear away for New York – And fell in with the *McClary*. Among the Rest of the Rum there's 2 hhds of spirrit Directed for Burgoine & Carlton – By Letters taken in Said Ship, it appears there is a great Scarcity of provisions at Jamaica as One Gentlemen writes his friend That he was then (in July) Selling flour at 18 dollars P barrl & Indian Corn at 2 dollars P bushel – There is also a Mahogany Ship (which the *McClary* Took) Arrivd Which will Turn out in Value about 2500 £. And A Brige from Statia for Ireland with 210 hhds sugr I expect the Whole of these prizes will amount to upwards of 30,000 LM. Which you'l Think is a Tolarable Cruise –

Captn Parker has Refused going out again In whose Room We have put Capt Joshua Moore of Kittery and Expect he will Sail in a few days The Old Ship is a fixing Out. And will proceed on her Voyage the begining of Next Month for the West Indias –

Your family is well. I Should Esteem it a favour you'd find me the Resolves of Congress, And a Book Lately published in Philladelphia In Which is Contained The Whole of the Camp duty In doing Which you'l Oblige me – I am with Real Esteem sr [&c.]

Pierse Long

Nov. 11. By a fishing boat Just got in We hear one of the British Tenders Late Captain [William] Burkes,<sup>2</sup> Overhalld and took her, And after Examining how we were defended, What Condition the *Rawleigh* was in how many privateers we had, And what prizes We had Taken, they Released him, And they themselves made of[f] to sea – The person who Tells this Story is Tuttle the fisherman Whom you know. – Let the Story be true or false it has induced me to keep a Good Luck out at the different forts —

1. John Langdon Papers, Captain J. G. M. Stone Private Collection, Annapolis.

2. The former Washington's schooner *Warren* which had been taken by H. M. S. *Liverpool*. See Volume 6.

JOURNAL OF AMBROSE SERLE<sup>1</sup>[On board H. M. S. *Eagle*, New York]

Sunday, 10th. [November]

Lord Dunmore called this Morning on the Admiral [Howe] on his Departure for England. His Lordship goes Home in the *Fowey*, which immediately got under Sail, to proceed on her Voyage – . . .

Several Victuallers arrived from Halifax. Two Rebel Privateers followed them at a Distance, but finding the Ships well armed did not venture to approach very near them.

The *Perseus* & *Unicorn* arrived at Sandy Hook with 3 valuable Prizes.

1. Tatum, ed., *Serle's Journal*, 138, 139.

#### DIARY OF FREDERICK MACKENZIE <sup>1</sup>

[Long Island] 10th Novr 1776. Everything is ready for the Embarkation of the 3rd and 5th Brigades, and part of their heavy baggage is on board. The destination remains a secret.

It is not supposed we are going to Rhode Island, as the passage there at this season is rather dangerous and tedious, occasioned by the prevalence of the North-erly winds, particularly off the end of Long Island, which makes it difficult to beat up so far. The transports and Frigates indeed, might go through Hellgate and the Sound, but none of the two decked ships can go that way, nor the *Grand Duke of Russia* transport of 672 Tons, and as they must go by Sandy hook and the back of Long Island, and the fleet wd by this means be separated. In the opinion of many the chief expedition is intended for the Delaware, and the other up The North River to attack Fort Constitution, or to proceed farther up to hasten the retreat of the Army opposed to General Carleton.

1. *Mackenzie's Diary*, I, 101.

#### JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Maidstone*, CAPTAIN ALAN GARDNER <sup>1</sup>

Novemr [1776] Platform Pt SS½E. 8 Leagues.  
 Sunday 10 [A.M.] 2 TKd Ship, 8 Pass'd a French Frigate. 9 TKd Ship.  
 10 joined Company the Tender and her two Prizes.<sup>2</sup>

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/572.

2. Schooner *Polly* and sloop *Betsey*, each with cargoes of molasses, Gayton's Prize List, February 26, 1778, PRO, Admiralty 1/240.

#### JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Seaford*, CAPTAIN JOHN COLPOYS <sup>1</sup>

November 1776 At Sea [off St. Martin]  
 Sunday 10th At 9 A M Sent the Boat on board a Schooner bro't the Cap-  
 tain on board, & Sent a Petty Officer on board her. At 12 Do  
 the Town of Great Bay St Martins ENE½E.

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/880.

#### WILLIAM BINGHAM TO SILAS DEANE <sup>1</sup>

Sir St Pierre Martinique Novr 10th 177[6]  
 Above you will find Copy of my last Respects Since which have not had the Honor of receiving any of your esteemed favors – The Gentn at Bordeaux to whom I transmitted some of my Letters for you has acknowledged the Receipt of them & informs me that he had carefully forwarded them –

This I expect will be delivered to you by Mr Wm Hodge of Philadelphia, who is entrusted with Some important Dispatches by the Committee of Secret Correspondence; And as I have no doubt of your being fully informed of every interesting Piece of Intelligence thro the Medium of their Dispatches, I almost think it needless to expatiate at large upon them –

The Result of the Conference between the Committee of Delegates & Lord & Genl Howe, you will find published in the Gazettes by order of Congress – The Evacuation of New York by Genl Washington may perhaps at first raise the Spirits of our Enemies & make a deeper Impression upon the Minds of our Friends, than this prudent Maneuvre of our Generals merits. It Saved the Destruction of an elegant & once opulent City, which the Ships under Command of Lord Howe might at any Time have laid in Ashes. Our Army is now strongly entrenched on New York Island & at Kingsbridge & bid Defiance to the Enemy; Genl Howe finds himself identically in the Same Situation, that he was in at Boston, having the Command of the Sea, but at Land Surrounded by our Troops –

There is to be established betwixt this Island & the Continent a Number of fast Sailing well appointed Vessels, which are intended for the Purpose of Commerce, as well as to convey Dispatches to & from this Place; I therefore expect henceforward to have a regular & punctual Supply of News, all which I Shall duly & carefully transmit to you; The Honble the Committee desired that when I Should write to you, I would earnestly recommend your contriving some Way of sending me the English, Irish & French News Papers, political Publications, &c in order that they may be furnished therewith – I think they may be sent under cover to the General <sup>2</sup> with his Dispatches or by any other conveyance that you may think preferable – I have the Honor to be with great Regard & Esteem [&c.]

W<sup>m</sup> Bingham

1. Silas Deane Papers, ConnHS.

2. The French commander at Martinique.

**11 Nov.**

JOHN BRADFORD TO THE CONTINENTAL MARINE COMMITTEE <sup>1</sup>

Gentlemen

Boston 11th Novr 1776

I have the honour of receiving your favour under the 18th of Octor furnishing me with a resolve of Congress to order a just distribution of all prizes taken by the Cruisers fitted out by order of General Washington on the Continental Account – to which I beg leave to reply, the prizes taken prior to the three scotch transports <sup>2</sup> were under the direction of other Agents, who by a former order from Congress I have repeatedly call'd on to exhibit their Accounts for a Settlement, which at present remains to be done, tho' Mr [William] Watson assures me in a fortnight he will be ready to come to a Settlement, But I despair of doing any thing with Bartlet & Glover <sup>3</sup> – the latter bawls out of the unreasonableness of calling on him, when he is in advance for the Continent. I shall give a very close attention to settle the Accounts of all the prizes that's fallen into my hands, to pay the men their proportions and to forward to your board all the documents ordered

and when I know what Ballance remains shall dispose of it agreeable to your orders –

Two days since two prize Briggs arrived the one taken by the *Hancock* & *Franklin* from [torn] for the mediranean with 426 Teircs of Salmon & 420 quintals of dry fish <sup>4</sup> – the other brought in by the *Lee* from Halifax for Jama with lumber <sup>5</sup> I sometime since acquainted the honble Board with the conduct of Capt: [Daniel] Waters in the *Lee* relative to his refusing to joyn Capt [William] Burk[e] in attacking two vessells off Marblehead who was a good deal shatter'd by them while he [Waters] remain'd a shore & was only a spectator for want of his Assistance we lost them both – they were Scotch transports – the cruise before last he was near a month in the Eastern parts after he sail'd hence, the last Cruise I fitted him for a two months Cruise and he return'd before one month expired, I cant discharge my duty without acquainting the Board with such proceedings, and to inform you that the service realy suffers for want of some regulation which I hope you in your wisdom will soon make, the Schooner *Lynch* remains on pay haul'd up – hope I shall receive orders what to do with her – <sup>6</sup> I have the Honour to be with all due Respects [&c.]

1. John Bradford Letter Book, vol. 1, LC.

2. *George, Annabella and Lord Howe*. See Volume 5.

3. Watson was Washington's agent in Plymouth, Bartlett in Beverly and Glover in Marblehead.

4. Brig *Triton*, taken by Samuel Tucker in the *Hancock*, and John Skimmer in the *Franklin*.

5. Brig *Elizabeth*.

6. Washington's schooner *Lynch*, Captain John Ayres.

JOHN BRADFORD TO THE SECRET COMMITTEE OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS <sup>1</sup>

Gentlemen

Boston 11th Novr 1776

I have the honour to be favour'd with yours under the 7th Octor by last post only to which I beg leave to reply the Bay Ship I formerly mentioned with the Cargo is sold she being under the direction of Mr Langdon Agent for the New Hampshire State – I am inform'd he has purchas'd her with the principle part of her Cargo with a design to offer her to Congress no doubt you have heard from him on that subject You give me leave to purchase any other Bay Ships' <sup>2</sup> – we have one in this port & theirs one at plimouth, both good Ships, but belonging to private people – I shall make use of all the address I am posses'd of keeping my intentions of purchase a profound secret & not appear in it my self & if they go of[f] cheap shall purchase & inform your Committe in due time with my proceedings –

The Brigg *fanny* was to sail last fryday the Genious of a Capt who took her is not in town, so soon as I settle with him I shall render you an Accot of my proceedings which I hope may be satisfactory, I left the *fanny* last tuesday, being oblig'd to make two Journeys to plimouth on that Account – <sup>3</sup>

1. John Bradford Letter Book, vol. 1, LC.

2. Referring to prize ships from the Bay of Honduras with cargoes of logwood and mahogany.

3. See footnote 2 under Bradford's letter to Robert Morris, October 22, Volume 6, 1360.

*Boston Gazette*, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1776

Boston, November 11.

Friday and Saturday 7 night arrived at Marblehead from Halifax, two Flags of Truce, the *pacific* Cartel bringing 96 & the *Hostage* Schooner 78 Prisoners,

to be exchanged for an equal Number of like Rank – Among the Prisoners were Capt. James Tracy and the other Officers of the *Yankee Hero* Privateer; <sup>1</sup> also Capt. [Joshua] Stone and the officers of a Privateer belonging to Casco Bay.<sup>2</sup>

We hear that Capt. John Lee of Salem, has taken another ship from London, very valuable prize, and sent her into a neighbouring state.<sup>3</sup>

Friday last arrived at Marblehead, [a large prize] Ship, having on Board 4800 Quintals of Fish. She was sent in by Capt [Daniel] Hathorne.<sup>4</sup>

Saturday last arrived here, a prize brig, laden with fish, taken by the Captains [John] Skimmer and [Samuel] Tucker, – <sup>5</sup> And

Yesterday arrived here a Prize, taken by Captain Daniel Waters, laden with Staves, bound from Nova-Scotia for the West-Indies.<sup>6</sup>

1. Taken June 7, by H. M. S. *Milford*.

2. The Massachusetts privateer sloop *Retrieve*, taken by H. M. S. *Milford* near Seal Head, September 30, 1776.

3. Brigantine *Susannah*, captured by John Lee in the Massachusetts privateer schooner *Hawke*.

4. Brigantine *Anna* taken by Hathorne in the Massachusetts privateer schooner *True American*.

5. Brigantine *Triton* prize of Washington's schooners *Franklin* and *Hancock*.

6. Brigantine *Elizabeth* taken by Washington's schooner *Lee*.

PERMIT TO CAPTAINS JOHN STEWART AND JAMES MCLEAN, MASTERS OF  
TWO PRIZE TRANSPORTS, TO DEPART IN A CARTEL <sup>1</sup>

We John Stewart, late Captain of the Ship *Oxford*, and James McLean late Captain of the Ship *Crawford* Two Transport Ships in the Service of his Britannick Majesty having on board Two Companies of regular Troops bound from Greenock to Boston, being captured by Capt. Biddle in the *Andrew Doria* an armed Vessel in the Service of the United States of America and brought into the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations do acknowledge to have received from the Hon'ble Nicholas Cooke Esqr Governor of the State aforesaid Permission to go from hence to the State of the Massachusetts Bay and there to take Passage in the First Flag of Truce bound to Halifax where we are to be considered as given in Exchange for John Earl[e] & Ezekiel Burroughs Two Officers of the *Columbus* a Ship of War in the Service of the United States of America who were Prize Masters of the Brig *Bee*, and Ship *Hester* Two Prizes taken by the *Columbus* and afterwards retaken and carried into Halifax. Providence Novemr 11th 1776.

John Stewart      James McLean

Witness   Henry Ward

1. Council of War Papers, Exchange of Prisoners, R. I. Arch

#### PRISON DIARY OF MAJOR CHRISTOPHER FRENCH <sup>1</sup>

[Hartford] Monday 11th Novr

Six Prisoners were brought to Goal, part of those taken on Long Island last Friday Week by a Party of the Rebels sent over for that purpose, among whom was a Capt Smith of Genl Delancy's Brigade He assures me that this plan was conducted by the Rebels in concert with one Nathan Woodhull, (who was formerly in the Militia, has been in the Rebellion, & taken the Oaths of Allegiance

since) who, he says he can prove, has frequently secreted Rebels, & was their Guide the Night he was made Prisoner. He tells me the Rebels kill'd 5. or 6. & brought off about 18 or 19 Prisoners with about 50. Firelocks –

1. US Revolution, LC.

LIBEL FILED IN NEW LONDON ADMIRALTY COURT AGAINST THE PRIZE  
SHIP *Clarendon* <sup>1</sup>

State of Connecticut, ss.

New London County, Nov. 11, 1776.

A Libel is filed before the Hon. Richard Law, Esq; Judge of the Maritime Court for the County of New-London, against the ship *Clarendon*, her Tackle, Apparel, Furniture and Boats; which said Ship was lately commanded by John Deniston, burthen about Two Hundred Tons, and also against her Cargo, consisting of about 200 Hogsheads, 105 Tierces, and 3 Barrels Sugar, 65 Puncheons Rum, 33 Planks of Mahogany, 11 Planks of Molatto Wood and 191 Hides; said to belong to the Subjects of Great-Britain, not Inhabitants of Bermudas and the Bahama-Islands; which Ship was taken by the armed Brigantine *Cabot*, Elisha Hinman, Commander, and brought into the Port of New-London in the County aforesaid. The Maritime Court erected for the Trial of all such Captures, will be held at New-London aforesaid, on the First Monday of December next at 2 o'Clock, P.M. to try the Justice of said Capture, of which this Notice is given pursuant to the Laws of the Colony, that the Owners of said Ship and Cargo, or any Person concerned therein, may appear, if they see Cause, and shew Reason, if any be, why the said Ship, her Tackle, Boats and Cargo should not be condemned as lawful Prize to the Captors.

Per order of the Judge.

Wint. Saltonstall, Reg'r.

1. *Connecticut Gazette*, November 15, 1776.

GEORGE WASHINGTON TO JOHN HANCOCK <sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

Peeks kill, November 11, 1776.

I left white Plains about 11 O'Clock yesterday. all peace then. The Enemy appeared to be preparing for their expedition to Jersey, according to every information. What their designs are, or whether their present conduct is not a feint I cannot determine. The Maryland and Virginia Troops under Lord Stirling have crossed the River as have part of those from the Jersey, the remainder are now embarking.

The Troops judged necessary to Secure the Several posts thro' the Highlands, have also got up. I am going to examine the Passes and direct such Works as may appear necessary, after which and making the best disposition I can, of things in this Quarter, I intend to proceed to Jersey, which I expect to do to Morrow.

I congratulate you and Congress on the News from Tyconderoga and that Genl Carlton and his Army have been Obligated to return to Canada, without attempting anything. I have &ca.

1. Fitzpatrick, ed., *Writings of Washington*, VI, 271–73.



*New-York Gazette*, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1776

New-York, November 11.

Captain [Henry] Davis of the *Repulse* being taken dangerously ill, the *Emerald*, Captain [Benjamin] Caldwell, took his Station near the Rebel Forts up Hudson's River.

Several Rebel Privateers, &c. have been lately taken and brought into this Harbour, by some of His Majesty's Ships.

On Wednesday Evening last the *Lively* Frigate, Captain Bishopp, arrived in the Harbour from off Carolina. She brought in some Prizes with her.

Yesterday Morning, the *Perseus*, Captain Elphinstone, arrived at Sandy Hook, and brought in two Prizes, valued at 5000 l. Sterling.

#### DIARY OF FREDERICK MACKENZIE<sup>1</sup>

[Long Island] 11th Novr Near 200 sail of Vessels went out this day for England and Ireland under Convoy of The *Fowey* and *Active*. The *Greyhound* also went out with them. She is to see them 100 leagues to the Eastward and then return.

1. *Mackenzie's Diary*, I, 102.

#### CONTINENTAL MARINE COMMITTEE TO CAPTAIN ELISHA WARNER, CONTINENTAL SCHOONER *Fly*<sup>1</sup>

Sir

[Philadelphia] November 11th 1776

We have received intelligence that our enemies at New York are about to embarque 15000 Men on board their Transports, but where they are bound remains to be found out. The Station assigned you makes it probable that we may best discover their destination by your means for it will be impossible this fleet of Transports can get out of Sandy hook without your seeing them; and we particularly direct you to take such station as will prevent a probability of their passing you unseen the *wasp* must act in conjunction with you, and for that purpose you will concert with Lieutenant [John] Baldwin what is best to be done and give him orders accordingly, when you discover this fleet watch their motions and the moment they get out to Sea and shape their course send your boat on Shore with a Letter to be dispatched by express informing us what course they steer – how many sail they consist of if you can ascertain their numbers and how many Ships of war attend them. We expect this Letter will be sent off to you by Mr James Searle who is at Shrewsbury and he will either receive your letters and send them off to us by express or get some proper person to do it. If this fleet steer to the Southward either the *fly* or *wasp* which ever sails fastest must precede the fleet – keeping in shore and ahead of them, and if you find they are bound into the Capes of Delaware, run into some of the Inlets on the Jersey Shore, and send one of your officers or some proper person to us instantly with an Account thereof.

The dullest sailer of the *Fly* or *Wasp* must follow after this fleet and watch their motions and whenever you make discovery of their destination so as to know it with certainty put in for the Land and send us the information by Express.

Thus you must watch this fleet one before and the other after them until you can inform us where they are bound. Should they go for Chesapeake Bay, put into some of the Inlets on the Coast and give advice to the Council of Safety of Virginia and Maryland by express. If they go for North Carolina South Carolina or Georgia observe the same conduct, and if they go to the Northward do the like. In short we think you may by a Spirited execution of these Orders prevent them from coming by Surprize on any part of this Continent, and be assured you cannot recommend yourself more effectually to our freindship. If you could find an opportunity of attacking and taking one of the fleet on their coming out it might be the means of giving us ample intelligence, in such case send all the papers and prisoners here expeditiously. – We are sir [&c.]

1. Marine Committee Letter Book, 43, NA.

#### MINUTES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

Philad'a, November 11th, 1776.

In Consequence of Intelligence received that part of General How's Army was making a Move this way, the Council, to get things in forwardness to make a defence, came to the following Resolutions, vizt:

1. That 12 Expresses with Horses be provided, to be in readiness to send.  
2. That Col. [Francis] Gurney & Mr. [Frederick] Kuhl be appointed to examine the state of Military Stores and Arms in the State House and Lock Factory, & report to the Board the State in which they shall find them.

3. That Col. S. Matlack be appointed to write a Circular Letter containing the Intelligence received, to the Commanding officers of the Militia.

4. That Commodore Seymour, Col. [Richard] Humpton, Capt. [Joseph] Blewer, & Capt. Hazlewood [John Hazelwood], do review the whole Naval Armament and the Artillery Companies belonging to this State to-morrow, and make report to this Board of the State in which they shall find them.

5. *Resolved*, That Col. [John] Bayard be appointed to draw up a Letter to Col. Kirkbridge, to view the Fords of the River Delaware above the Falls.

6. That Mr. [Owen] Biddle be appointed to write to the Delaware State & the Lower parts of New Jersey, and acquaint them with the Intelligence received.

7. That Mr. S. C. Morris be appointed to write to Mr. Parr, Mr. Tilghman, & Mr. Lukens, and order them to remove the Public Papers in their hands.

8th. That Mr. Robert Irwine be sent for and directed to engage a Number of Waggon, in order to remove the Military Stores from this City to the Country.

9. That Col. [Samuel] Mifflin be sent for & requested to Assist in directing the Mounting all the small Guns that can be procured on Carriages in and near the City, that is fit for that purpose.

10. Mr. [Robert] Towers be Directed to provide a larger Quantity of Musket Cartridges than is now on hand, and employ as many people in making them as can be procured.

11. That the Boom be fixed to the Piers near fort Island, without delay.

1. *Pennsylvania Colonial Records*, X, 783–84.

LIBEL OF CAPTAIN NICHOLAS BIDDLE AGAINST SLAVES TAKEN ON BOARD  
VARIOUS PRIZES <sup>1</sup>

Port of Philadelphia, }  
Pennsylvania, ss. } To all whom it may concern.

Notice is hereby given, That a Court of Admiralty will be held at the State-house, in the city of Philadelphia, on Thursday the 28th day of November inst. at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the same day, then and there to try the truth of the facts alledged in the bill of Nicholas Biddle, Esq; (who as well, &c.) against the following Negro slaves, *to wit*, Luke, Baile, Jack, Phil and Ben, taken on board the brig *Betsey*, John Rynoe, master; Jacob, taken on board the brig *Elizabeth*, William Ryson Johnston, master; Henry and Jacob, taken on board the Ship *Molly*, Bridger Goodrich, master; Sol, Moses, Charles and Jacob, taken on board the brig *Maria*, John Marshall, master; and Romeo, Joe and Frank, taken on board the brig *Peggy*, commanded by Capt. Cook: To the end and intent that the owners or masters of the said Negroes, or of any or either of them, or any person or persons concerned therein, may appear and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be condemned as prize according to the prayer of the said bill. By order of the Judge.

Nov. 11, 1776.

Andrew Robeson, Reg.

1. *Pennsylvania Packet*, November 12, 1776.

STEPHEN STEWARD TO THE MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

Gentell Men/ [West River November 11, 1776] <sup>2</sup>

In your Provence Stoare Ive sum Durance or Tamies that Would Do to Make Culers [colors] for the Provence vessels Plesto let Mr Wasteneys My Clark have it he now Waits on you for it If you Can Spare it If you have no thin Canvi[s]s Plesto send Me two Boults of your thickest ozenbrigs I Shuld have Waited on you MySelf but am oblige to Go to the lower Part of Prince Georges County Where I hear thare is a Quanttey of Beef to sell on Wensday Morning I intend to Sit off to Baltemore by Water to Look after the Rigen Castns Iron Hoops and Boats for the Provence Vesels I understand the *Defence* Prise Ship Captain [Thomas] Walker <sup>3</sup> has Sum Small Guns and Cohornes If you have no Potickler use for them and Will give Me an order for them I Can fit out these two Schooners With guns If you Want Me to Do anything for you at Baltemor Plesto Req[ue]st Me And I will Comp[l]y With your orders If I Can I am [&c.]

Stephen Steward

1. Red Book, XVI, Md. Arch.

2. The date is estimated as Monday, November 11. Steward said he would leave for Baltimore on Wednesday, and on Monday, November 18, he was in Baltimore.

3. The sloop *Daniel*, from St. Augustine for Liverpool, taken October 4, 1776.

JOURNAL OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA NAVY BOARD <sup>1</sup>

Navy Board [Charleston]  
Monday 11th November 1776

Agreed to furnish Mr. Willm Hest with 200 Bushels of salt to Enable him to procure Hemp from the Back Country for the use of the Navy –

Received a Letter from Capt. Thomas Pickering  
Off Sunbury Thursday Noon [Nov. 7]

Mr. Blake Sir/

We left Charles Town Barr Yesterday about Ten OClock & having a fine Breese stood a Longshore all Night, & this Morning fell in with a sloop, after giving chase all day, we came up with her about Two oClock, she proved to be a French Sloop from the Cape bound for Charles Town Mr. Aberdie Master, he is the Gentleman who delivers You this. I Received several Articles from him before we parted, As he complained of being a stranger to the Place & People, I have taken the liberty to give him, these few lines to you; any services you can render him will infinitely Oblige me; the wind at Present is small and off the Land, am much afraid we shall be puzzled to make Sunbury, however shall do my Endeavours to discharge the trust reposed in me, the People upon Deck Call out a sail and as we are preparing to give Chace I must Conclude – I Remain, Sir [&c.]

(signed) Tho<sup>s</sup> Pickering

1. Salley, ed., *South Carolina Navy Board*, 24.

## 12 Nov.

COLONEL JONATHAN EDDY TO THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT <sup>1</sup>

Cumberland [Nova Scotia] Novr 12th 1776

Pursuant to Instructions We proceeded from Boston raised a few Men and arived at Cumberland in High Spirits where Some of the Inhabitants Joyned us and we Seized a Vessel in the Harbour with a Great Quantity of Stores &c for the Garrison and besides an Officer and twelve Men that we Sent back from Shepody we have taken above Thirty Prisoners and have attempted the Garrison but Cannot take it without Some Canon and Mortars nor Can we git off what we have taken without Some help as there is a Man of War in the Bay we have Therefore to Intreat of the Province of the Massachusetts for our Selves and for the Inhabitants of Nova Scotia to send some Privatiers into the Bay and Some Troops and Military Stores That we May be able to Promote the General Cause and add another Provence to the United Colonies.

I Must refer you for further Intiligence to Mr Throop the Bearer and Subscribe in the Utmost hast Your [&c.]

Jonathan Eddy

To the Honbl Council & Assely at Boston

1. James Phinney Baxter, ed., *Documentary History of the State of Maine* (Portland, 1910), XIV, 395–96.

CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES TO THE CONTINENTAL MARINE COMMITTEE <sup>1</sup>

Alfred 12th Novr 1776. off the  
Coast of Cape Briton.

Gentlemen

I had the honor of writing to you from Rhode Island 30th Ulto with an account of my late Cruise and Copies of my letters down to the 30th of Sepr I

sailed from thence 1st Current & have met with contrary winds and Stormy Weather for some time past – I have not however met with any material Disaster – I took the Brigantine *Active* last night from Liverpool for Hallifax with an Assorted Cargo on private Account – and this morning I fell in with and took the Ship *Mellish* of 350 Tons from London for Quebeck with a Cargo consisting entirely of Cl[o]thing – this Prize is I believe the most Valuable ship that hath been taken by the American Arms – She made some defence but it was trifling. – the *Active* by the best Account I can learn was worth Six Thousand pounds Sterling when She left England. – I found Sixty men Women and Children on board the *Mellish* – Several of whom are persons of distinction. – I have taken them all on board here and shall now endeavour all I possibly can to effect the principal part of my duty and relieve our illtreated Fellow Citizens at Cape Briton – the loss of the *Mellish* will distress the Enemy more than can be easily imagined. – as the Clothing on board of her is the last intended to be sent out for Canada this season and all that hath preceeded it is already Taken – the situation of Burgoyne's Army must soon become insupportable – I will not loose Sight of a prize of such Importance but will sink her rather than suffer her to fall again into their hands: – I send the *Active* into port and she conveys this. – there are among the prisoners forty Seamen and Soldiers with their officers. – I am with much esteem and respect Gentlemen [&c.]

J. P. J.

1. Papers CC (Letters of John Hancock, and Miscellaneous Papers), 58, 99–100, NA.

CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES TO ROBERT SMITH <sup>1</sup>*Alfred* off the Coast of Cape Briton

12th Novr 1776. –

Sir

I am happy in this opportunity of acknowledging the grate obligations I owe to Mr. [Joseph] Hewes – by Addressing my prize the Brigantine *Active* to You – I have seen and do esteem Yourself – but I knew your Brother James well when I was myself a Son of Fortune. – You will perhaps hear from me agin in a short time – Meanwhile you may promulgate that I have taken the last Transport – with Cloathing for Canada – no other will come out this Season and all that have been Sent before are taken. – this will make Burgoyne “Shake a Cloth in the wind” and check his progress on the Lakes. (I have taken a private Adventure of Captn Foxe's <sup>2</sup> (in slops) for the use of my Seamen – and should he be allowed his private Trade you will please to give him any Credit he may Occassionally want under Fifty Pounds Sterling 'till I write you more particularly on the Subject) I have the honor to be with much Esteem Sir [&c.]

J. P. J.

To Robr Smith Esqr

Agent, for the State of No Carolina.

1. Papers of John Paul Jones, 6503, LC.

2. Isaac Fox, master of the *Active*.

CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES TO ACTING LIEUTENANT WALTER SPOONER<sup>1</sup>

Alfred 12th. Novr 1776

Sir

off the Coast of Cape Briton

You are hereby appointed Commander of our prize the Brigantine *Active* from Liverpool for Hallifax – You are directed to proceed with all possible dispatch for the State of North Carolina and to deliver your charge (the Brigantine *Active* with my letters) unto Robert Smith Esqr the Agent at Edenton. – I request you to be very careful to keep a good look out to prevent your being surprised or re-taken – and you must by no means break Bulk, or destroy any part of the Cargo or Stores except what may be absolutely necessary for your Subsistence during the passage. – If you find it impossible to reach and get into No Carolina You are at liberty to go into any other of the United States of No America.<sup>2</sup> I wish you a Safe and Speedy passage and am Sir [&c.]

J. P. J.

N.B. when off the Barr of Ockricock You are to hoist a Jack or Ensign on the underpart of Your Jib-Boom as a Signal for a pilot and hoist Your Ensign Union down.

To Mr Walter Spooner Lieutenant of the Ship of War the *Alfred* & Commr of the *Alfred's* prize the Brigantine *Active*.

1. Papers of John Paul Jones, 6502, LC.

2. *Active* did not go to North Carolina, but entered Dartmouth prior to November 28. She was libeled against on December 26 for trial January 14, 1777. *Independent Chronicle*, Boston, November 28 and December 26, 1776.

JOURNAL OF THE MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL<sup>1</sup>

Boston – Tuesday November 12th 1776.

In the House of Representatives. Resolved, That the Honble. Richard Derby Esqr. be. and he hereby is directed to supply the Clerk of the House of Representatives for the use of the same with one Box of Stationry taken on board the Ship *Julius Casar* by the *Republic* an Armed Vessel belonging to this State. And to charge this State therewith at the same price the other Boxes taken on board the said Ship shall sell for.

In Council. Read, & Concurred. –

Consented to by 15 of the Council. –

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 36, 141, 143.

GOVERNOR NICHOLAS COOKE TO LIEUTENANT BENJAMIN STELLE<sup>1</sup>

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Sir,

Providence Novemr 12th 1776.

In Consequence of a Proposal from Capt Furneaux of his Britannick Majesty's Ship *Syren* the General Assembly have requested me to send to New Shoreham Two Masters of Vessels, Five Mates, and Twenty four Seamen who have been captured and brought into this State to be exchanged for an equal Number of Prisoners of the same Rank belonging to the United States. I have therefore caused Two Masters, Five Mates, Twenty Seamen and One Corporal to be put

on board the Sloop *Diamond* Thomas Lawton Master, and appointed you to proceed with them in the said Sloop to manage the said Exchange, and do direct you to proceed in said Sloop with said Prisoners with all possible Expedition to the said Island. If you find Capt. Furneaux there you will immediately deliver him my Letter and the said Prisoners and make the Exchange in the following Manner. You are to receive One Master Three Mates and Twenty Seamen belonging to the United States who are now Prisoners on board his ship.

Capt. James Smith who with James Hill and Thomas Simpson his Two Mates was taken in the Ship *Irwin* which was retaken by the People and carried to New York having given me his Parole to endeavour to procure in Exchange for him and his Two Mates the Releasement of Levi Rounds, William Walker, John Wilbur, Thomas Longmore and John Lyon common Seamen who were put on board the *Irwin* when she was taken; and a Permit for them to return Home; and accordingly the said James Smith, James Hill and Thomas Simpson are to be considered as exchanged for the said Levi Rounds, William Walker, John Wilbur, Thomas Longmore, & John Lyon. I have also written to Capt. Furneaux<sup>2</sup> that if he should think proper to send me the Remainder of the Prisoners in his Possession I will faithfully as soon as it is in my Power send an equal Number of British Prisoners of the same Rank to Block Island in Return for them; You will therefore endeavour to effect their Releasement upon that Condition

In Case of Capt. Furneaux's Absence you are to deliver my Letter, and the said Prisoners to the Captain of the First British Ship of War which shall arrive there, taking his Receipt for them and writing to Capt. Furneaux an Account of your Proceedings, and return and make Report to me. I not doubting but Captn Furneaux will immediately upon his Arrival return an equal Number of Prisoners agreeable to his Proposals. I am, Sir [&c.]

Nich<sup>s</sup> Cooke

1. Letters from the Governor, 1768-1777, vol. 2, R.I. Arch.

2. Letters from the Governor, 1768-1777, vol. 2, R.I. Arch.

#### PERMISSION FOR EXCHANGE OF BRITISH NAVAL PRISONERS OF WAR<sup>1</sup>

Providence Novemr 12th 1776 -

We James Morris late Captain of the Brige *Minerva* bound from Antigua to New York and captured by Thomas Child Commander of the Brige *Industry*, a private Vessel of War, Richard Gosling late Mate of the Ship *Eagle* Henry Barnes Master bound from Barbados to Lancaster and captured by Daniel Bucklin Commander of the Sloop *Montgomery* a private Vessel of War, John Davidson late Mate of the Snow *Jenny* William McNelly Master bound from Barbados to Belfast & captured by James Munro Commander of the Sloop *Sally* a private Vessel of War, John Bryant late Mate of the Schooner *Hannah* Henry Davis Master bound from Dominica to Newfoundland and captured by Abner Coffin Commander of the Sloop *Favourite* a private Vessel of War, Thomas Suffolk Corporal in the 53d Regiment in the Service of his Britannick Majesty and captured in the *Woodcock* bound from Quebec to Spithead by Thomas Stacey Commander of the Sloop *Diamond* a private Vessel of War, Alexander Douglas, John Ferguson,

David Ross, James Carr, Edward Pridmore, William Esplin, Edward Bourke, David McKallop, Dennis Dunnavan, Joseph Singer, John Johnson, James Johnston, Willm Dickey, Edward Clayton, John Taylor, Daniel Riordan, John Sage, John Smith, David Kidd, and John Watson late seaman on board Vessels belonging to the Subjects of the King of Great Britain and captured by different private Vessels of War and all of us brought as Prisoners into the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations do severally acknowledge to have received from the Hon'ble Nicholas Cooke Esquire Governor of the State aforesaid Permission to embark on board the Sloop *Diamond* Thomas Lawton Master and under the Care of Mr Adjutant [Benjamin] Stelle to proceed to Block Island to be exchanged by the Captain of the *Syren* if there, or otherwise by the Captain of the First British Ship of War which shall arrive there, for Prisoners belonging to the United States of America.

James Morris  
John Davidson  
John Bryant  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Gasheny  
Johan Freidric  
John Ferguson  
Joseph Singer  
David M<sup>c</sup>Kallop  
John Taylor

David Kidd  
Edward Clayton  
James Karr  
Alex<sup>r</sup> Douglas  
William Dickie  
John Johnson  
The Mark of  
James + Johnston  
The Mark of

Edward × Pridmore  
John Sage  
Th[oma]s Suffolk  
William Esplin  
Edward Bourk  
Dennis Donovan

1. Council of War Papers, Exchange of Prisoners, R. I. Arch.

PERMIT TO ALEXANDER WATSON AND JOHN CAMPBELL, BRITISH PRISONERS,  
TO DEPART IN A CARTEL <sup>1</sup>

Providence Novemr 12th 1774 [*sic* 1776]

We Alexander Watson late Cook of the Ship *Oxford* Capt. [John] Steuart Master and John Campbell late Mariner on board the Ship *Crawford* Capt. [James] McLean Master Two Transports in the service of His Britannic Majesty being captured and brought into this Port by Capt. Biddle in the *Andrew Doria* a Continental Ship of War do acknowledge to have received from the Hon'ble Nicholas Cooke Esqr Govr of the State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations Permits to go to the State of the Massachusetts-Bay and there take Passage in the First Flag of Truce bound to Halifax, & there to be considered as given in Exchange for William Mowry & Thomas Hall Two Seamen late belonging to the *Columbus* a Continental Ship of War who was put on board Prizes which were



afterwards retaken and carried into Halifax & from thence sent Home in a Flag of Truce

The Mark of A Alex<sup>r</sup> Watson  
The Mark of Q John Campbell

Witness Henry Ward Secry

1. Council of War Papers, Exchange of Prisoners, R. I. Arch.

LIBEL OF THOMAS RUTTENBER, COMMANDER OF THE RHODE ISLAND  
PRIVATEER *Montgomery*, AGAINST PRIZE SCHOONER  
*Endeavour*<sup>1</sup>

[State of Rhode] Island & }  
[Providen]ce Plantations ss }

To the Hon John Foster Esq Judge of  
the Court of Justice for the Tryal of  
Prize Cases in and throughout the State  
of Rhode Island & Providence Planta-  
tions in America

Thomas Rutenberg Commander of the private Sloop of War called the *Montgomery* of the port of Providence in the State aforesaid duly commissioned agreeable to the Resolutions of the most Honl the continental Congress to cruise against the Enemies of the united States of America in behalf of himself; the Owners of And the officers and Men belonging to said Sloop of War comes into this Honl Court and gives your Honor to understand and be informed that on the thirteenth Day of October ad 1776 being on a Cruise against the Enemies of sd united States he together with his officers & men belonging to said Sloop upon the High Seas took and captured the Schooner *Endeav[ou]r* with her Appurtenances commanded by one Michael Dyer together with her Cargoe consisting of about One Thousand Bushels of Salt, Three Hogsheads of Rum Eight Hhd of Molasses, One Hogshead three Tierces and four bbls of Muscovado Sugar bound from the Island of Bermuda to the port of Halifax in Nova Scotia and which said Cargoe was designed to supply the Inhabitants of Halifax Subjects of the King of Great Brittain whose Fleets and armies are acting against the said united States of America and for supplying the soldiers belonging to the Garrison there kept by the said King. and said Schooner with her Appurtenances & Cargo before and at the Time of Capture belonged to and were the property of some person or persons inimical to the said united States of America. And the Libellant further informs your Honor that he hath sent said Schooner with her Cargo & Appurtenances into the port of Providence within your Honors Jurisdiction for adjudication. Wherefore he humbly pray[s] that your Honor would take the premises into Consideration and grant out the proper process and Monitions in

such Cases required by Law and further proceed as to Right and Justice appertaineth

John Cole pro Libellant

[Endorsed] Libel Daniel [sic] Rutenburg vs Schooner *Endeavour*  
Received Novr 12: 1776 Trial ordered to be on 30 Novr 1776. –  
Warrant issued for Sale Decemr 5th 1776 –

1. Admiralty Papers, vol. 9, 1776, R. I. Arch.

COMMODORE ESEK HOPKINS TO JOHN BRADFORD <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Newport November 12th. 1776 –

Captn John Plants who was a Passenger in the *Royal Exchange* has two hogsheads of Rum onboard the Brig *Lord Lifford* under your Care <sup>2</sup> – and as he will want a Sufficiency to bear his Charges while here Should be glad you will deliver him the two Hhds of Rum, and it will be agreeable to the Officers and Men belonging to the Fleet and I make no doubt but it will be agreeable to the Congress – I am Sir [&c.]

E. H. –

To John Bradford Esqr Agent for the Contl Fleet in the State of Massachusetts Bay.

1. Hopkins Letter Book, RIHS.

2. Both ships were prizes of the Continental ship *Columbus*, Abraham Whipple. See Volume 6.

COLONEL JOSHUA PORTER TO ROBERT TREAT PAINE <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Salisbury Novr 12th 1776

Your Favour from Philadelphia of Octr 7th is before me, for delaying, so long, to answer it, I must appologize, having been extreemly hurried in Business –

There is no convenient way of enlarging This Furnace so as to cast Thirty two ladders, unless She is rebuilt, to do which I judge will never be expedient, while smaller Cannon continue in Demand as at present –

I can give little or no Encouragement as to Guns for the Frigates in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, as all the Guns that have been cast here, of the Sizes mentioned in yrs, are already disposed of and all that are to be made for some time to come, are pre-engaged.

The Produce of the Furnace has been hitherto disposed of by Vote of the Governor & Council of Safety for this State, and all Applications for Cannon &c must be to Him, for an Order for the delivery of Them here –

As Our Metal is esteem'd superior to any in America, I immagin Twenty four ladders might be cast at this Furnace another Blast, if the Hearth was laid larger than it now is – as we can at present run Iron enough for Eighteen ladders in a heavier Mold than is necessary, (as I think,) for Metal of such extraordinary Tufness as Our Salisbury Ore affords. I propose casting a Gun for a trial, in a Mold constructed according to Mullers Directions, which will be lighter, by about 1/5 – if it bears the proof, it will encourage us to think that Twenty four ladders may be cast here. For proof we charge with 2/3 the Weight of the Shot, in powder, and 2 Balls. I am Sir [&c.]

Joshua Porter

1. Robert Treat Paine Papers, MassHS.



Commodore Hopkins  
Commandeur en Chef der Amer. Flotte

NATHANIEL SHAW, Jr.'s ACCOUNT AGAINST PRIZE SHIP *Clarendon* <sup>1</sup>

1776	<i>Cabots Prize Ship Clarendon</i>	Dr
Novr 12	To pd Wm Dogett's Bill for Fresh Meet at Marthes Vinyard	1..10..0
	To pd Peter Richards order in favour of ditto for Piloting the Ship into N L	21.. 0..0
	To 1 bus potatoes 2/ 6½ lb Coffee 8/8, 20 bunches onions	19..0
	By 3 Qr Casks deld the <i>Cromwell</i>	
	To pd Peter Richard's Bill	8.. 2..0
	To pd Guy Brook's Bill	3..17..6
	By 1 hhd Rum 121 Gall to Daniel	
	To expence Moving the Rum in time of alarm	4.. 0..0
	To pd Daniel Crawford the Mate on Accot his Wages 12 Dollars	
	To ½ Ct Bread	0..12..0
	To pd Jacob Finks Bill for Beef	4.. 1..11
	By 1 Stove de Ship <i>Trumbull</i> belongs to Hinman	
	By Water Cask de Deshon	
	To 2 pad Locks	0.. 5..6
	To pd Jonas Hambletons expences	3.. 4..1
	To pd Peter Hunter a Gen Passinger	104.. 0..0
	To pd John Ways Bill Coopering	11..10..0
	To 20 lb Cooper Nails 30/	1..10 -
	To 15 hhd for Startin the Sugar 6/	4..10 -
	To Weighing 298 hhds Sugar /6	7.. 9..0
	To Storage of 159 hhd Sugar 1/10	17..19..0
	To truckage of 66 hhd of the above to John Deshons Store	1..13 -
	To 44 Days Warfage of Ship 3/	6..12..0
	To pd Capt Jas Lamphere taking charge of the Ship 40 Days @ 6/	12.. 0..0
	To pd Wm Brookes Butcher Bill	4.. 8..7
	To paid Sundry hands Unlading the Ship	29..14 -
	To 15 Gal Rum @ 10/	7..10..0
	To Storage of 67 hhd Rum 1/0	3.. 7..0
	To Gauging ditto @ /6	1..13..6
	To Coopering of ditto	1..10..0
		148..18..1

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The Ship <i>Clarendon</i>	Dr
To Sum brot over	148..18..1
To pd Guy Brooks as p Capt Hinmans order	1..16 -
	<hr/>
	150..14..1

1. Shaw Papers, 1775-1782, Ledger 9, YUL.

GEORGE WASHINGTON TO MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM HEATH <sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

Head Quarters, at Peek's Kill,

Sir:

November 12, 1776.

The uncertainty with respect to the designs of the Enemy renders any disposition of our Army at this time a little unsettled; but for the present, your division, with such Troops as are now at Forts Constitution, Montgomery and Independence are to be under your Command and remain in this Quarter for the security of the above Posts and the Passes through the Highlands from this place, and the one on the West side of Hudson's River. Colo. [Thomas] Tash's Regiment is meant to be Included in this Command.

Unnecessary it is for me to say any thing to evince the Importance of securing the Land and Water Communication through these Passes or to prove the Indispensable necessity of using every exertion in your power to have such Works erected for the defence of them as your own Judgment, assisted by that of your Brigadiers and the Engineer may shew the expediency of.

1. Fitzpatrick, ed., *Writings of Washington*, VI, 275-78.MAJOR GENERAL NATHANAEL GREENE TO JOHN HANCOCK <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Fort Lee Novem 12th 1776

Your favor of the 4th & 5th of this instant came duly to hand - you may depend upon my transmitting to Congress every piece of intelligence that comes to hand that is worthy their notice

By one Justice Mercereau a Gentleman that fled from Statten Island I am inform'd that there are 10,000 Troops embark'd for South Carolina to be Commanded by Lord Dunmore - this intelligence he obtained by a Gentleman Yesterday from the City of New York a man of Credit & Truth - Mercereau is a very good friend to the cause and a sensible man, and he says from several ways this Account is confirm'd - Perhaps the numbers are not so great as reported -<sup>2</sup> Mercereau further informs that a large fleet are at the watering place on Long, or Statten Island, all ready to sail for England it is reported the fleet consists of 100 Sail - By Several Accounts from different People from the City it appears our Prisoners are in a very suffering situation - Humanity requires that something should be done for them - they have only half allowance of bread & Water but this I suppose is exaggerated.

The Enemy at Dobbs ferry where they have lain for several days past de-camped this morning at Nine oClock and took the Road towards Kings Bridge -

They made an appearance at the ferry as if they intended to cross the River I believe they are disappointed in their expectations and at a loss what measures to pursue

We have had several Skirmishes with the Hessians on York Island within a few days, kild and wounded between thirty and forty privates and one Officer – Day before yesterday our People had an Interview with the Hessians – they acknowledged they were greatly impos'd upon by their Prince, and Promis'd to desert that night but none came over –

A considerable part of the Troops on the other side are coming over into the Jerseys and his Excellency General Washington with them – I expect General Howe will attempt to possess himself of Mount Washington – but very much doubt whether he'll succeed in the Attempt – Our Troops are much fatigued with the Amazing duty – but are generally in good Spirits. The Hessians say they are on half Allowance. The light Horse are said to be perishing for want of Proven-der. I have the Honour to be [&c.]

Nathanael Greene

1. Papers CC (Letters from Maj. Gen. Nathanael Greene), 155, I, 19–22, NA.

2. The intelligence about Dunmore had no basis in fact.

JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Perseus*, CAPTAIN GEORGE KEITH ELPHINSTONE <sup>1</sup>

November 1776.

Sandy Hook Lighthouse West Distance 3 Miles

Tuesday 12th

Fresh Gales and Cloudy. (AM) the *Roby* Brigg one of our Prizes having drove on Shore by stress of Weather up Amboy River; manned and Armed all our Boats to send to her assistance and retake her from the Rebels. At Noon it blowing very hard were obliged to detain the Boats.

Do Wear At 1 (PM) Sent our Boats manned and Armed to retake the Prize, but finding them too strongly possessed, and great Numbers of People on the Shore, made the Signl with several Guns for the Boats to return. At 3 the Boats ret'd at 4 slip't our Small Bowr Cable and came to Sail; lost overbd by accident in Sounding a hand lead and Line. Bro't too opposite the Prize; fir'd many Shot at the Rebels: – sent all our Boats manned and Armed to destroy the Prize. At 6 our Boats boarded her and set her on Fire, at the same time some Guns and several Vollies of Small Arms were fired from the Shore; at 8 the Boats returned having lost by accident 7 Pistols. Returned and Anchored in Sandy Hook Bay.

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/688.

JOHN HANCOCK TO GOVERNOR PATRICK HENRY <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Philada Novr 12th 1776

The Secret Committee of Congress having chartered and loaded in the State of Virginia, the *Aurora*,<sup>2</sup> on Account of the Continent, and the Voyage on which she is bound being a most important one, I have it in Charge from Congress to

request, you will give all the Assistance in your Power to expedite her Sailing, by issuing such Orders as you shall judge proper, for manning and dispatching her with the greatest Expedition. I have the Honour to be with the utmost Esteem, Sir, [&c.]

J H Presidt

1. Papers CC (Letter Books of the President of Congress), 12A, II, 65, NA.
2. Formerly the British transport *Oxford*, taken by the Continental brig *Andrew Doria*. See Volume 5.

BILL OF VAN BEBBER & USHER FOR FREIGHT OF GUNPOWDER FOR THE  
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

[Baltimore] 1776, 12 Novem. –

The Honorable Council of Safety, to Vanbibber & Usher, Dr.  
For the Schooner *Success*, Josiah Hill, from St. Martins. For freight of Sundry Gunpowder, ship'd by Messrs. Milner, Burch and Haynes:

A, 75 half Barrels;  
K, 120 Ditto;  
E, 20 whole Barrels;  
183 half Barrels;  
48 Quarter ditto;

is 23,000 lb weight, at 10 pr. cent. makes 2,300 lb a 7/, £805.

Please to pay Mr. John Mease, or his order, the freight of the above quantity of Gunpowder, which came in the *Success*, Josiah Hill, Master, from St. Martins & now lying in Isaac Vanbibber's Warehouse, at the point, Baltimore, ready to be delivered to your order.

Vanbibber & Usher.

1. *Pennsylvania Archives*, 2nd series, I, 492.

MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY TO SAMUEL PURVIANCE, JR.<sup>1</sup>

No. 1.

Sir, Upon enquiry of Mr Stephen Steward about water-casks for the use of the armed vessels belonging to this State – we are informed by him that he had purchased thirty two hundred Weight of Iron-Hoops for that purpose, which Hoops you had intercepted, and now detain from him – and he is thereby prevented from forwarding that necessary Piece of business. – This Proceedure of yours appears to us to be very extraordinary and a little out of the Common road. – We are therefore only to request, that you deliver the Hoops immediately to Mr Steward or his order, that the vessels, which he is fitting out, may not any Longer be detained. –

[Annapolis] Novr 12th 1776.

1. Council of Safety Letter Book, No. 2, Md. Arch.

“MANIFEST OF GOODS SHIP'D ON BOARD THE BRIGANTINE *Adventure* SETH  
PADDOCK MASTER, BOUND FOR NANTS IN FRANCE. VIZT –”<sup>1</sup>

No 1 a 136 Inclusive, is 136 Hogsheads Tobacco And five Tuns pig Iron  
[Annapolis] Novr 12th 1776 Came Seth Paddock before me & made oath

That the above is a true Manifest of his cargo, and that he will use his best endeavours to prevent such cargo and every Part thereof from being landed in any Part of the Dominions of the King of Great Britain, or otherwise going into the Hands of the Enemies of America. —

J Hall V. P.

1. Charles Roberts Autograph Collection, 722, Box 4, HCL.

# JOURNAL OF THE VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

[Williamsburg] Thursday [Tuesday] November 12th 1776

A Permit granted to the Snow *Alexander*, Bartholemew Tentart Master lately arrived with Specie in James River from New Orleans to proceed on her return there or any other Port allowed of by Congress with her Cargo consisting of eighteen hundred and ninety one Barrells of Flour and nine of Pork as per Manifest produced.

1. McIlwaine, ed., *Journals of the Virginia Council*, I, 235, 236.

# VIRGINIA NAVY BOARD TO JAMES MAXWELL<sup>1</sup>

Sir,

We have been inform'd that you are desirous of getting an appointment in the Navy we wished to employ some proper Person to superintend the several Vessels we are now building as well as some Cargo Gallies and Frigates which we expect shortly to have in the Stocks. You have been recommended to us as being well qualified for the appointment and shou'd you choose to accept of it, we desire you will immediately attend the Board and doubt not we may without difficulty agree on the terms

(Signd) Thomas Whiting 1st Comr

Williamsburg }  
12th Nov. 1776 }

1. Navy Board Letter Book, VSL.

# JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Maidstone*, CAPTAIN ALAN GARDNER<sup>1</sup>

Novemr [1776]

Heneago Et E to NE

Tuesday. 12

AM ½ past 5 Made Sail and gave Chace to a sloop in the NE. 7 Fired 3 Guns and Brot to a french sloop from Cape Francois to St Peters found an English Man on Board whom we took out. Noon Made Sail. TKd Ship.

Squally with Rain. pm 4 Wore Ship and made Sail, After the French Sloop having received Information of her being bound to Carolina. Fired 3 Guns and brot he[r] to. Sent an Officer and 5 Men to take Charge of her.<sup>2</sup>

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/572.

2. Sloop *Pacificate* with a cargo of dry goods, Gayton's Prize List, February 26, 1778, PRO, Admiralty 1/240.



13 Nov.

CHARLES TERROT TO JOHN FROTT <sup>1</sup>

[Extract] St Johns November 13th 1776

. . . Inclosed I send you a rough sketch of the Action on Lake Champlain. The Artillery never gained more Honour. The Gun Boats and the *Carleton* only were engaged the first Day. The other Ships could not get up on Account of the Wind. There best Schooner soon run aground the G. Boats obliged the Men to leave her and killed several as they run along the Shore. The Engagement began about eleven O clock and continued till Dark. The Rebels Ships were moored. we lost but eight Artillery Men about 22 of the 29 Regt & Sailors. The Fire from the Rebels was so great that the *Carleton* could not keep her post the G. Boats being low in the Water made the Shot go over their heads. At Night the Rebels came under the Land and escaped Nobody could tell how the next Morning they were pursued and a Running Fight kept up some of them escaped some taken some burnt. An Account of which I send you.

	Nature	Pounders					No of Guns
		18	12	9	6	4	
Schooners	<i>Royal Savage</i>	I don't know					
	<i>Revenge</i>				8	4	12
Row Gallys	<i>Trumble</i>	1	1	2	6		10
	<i>Washington</i>	1	1	2	6	2	12
	<i>Congress</i>	2		2	6	2	12
Sloops	<i>Enterprize</i>				10		10
	<i>Lee Cutter</i>		1	1	4		6
Gondolas	<i>Philadelphia</i>	burnt or					
	<i>New York</i>	sunk					
	<i>Jersey</i>	taken					
	<i>Connecticut</i>						
	<i>Providence</i>	1	2				3
	<i>New haven</i>	or					
	<i>Spitfire</i>	sunk					
	<i>Boston</i>						

Genl Waterbury & 120 Prisoners all sent back Arnold escaped he was going from one Ship to another during the Action Gl Carleton was on board the *Maria*. The Artillery were on board the Gunboats & Radeau which I mentioned in my last. I was appointed to the Brigade of Artillery with the Grenadiers & Lt Infantry the only Part who were not engaged next Summer it will be our Turn I suppose we shall be the first at Ticonderago. This will be my last as tis the last Ship that goes this Year. . . .

1. FTML.

HOPKINTON COMMITTEE OF SAFETY TO THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL  
COURT <sup>1</sup>

To the Honbl Counsell & House of Representitivs Now Assembled  
I Would Inform your Honners in behalf of the Committy of Safety in Hopkinton  
that we Have Eleven Prizners of War, and they are Desires to be Exchangd  
Viz. 7 of them are Officers Belonging to the Navey of Great Britten and We think  
they are but as Dead Wait on this State

Hopkinton Novmbr 13: 1776

P John Jones Comtt

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 8, 233.

PETITION OF JOHN COLLINS, MASTER OF THE PRIZE SCHOONER *Patty* <sup>1</sup>

To the Honorable the Council of the State of the Massachusetts Bay, —

The Petition of John Collins

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner is a Native of Chatham on Cape Cod in this State.

That your Petitioner was late Master of the Schooner *Patty*, and that on  
the 24th July last being then on his Passage from Jamaica bound to Salem in this  
State, he was taken and carried into Boston.

That your Petitioner has a considerable Interest in Liverpool in Nova Scotia,  
he having sailed out of that Place for some time previous to the Laws and Regu-  
lations of these States which prohibit any intercourse with that Province; and  
that it is therefore necessary that he should be there on the spot to collect his  
Interest together and Settle his affairs; which having done, it is his full deter-  
mination to quit that Province entirely and return to this State he having a  
small Paternal estate in Cape Cod, and also considerable Effects in this Town,  
that it is his intention to return hither the ensuing Winter, but if the extremity  
of the Season should render that impracticable, he determines to be here early in  
the Spring.

Your Petitioner therefore Humbly Prays, that the Honorable Board would  
be pleased to grant him leave to go to Liverpool in Nova Scotia for the purposes  
beforementioned, in the best manner he can

And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever Pray

John Collins

Salem November 13th, 1776

[Endorsed] In Council [Boston] Novr. 14th. 1776 —

Whereas, John Collins, having by his Petition to this Board prayed Liberty  
to return to Nova Scotia, to settle his Affairs & to return, with his Effects to this  
State, as soon as may be —

Ordered that the said Collins, be & and he hereby is permitted, to Depart  
his State, in the best Manner he Can for Nova Scotia & to return with his Effects  
as soon as may be —

John Avery Dpy Secy

1. Mass. Arch., vol 166, 28–29.

SHIPPING ARTICLES FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS PRIVATEER SLOOP *Rover*<sup>1</sup>

[Salem, November 13, 1776]

Articles agreed upon between Capt Abijah Boden Commander of the Privateer Sloop of war called the *Rover* on the One part, and the Said Sloops Company on the Other part Witnesseth —

1st That the said Capt Abijah Boden for himself and In behalf of the Owners of Said Sloop *Rover*, shall put on Board her great guns, Swivels, Powder Shot and all other Warlike Stores and Provisions sufficient for the Said Sloops Company for a three months Cruize commencing at the Time of her Sailing from Salem.

2d That one half of all prizes taken by the Said Sloop *Rover* be for the sd Owners, and the other half be the Sole property of the Said Sloops Company after first deducting out of the whole Stock all Necessary charges Immediately arising on the Prizes.

3d That for preserving good Order on Board the Said Sloop no Man is [to] Quit or go out of her either On Board any other Vessel or on Shore without Leave obtained from the Commanding officer On Board

4th That it shall be Entirely in the Cpts Power to cruiz where he shall Judge will be most Beneficial for Interest and advantage of the Owners, and Sloops Company

5th That any person who shall be found guilty of being a Ringleader of mutiny or of causing a Disturbance on Board, or who shall refuse to obey the commands of the Capt and officers or who shall behave with Cowdiced shall forfeit one half of his Prize money to be divided amongst the Sloops Company

6th That if any person shall Steal or convert to his use any part of the Prize or Prizes that may be taken by the said Sloop or be found pilfiring any money or goods and be Convicted thereof shall forfeit his share to the Owners and Company

[7th] That half of the neat proceeds of all Prizes taken by the said Sloop *Rover* which Is appropriated to the Sloops company be divided amongst Them In the following Manner —

Viz The Captain	Eight Shares
The first Lieutenant	Five Do Shares
The second Lieutenant	Four Do
The Master	Four Do <sup>2</sup>
The Mate	
The Surgeon	
The Gunner	James Guletoper
The Boatswain	Richd Nagle
The Steward	Saml Perley
The Carpenter	Cristopher Johnson
The Gunners Mate	Miles Gerrard

8th That on the Death of the Capt the Command to devolve to the Next officer and So In Rotation and for the Incouragement of Seamen on the Loss of officers they are to be replaced out of the Ships Company according to their behaviour, as the Capt shall appoint

9th That whoever shall desert the said Sloop *Rover* within The time hereafter mentioned shall forfeit his prize money to the Owners and Sloops Company –

10th If any person shall be disabled on Board said Sloop in any Engagement by Loosing a Limb or otherwise he shall receive Twenty pounds Lawfull money out of the whole Prize or Prizes if any should be taken before or at the time of his being so disabled and any officer in Like Circumstances Shall receive such a sum as has been Customary according To his Station

11th All and every one On Board doth covenant and agree to Serve On Board the Said Sloop *Rover* the Term of Three Months Begining at the time of the Said Sloops departure from Salem

12th If there Should be so many prizes taken as to make it Nesessary for the said Sloop to come in before the Said Term of Three months is compleated the Cruize is then to [be] considered as out and at an End —

In Witness whereof we have here unto set our hands this                      Day of November  
One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six —

John Collins

his

John X Collins Seaman

mark

his

Wm X Nason seaman

mark

his

Saml X Persons Cook

mark

Charles Goodwin Seaman

Joseph Orne Seaman

John King

John Foot

John Fowler Junr

Peter Marsten Cooper

John Pedrick Seaman

Joseph King

James Taylor

Thomas Dissmore First Prize

Master

Joseph peack Dissmore

Robert Wooldredge

Thomas Wooldredge

Jeremiah Procter

Boys

Benjamin Persons

his

Ebenezer X Meddick

mark

Amos Dennis

Christopher Storiman

his

Saml X Ross

mark

Nicholas Gerdler Prize Master

Benj Thomson

John Orne

his

Amos Grandy X

mark

William Broden

John Peterson

Willim Davis

1. MarbHS, Privateers, Powers of Attorney.

2. Shares are not listed in the document after this point.

#### JOURNAL OF THE MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL<sup>1</sup>

[Boston] Wednesday November 13th. 1776

In the House of Representatives. Resolved that there be paid out of the public Treasury of this State into the hands of the Committee appointed to fix out Ves-

sels for the Importation of Warlike stores, the sum of One thousand pounds for the above purposes the said Committee being Accountable to this Court for the Expenditure of the Same.

In Council. Read, & Concurred.

Consented to by 15 of the Council. –

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 36, 147, 150.

COMMODORE ESEK HOPKINS TO JOHN BRADFORD, BOSTON <sup>1</sup>

Sir Newport November 13 – 1776 –

I am directed by the Marine Committee to prosecute an Expedition in which the *Cabot* is to be joined – these are therefore to desire you to assist Captn Hinman with a Sufficient Quantity of Provisions, and Money Sufficient to enable him to get his Vessel fit to come round here with all the Expedition possible as the Season requires dispatch – I am with great Esteem Sir [&c.]

E. H –

1. Hopkins Letter Book, RIHS.

COMMODORE ESEK HOPKINS TO CAPTAIN ELISHA HINMAN <sup>1</sup>

Sir Newport November 13th. 1776

You are to make all the dispatch you can to Boston and get the *Cabot* fitted for Sailing as soon as possible, and get such Provisions onboard as will Last three or four Months if to be had, and join me here as soon as possible –

If I should be Saild before you get here Shall leave directions here for you to follow, and where to join the Fleet – I am [&c.]

E H Co in Chief

To Elisha Hinman Esqr Commr of the *Cabot*

1. Hopkins Letter Book, RIHS.

JOURNAL OF H. M. SLOOP *Senegal*, CAPTAIN ROGER CURTIS <sup>1</sup>

Novemr 76	At single Anchor in Huntingdon Bay
Tuesday 12th	AM more Moderate got up the Yds & Top Gt Masts & hove to 1/3d of a Cable Made Signal for the <i>Speedwell</i> to weigh fir'd 2 Swivs Moderate & Hazey – at 2 PM Weigh'd & came to Sail the <i>Speedwell</i> in Compy Employ'd workg out of the Bay, the <i>Carysfort</i> in the Bay at 6 spoke her – & sent the <i>Speedwell</i> , to the Main to take off the Friends to Governmt at 8 stood in for the Main at 11 Anchor'd with the Bt Br in 7½ fam Veer'd to ½ a Cable Norwalk Long Isld ENE 2 Ms
Wednesday 13th	at 5 Weigh'd & stood to the Etwd the <i>Speedwell</i> brot off 20 Men at 8 AM Strong Gales wore & stood to the Wtwd at 10 Anchd with the Bt Br in 5 fam Veer'd to ½ a Cable in Bull bay at ½ pt out all Boats Man'd & Arm'd them & brot off 4 Oxen from Long Neck at Noon saw near 200 Men

on the Pt arm'd & a Sloop Privateer with the Provincial Colours hoisted from Norwalk.

Do Wr at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 1 Weighd up Top Gallt Yds & stood for the Privateer who TKd & run in the harbor, TKd and stood for the Neck & as we approach'd the Shore the Troops withdrew at 3 Wore & stood for the Etwd saw a Sloop standing for Fairfield gave Chase at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past she haul'd in for Mill Creek and run agrd at 4 Anchd by her in 4 faths sent the Boats Man'd & arm'd and burnt her fired 2 Shot at some Rebels firing from behind some Rocks at the boats at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5 Weigh'd & run off at 7 Anch'd in the Sound in  $7\frac{1}{2}$  fam wth the Bt Br

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/885.

#### DIARY OF FREDERICK MACKENZIE<sup>1</sup>

[Long Island] 13th Novr General Clinton came to New York today from the Army. He is to have the command of the troops going on the Expedition, and Sir Peter Parker is to Command the Fleet. Tis now generally supposed we are going to the Delaware.

1. *Mackenzie's Diary*, I, 104.

JAMES SEARLE TO THOMAS WHARTON, JR., CHAIRMAN OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

Long Branch New Jersey

Wednesday morning [November 13, 1776]

12 oClock

Dear Sir

About 10 oClock this morning appear'd round the Point of Sandy Hook a number of Vessells outward bound, they are still coming out in great numbers, as I unfortunately have no Glass, I cannot as yet distinguish their motions, I shall detain the Express however one hour longer, that I may endeavour to form some Judgement of their number & Course.

One oClock – I do not think it prudent to detain the bearer any longer, the Ships come out but slowly, at present about 100 Sail appear round the Hook & appear to be standing to the Southward. Wind at N West I observe one or two that appear to be very large. Do me the favour to send word to Mrs Searle that I set out for Phila this afternoon & shall be there on Friday at Noon. I Am Dr Sir [&c.]

James Searl<sup>2</sup>

1. Miscellaneous Papers, 1st series, vol. 1, Sept. 20–Nov. 20, NCDAH. A copy.

2. Wharton passed Searle's letter to John Hancock who sent copies on November 14, to General Washington and to the Assemblies or Conventions in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina so that, "you may make every Preparation in your Power to defend yourselves in Case of an Attack." Papers CC (Letter Books of the President of Congress), 12A, NA.

JOURNAL OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS<sup>1</sup>

[Philadelphia] Wednesday, November 13, 1776

The Marine Committee having recommended Colonel John Nixon, and John Wharton, as fit persons to execute the business of the navy, under the direction of the Marine Committee,

*Resolved*, That they be accepted.

The Committee of Treasury reported, that there is due,

To Benjamin Eyre, ship wright, for his pay and rations, employed in constructing row gallies at New York, horse hire, and travelling expences to Albany, to engage boards, &c. for the army, 427 77/90 dollars:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The Secret Committee, to whom the letter from Captain Smith was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Secret Committee be directed to write letters to Governor Cooke, to the continental agent in Rhode Island, and such other persons as they shall think proper, to make strict enquiry into the conduct of Captain Timothy Pierce, respecting the capture or seizure of the ship *Hancock & Adams*, employed in the continental service, and cause him to be prosecuted for the penalty of the bond given, when he received his commission, if it shall appear, on the enquiry, that in justice to the Continent, such prosecution should be commenced; and the said committee are authorized to do what may be necessary for supporting the prosecution.

1. Ford, ed., *JCC*, VI, 946-47, 949-50.

SECRET COMMITTEE OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS TO THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

Gentn

Philada Novr 13th 1776

As this Committee is charged with the management of the Commerce carried on for the Continental Service, We think it our duty to represent to your Board the Necessity there is for an Armed Vessell of some kind to be stationed at Cape May for the protection of the Trade to & from this Port, at present there is none of the Continental armed Vessells fit or ready for this Service, being all employed on other important pursuits, besides it has been judged the proper object of every State on this Continent to protect their own Ports to the utmost of their Power - We understand You have a large Galley intended to Cruize in the Bay.<sup>2</sup> If this Vessell is ordered down to Cape May immediately she may render Important Service to the private Trade of this port as well as to the Continental interest, and if any thing in the power of this or the Marine Committee is wanted to compleat your Galley depend on a ready Concurrence with Your desires. We have the honor to be Gentn [&c.]

Rob<sup>t</sup> Morris

Phil. Livingston

Richard Henry Lee

Fra<sup>s</sup> Lewis

P S Mr [Robert] Bridges informs us his Brige *Cornelia & Molly* is detained for want of a Pilot the Continent are interested & We wish for her dispatch.

1. Simon Gratz Autograph Collection, Case 1, Box 20, HSP.

2. *The Convention*.

MINUTES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

In Council of Safety

[Philadelphia] Nov'r 13th, 1776.

*Resolved*, That Commodore Seymour be directed to Issue orders immediately for every officer of the Fleet to repair on board their Respective Vessells, to have them manned and fitted in the best manner possible, and to order the whole Fleet to Rendezvous opposite Messrs. Willing & Morris's Wharf, at 11 o'Clock to-morrow morning, in order to their being Reviewed.

3 o'Clock. [P.M.]

*Resolved*, That Capt. Blewer & Mr. Sam'l C. Morris be requested to fitt out the Armed Boat *Convention*, Capt. [John] Rice, with all Possible Expedition, and that they be desired to apply to the Marine Committee for such Stores belonging to Congress as may be wanted for that purpose.

Agreeable to a resolve of Congress, the following Commissions were granted for Letters of Mark, vizt:

To Thomas Bell, Commander of the Ship *Speedwell*, of the Burthen of       Tons, navigated by 25 men, Ten Carriage Guns, owned by John Maxwell Nesbitt & Co.

To Robert Collings, Commander of the Sloop *Friendship*, about 30 Tons Burthen, navigated by Twenty men, 6 Carriage Guns, owned by John Wilcocks & Co.

1. *Pennsylvania Colonial Records*, XI, 1, 2-3.

"A LIST OF SUCH ARTICLES ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO EXPEDITE THE SINKING CHEVAUX DE FRIZE AT BILLINGSFORT, 1776."<sup>1</sup>

For the present gang of hands Employ'd one Anchor of 11 to 1300 weight, & 2 buoy Ropes about 6 Inches, & 20 fathom long.

For a second sett of hands.

2 Anchors from 11 to 13 or 1400 weight each.

2 Cables about 11 Inches each.

4 Buoy Ropes about 6 inches & 20 fathom long.

2 Kedge Anchors 150 to 300 wt., & 2 Towlines of 3 Inches, and 1 Towline of 7½ Inches, to Heave off by, each 100 to 120 fathom long.

2 Large long Boats, with Windlass's & David's, and a Sheave forward in each.

1 Six or Eight Oar'd Barge.

Sundry Coils of Rigging, of 2½ to 3 Inches, and 30 or 40 Good Water Cask, & Two Shallops, unless the Council of Safety think it proper to Employ those now bringing Stone. The men belonging to the Gally's now Engaged in this Service, for want of warm Cloathing, are not Capable of doing half Duty, & if the Weather Changes a little more severe than at present, will be good for nothing.

Saml. Morris, Jun.

Nov. 13th, 1776.

1. *Pennsylvania Archives*, 1st series, V, 66.



JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Orpheus*, CAPTAIN CHARLES HUDSON<sup>1</sup>

November 1776 Do [Cape Henlopen] No 26 Wt 53 Leagues  
 Wednesday 13th First and middle parts fresh gales & Clear Wr latter mode  
 and fair. PM out Reefs Courses & Sway'd up the Yards set  
 the Top Sails and got up the Top Gallt Masts. Saw 9 Sail to  
 Windward. . . . at 6 saw a Sail to the Westward at 7 brot  
 her too a Sloop<sup>2</sup> from St Eustatia for Philadelphia. Exer-  
 cis'd small Arms. Sail Makers Empd repairing the Mainsail.  
*Daphne* and Two Sloops in Company.

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/650.

2. *Fanny*, Daniel McKay, master, William Bell, owner, with a cargo of osnabrigs, linen, rum, molasses, etc., Howe's Prize List, March 31, 1777, PRO, Admiralty 1/487.

JOURNAL OF THE VIRGINIA NAVY BOARD<sup>1</sup>

[Williamsburg] Wednesday 13th Novr 1776. —

Ordered that a Warrant Issue to Lieutenant Samuel Arell for One hundred and seventy six pounds ten shillings for Disbursements & Pay of his Company of Marines for the Months of August, September & October last as p Acct this day settled. —

Ordered that a Warrant Issue to Isaac Lane for Two thousand and seventy six pounds eight shillings and four pence for Cannon Ball and Langrage furnished for the use of the Navy. —

Ordered that a Warrant Issue to Doctr John Reynolds for Thirty five pounds seven shillings for his Wages on Board the *Protector* Galley to the twelfth Instant as p Account. —

Ordered that a Warrant Issue to Lieut Robert Bolling for Nine pounds for the Pay of the Seamen on Board the Schooner *Peace & Plenty* as p Acct —

Ordered that a Warrant Issue to Thomas Pinkard for One pound seventeen shillings for his Services on Board the Sloop *Defiance* as p Acct this day settled. —

1. Navy Board Journal, 105-07, VSL.

VIRGINIA NAVY BOARD TO CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER CALVERT<sup>1</sup>

Sir

Williamsburg Novr 13. 1776

Yours p Mr Webb we have receiv'd and agreeable to your request given him a Warrant on the Treasury for £ 300. the present allowance of Provisions to your Carpenters is undoubtedly sufficient and their want of fire places you must supply on the cheapest Terms or in the best manner you can. By order of the Navy Board [&c.]

Thomas Whiting 1st Comr

To Capt Chpr Calvert }  
 So. Quay }

1. Navy Board Letter Book, VSL.

14 Nov.

OFFICERS OF THE CONTINENTAL SLOOP *Providence* TO  
CAPTAIN HOYSTEED HACKER <sup>1</sup>

To Hoysteed Hacker Esqr Commander of Sloop *Providence* –

We the Subscribers take this Method to Acquaint You of the present Situation of our Vessel & Crew. Since the Afternoon of our Chacing the Brig which we made Prize of, We have Leak'd in such a manner as to oblige Us to keep one Pump constantly going, owing to our being Obligated to carry Sail hard, & the Wind blowing very fresh, which straind her very much – The last Night being obliged to lay too by Reason We could not carry Sail as She kept both Pumps constantly going; Should we meet with a severe Gale of Wind it is our Opinions both pumps would not keep her free unless We scudded. – We have a quarter part of our hands Sick and the Prizes we have taken will still reduce our Number, as they are of great Value – Shoud You think proper to continue us farther to the Northward we are ready & willing to do every thing in our Power for the good of the Expedition, but we are of Opinion it will too much Endanger the Vessel –

On board Sloop <i>Providence</i>	Adam W Thaxtor	2nd Lieutenant
Lat: 45 . . Long 58.45	William Earl	Master
November 14th 1776	Joseph Allen	Acting Lieutenant
	William Weaver	Cheif Mate
	Jeremiah Ingraham	2nd Mate
	William Allin	Midshipman
	William Wardwell	Do
	Stephen Rust	Do
	Daniel Lorrance	Do

NB. The first Lieut being on Board the Prize Ship <sup>2</sup>

1. Papers of John Paul Jones, 6504, LC.

2. First Lieutenant Philip Brown was on board the *Mellish*.

LIEUTENANT ROBERT SANDERS' RETURN OF PROVISIONS ON BOARD THE  
CONTINENTAL SHIP *Alfred* <sup>1</sup>

Account of Provisions On board the Ship *Alfred*

Novr 14	10 Teirscs Ship Bread	10
	40 barrells Do	55
	7 Teircs Beef	7
	24 Barrells Do	20
	6 Teircs of Pork	6
	18 Barrells Do	22
	1 Hhd & 4 bbls Pease	1 Hd 1 Teirce & 4 Barrells
	4½ Firkins Buter	
	3½ Boxes Candles	219
	9 bbls Flour	10
	100 Galls Molases	118
	200 lb Brown Sugar	441
	200 lb Coffee	200

300 lb Cheese	179
120 Galls West India Rum	130
232 Do Continental Do	453
$\frac{2}{3}$ ds of Barel Oatmeal	$\frac{2}{3}$
3 bbls Vinager	4

Errors Excepted Pr Robt Sanders <sup>2</sup>

[Endorsed] Accot of Provisions with *Alfred* when she sailed from Rhode Island  
1st Novr 1776

1. Papers of John Paul Jones, 6499, LC.

2. Right hand column gives quantities on board when ship sailed, and the left column quantities remaining as of November 14. Some provisions were taken out of the *Alfred's* prizes.

SIR GEORGE COLLIER TO CAPTAIN GEORGE DAWSON, H. M. SLOOP *Hope* <sup>1</sup>

As there is the greatest Reason to imagine that a Body of His Majesty's Rebel Subjects have taken Arms with a Design to invest Fort Cumberland and ravage the adjacent Country, you are hereby required and Directed to proceed immediately to Sea with His Majesty's Sloop under your Command in search of His Majesty's Sloops *Albany* and *Diligent*; (a Copy of whose Orders you will receive herewith) <sup>2</sup> to whom you will give Directions to proceed immediately to Fort Cumberland and destroy if possible the Rebel Armament now employed against that Place.

You are to direct Lieutenant [Michael] Hyndman; (the Commander of the *Albany*) that if He finds the Fort actually invested, He is to endeavor throwing as large a Body of Seamen and Officers into it as He can spare from the two Sloops, and to use every Endeavor in His Power to distress and harrass the Enemy, and assist the Kings Troops in those Parts.

He is to be attentive to the Bason of Minas, and Windsor, and if He finds He can spare the *Diligent*, He is to Dispatch Her for the purpose of keeping that Channel clear of the Pirate Boats which have lately infested it.

You are to acquaint Lieutenant Hyndman, that He will probably meet with the *Vulture* Sloop in the Bay of Fundy, to whose Captain He will communicate these Directions, and apply to Him for further Orders.

And as the earliest Communication of the State things are in is of the utmost Consequence, it is my desire that Expresses are sent to the Governor or myself, as often as opportunity serves, and any thing of Moment Occurs.

After sending away the *Albany* and *Diligent*, if you find His Majesty's Service does not require your further Stay in the Bay of Fundy, you are to proceed and put your former Cruizing Orders in Execution.

Given on board His Majesty's Ship *Rainbow* in  
the Harbour of Halifax the 14th of November 1776.

(A Copy)

Geo: Collier

[Endorsed] *Hope* (No 3) In Sir George Collier's of 21st Novr 1776.

1. PRO, Colonial Office, 217/52, 340-41, DAC Photocopy.

2. See Collier to Lieutenant Michael Hyndman, November 6.

JOHN LANGDON TO COMMODORE ESEK HOPKINS <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Portsmouth 14 Novr 1776 –

Your fav[or] of the 24th Ult[o] is now before me by which I see that the former Capt of the Prize Ship *Royal Exch[an]ge* was concerned in the mutiny am verry glad you communicated this to me thus early as I shall make it a point not to give him his Adventure unless the matter is entirely cleared up <sup>2</sup> I am much obliged for the Honor done me in the Agency for the Officers & people of the American fleet, shall take especial Care that Justice is done them, in all matters that may come within my Department I've directed Mr Gardner my Deputy to write to Cap. [Abraham] Whipple for a list of his Officers & Seaman that are entituled to a part of this Prize, agreeable to the Resolves of Congress – which youll please order Transmitted me immediately that I may make out the proportion as we are now selling off the Cargo & Ship & intend makeing out the accot immediately that the Captors may not lay out of their Prize money – If a Person could be sent here about three weeks hence with a proper order from your Honor [f]or all the Officers & People to receive the money for their respective proportions, I should be glad to pay it – I shall be glad to know what Commission is allowed to the Agent for doing the business for the Officers & People Please to signify this in your next – I am with great Esteem & respect [&c.]

John Langdon

1. John Langdon Letter Book, Captain J. G. M. Stone Private Collection, Annapolis.

2. See Volume 6, 1398.

JOHN LANGDON TO CLARKE & NIGHTINGALE, PROVIDENCE <sup>1</sup>

Gent.

[Portsmouth] 14th Novr

This will be handed you by John Roche Esqr who is Transacting Business for the States, – I shall be much obliged you'll inform him, who has Canvas belonging to the States at your Place as I am informed from Philadelphia that an Order has been sent there for to supply me with a quantity but the name of the person is not mentioned I am much in want of heavy Canvas as I have another Ship to fit out for the Continent pray assist Cap. Roche in procureing one hundred Bolts for the Continent here, which he will send on to Boston from whence I can have it by Water. I should be obliged If youll receive my Money from Messrs Browns (both of them) & send it by Capt Roche any services this way, shall be happy to render with respect [&c.]

1. John Langdon Letter Book, Captain J. G. M. Stone Private Collection, Annapolis.

JOHN LANGDON TO THOMAS CUSHING <sup>1</sup>

Sir

[Portsmouth] 14 Novr

Your fav[or] of the 5th Inst. is before [me], am glad that Cap Thomson <sup>2</sup> has his Commission; we did sometime since send out recruiting parties but it answered no purpose, the expences of recruiting Men must be allowed, have given not anything for Travelling expences to those who Inlist I have little light Canvas but what is not wanted here is ordered to be made into Tents for the

Northern Army (they are now makeing & will be sent off next week as P order)  
I think it best that Slops should be purchased & delivered the Ship under the  
orders of the Capt or may be supplied by the Capt Your [&c.]

John Langdon

P S I am in great want of my 1/3d part of that 30 Tonns of Kings Junk which  
we purchased together –

1. John Langdon Letter Book, Captain J. G. M. Stone Private Collection, Annapolis.

2. Thomas Thompson, Continental frigate *Raleigh*.

JOHN LANGDON TO THE SECRET COMMITTEE OF THE CONTINENTAL  
CONGRESS <sup>1</sup>

Sr

Portsmo Novr 14th 1776

Your favo'r on behalf of the Honbl Secret Committee of the 25th Ult. I  
Recd two days since by Colonl Bartlett [Bartlett], incloseg the Resolves of the  
Honbl Congress Respectg the [Marquis of] Kildare's Cargo <sup>2</sup> on Rec[ei]pt of  
which, I immediately Set the Sailmakers at work on the Tents, and the Tailors  
on the few wollings which were suitable for Soldiers under waistcoats; and gave  
orders to the Waggon master to have Ten Teams in readiness to set out Next  
thursday at which time they will Certainly set off weather permittg – The season  
being so far Advanced, the roads begin[nin]g to be bad, it was with some deficuly  
that we procure'd Teams, this will be Attended with very great expence, near  
the value of the goods. each Team carries one Ton, paid by the day, and all  
expenc[es], I shall send very good pushing man, to Command them, who will  
make all Dispatch possible – The Flints orderd for general Washington, shall send  
to Boston to the Agent, who will forward them, by some Waggon which goes  
from that State, which will save some expence, as it would not be full Loadd  
for a Team from hence – I thank the Honb: Committee, for any "Attention"  
they are pleased to pay to any hints that I may give Relative to publick business  
shall be very happy to meet their Approbation –

The Ship *Betsey Frigate* which I bo't on my own Acct. is Almost loaded, with  
Masts, Spars, oak plank &c this ship is abt three hundred and twenty Tons, was  
sold Low as it was Supposed she was Rotten, which I found to be the Case in many  
parts, upon which I put the Carpenters upon her, and Repair'd her for a Voyage,  
on my own Acot as I had no Orders from the Honbl Committee to purchase  
vessells, I've been Offer'd by Several persons to take any part of this ship and  
Cargo, and be Concern'd in the Voyage by which the ship would have Turned  
out to me, at least 14 or £ 1500 L my. It was very Uncertain whether the Honl  
Committee, would purchase or not. I therefore was Determined to take her on  
my own Acot and Make an Offer of the Ship and Cargo to the Honbl Committee,  
either on Purchase or on hire as they might think best. now had there been  
a Loss I must have Certainly have bore it, had the Honbl Committee Declined  
sendg Lumber which with great Submission I conceive to be a good reason, that  
I should have some Profit – Iv'e taken Several Things out of the Ship that she  
did not want, which will in part pay for Repairs, of these, and also the Repairs  
Iv'e not kept so Regular an Acot as I looked on it my own Stock, – I shall give  
every Dispatch to this ship *Betsey Frigate* on Acot and Risque of the Honbl

Committee, and Shall humbly Submitt the Matter to them – whether she should not be Appri[z]ed as she now stands, with her Repairs or for her to proceed on Charter, or least the Honbl Committee should think me takeing the least Advantage, I am willg she should go at one Thousand pounds L my as she now stands with her Repairs, tho' her Suit of Sails two Cables and Anchors, her Standg and Run[nin]g Rigg[in]g with small stores, would sell for more money. her Cargo at the Same I gave, tho' such a one cannot be had at the same price, at this Advanced season, – upon the whole I shall abide by the Determination of the Honbl Committee be it what it may, as Iv'e no Doubt they will think I have a right to Transact my private business when it does not interfere With the Publick –

Now I have Orders I shall do every thing in my Power to purchase on the lowest Terms for the Continent, and shall not think of being Concern'd in any Such Voyage untill my Orders are Compleated – I shall Consigne this Ship and any others I may Purchase agreeable to order to Mr Thom[a]s Morris or his Order at the Several ports – I shall Recommend these old Ships to be sold by all means, if the Matter can be made Agreeable to the Master and people, there, in getg Passage home, as it's impossible to get either Masters or people of this Country men (others ca'nt be Trusted) to go the voyage u[n]less it's out and home, not to be Discharged there, this must be left at the Discretion of Mr Morris, there. if a good ship happens to be employed it will be as well for her to Come out and bring the hands of the others –

There is Number of Suitable Ships to be had here, but it's impossible to get Cordage and Sails, therefore shall Depend on Purchaseg those which have these Materials belongg to them – Iv'e also Twenty thousand feet Mahogany on board the *Betsey Frigate*, which is all I shall send in her of that sort of Cargo –

As to Tortoise Shell, Sassaparilla, &c there's none bro't into this State as yet – It will be necessary that I should have a Sum of money sent immediately for this purpose, as I've no Prize money in my hands yet (tho' shall soon have some) but the whole will be wanted for the Honbl Marine Committee's Acct – I expected to have had money er'e this for my Draft on the Marine Committee, but the Gentlemen who have money here belongg to the Southward Choose Rather to Speculate I shall at All times exert myself in the business of the States, and do it with all the frugality and Dispatch in my Power. – I am with great Respect, your's and the Honbl Committee's [&c.]

John Langdon

The Honbl Robert Morris E[s]qr  
President of the Secret Committee

1. John Langdon Letter Book, Captain J. G. M. Stone Private Collection, Annapolis.
2. Journal of the Continental Congress, October 22, 1776. See Volume 6, 1366.

JONATHAN GLOVER'S RECEIPTS AS AGENT FOR CREW OF WASHINGTON'S  
SCHOONER *Lee*<sup>1</sup>

Reced Beverly 14 Novr 1776 of William Bartlett One Thousand pound in part of the Captors Shares in Ship *Concord* and Cargo

pr Jonathan Glover

Reced Beverly 14 Novr 1776 of William Bartlett, Five hundred & Sixty Three pounds 10/3 in part of the Captors Shares in Brig *Nancy* & Cargo  
pr Jonathan Glover

Reced Beverly 14th Novr 1776 of William Bartlett, Nine hundred & fifty Nine pounds 4/9 it being in full for the Captors Share of the Ship *Jenny* and Cargo <sup>2</sup>

pr Jonathan Glover

1. Bartlett Papers, 5728–5730, BHS.

2. For captures of these prizes see Volumes 2 and 3.

JOHN BRADFORD TO GEORGE WASHINGTON <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Boston 14th Novr 1776

I have the honour to Congratulate Your Excellency on the Acquisition lately made by the Arm'd Schooners *Franklin* & *Hancock* of a Brig bound from Scotland to [New] York with a Cargo Calculated to make the Winters Campaign more Comfortable to Your Army <sup>2</sup> I Should have forwarded the particulars to your Excellency but General Ward has the Manifest now Copying to forward if Your Excellency should have Occasion for any of the Liquors I shall Esteem it an honor to receive orders to forward them being with all due respect Yr Excellly [&c.]

J B –

1. John Bradford Letter Book, vol. 1, LC.

2. The brigantine *Lively*, Nicholas Martindale master, with a cargo valued at £25,000 sterling and sent into Boston on November 13.

JOHN BRADFORD TO JOHN HANCOCK <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Boston 14th Novr 1776

I had the honour in my last to Acquaint you that the Arm'd Schooners *Hancock* and *Franklin* had sent in a Brig with Salmon & dry fish, it gives me the highest pleasure its in my power to inclose you the Copy of a manifest of the Cargo of a Brig brought in yesterday by the above mentioned Vessells, a most valuable Acquisition, on which I most heartily Congratulate you & my Country. it affords a rich supply of Necessaries to make the Army comfortable through their Winter Campaign, a duplicate is forwarded to General Washington; I most earnestly wish our Enemies may continue their supplies of such articles as we cannot easily obtain amongst ourselves, When leisure will permit I shall Esteem it a favour if I may be directed what to do with the *Lynch*, as she remains in pay doing nothing for the want of Cannon, and was the[y] compleat theirs not the least probability of her ever doing any thing for the honour of the State, here are four fine four pound Cannon in the Brig last taken, but I am realy of opinion was we in possession of a compleat set of Guns the Capt could not get men to go with him, not through fear of his leading them into danger <sup>2</sup> – You may remember Sir I hinted to you some-time since that by desire of the Commissary I kept the Beef taken in the Ship *Peggy* (about 400 Barrells[]) for the use of the army; I've not yet been call'd on for it. the Capts [John] Skimmer & [Samuel] Tucker who were victualed last cruise with that provission say it is so bad that their people could not eat it, should be

glad to have orders what to do with it, it will not do for the army – Capt Skimmer is extremely anxious to get his Commission he never has yet had it. And has Commanded only on a Breviatt obtain'd from General Ward, I hear he runs a risque of being ill treated if he should be taken. I think he is worthy of a Commission & won't dishonour it,<sup>3</sup> – In my last I beg'd I might Receive directions how to manage with those passengers who hav[e] no interest to support them, several such I have now daily visiting me for supplys. I am at a loss how to conduct in the affair, hope I shall receive directions from Congress – I have by last post receiv'd directions from a Committee of Congress relative to the Settlement of the public Accots at Certain periods<sup>4</sup> it would be a Gratification to me to know on what terms I do this Business and indeed I know not how to Compleat the Accounts till I come to that knowledge I am most Respectfully [&c.]

[P. S.] You will please to Observe that besides the Inclosed Invo there is a parcell Good wch was to be landed at New found land to the Amo. of 2503 . . 3 . . 3 3/4 the Invo was sent out in another Vessell

1. John Bradford Letter Book, vol. 1, LC.

2. Captain John Ayres.

3. John Skimmer succeeded to command of the *Franklin* after James Mugford had been killed.

4. See Volume 6, 1321–22.

#### CAPTAIN JAMES GRAY TO THE MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL<sup>1</sup>

Long Island [Boston Harbor] Novr 14th 1776

Capt James Gray, as Commanding Officer at Long Island in the Harbour of Boston, begs leave to report to the Honble Board, that on the 13th Inst at Night, a Sloop belonging to the Eastern parts of this State, came to an Anchor near Long Island when the Capt of said Sloop, came on shore, and informed, that, some time last week, upon his voyage from the Eastward to this Port, laden, with wood, he was taken by the *Juno* Frigate, at which time, all the men belonging to said sloop (himself excepted) were taken on board the frigate, and a prize-Master with 4 men put on board the Sloop, and ordered to proceed with the Captain and Capture to Halifax – but it appears through the policy of the Captain, by letting out the water, that they were obliged to put into some Harbour, to recruit their Water – and the prize Master being unacquainted with Harbours upon this Coast, desired the Captain to pilot the Vessel into some Harbour for the purpose aforesaid, when he happily arriv'd in this Harbour – That upon his requesting assistance, to secure said Sloop, a party of Men under the Command of Lieut Ellis, enter'd on board said Sloop and secured the prisoners, & papers, and in consequence of the above wou'd be glad the Honble Board wou'd give directions concerning the prisoners &c –

James Gray

[Endorsed] In Councill [Boston] Novr. 15. 1776

On the within Report being read at the Board

Ordered that Capt Gray be & he hereby is Directed to Bring the prisoners



within named, from Long Island to this Town of Boston & them Deliver to the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk, And the Said Sheriff is hereby ordered & Directed to Confine the prisoners aforesaid in the Goal of said County, untill further order of this Board –

1. Mass. Arch., vol. 166, 32–32a.

*Independent Chronicle*, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1776

Boston, November 14.

Friday last was sent into Salem, a Prize Ship upwards of [2]00 Tons burthen. She has on board 260 Boxes Lisbon Lemmons, 200 Quarter Casks Wine, 8 Barrels Currants, 47 Boxes Lisbon Onions, 400 Hogsheads Salt, &c. She was taken by the *Dolphin* Brig of War, mounting only six Swivels.<sup>1</sup>

Friday last arrived at Marblehead, a large Prize Ship, having on board 4800 Quintals of Fish. She was sent in by Capt. [Daniel] Hathorne.<sup>2</sup>

Saturday last arrived here a Prize Brig, laden with dry Fish, from Newfoundland – taken by the Captains [John] Skimmer and [Samuel] Tucker.<sup>3</sup>

Last Sunday arrived here Capt. [Daniel] Waters, in the *Lee* Vessel of War, and brought in with him a Prize Snow, laden with Staves, &c. bound from Nova-Scotia to Jamaica.<sup>4</sup>

We learn from Newport, that “a fine Brig, of 260 Tons, taken by the sloop *Diamond*, Capt. [Thomas] Stacey, a few days ago ran ashore at the Eastward; but has since been got off, and all her Cargo saved, consisting of 260 Hogsheads of Sugar, 140 Puncheons of Rum, &c.”<sup>5</sup> Capt. Mursey, late Master of the Privateer, having carried Part of the Cargo up the River last Week in a Sloop, and since came to Town, informs that on board the Ship from Quebec,<sup>6</sup> taken by Capt. Stacey, they found about 170 letters, giving the People of this Country, the most infamous Characters; some of which we may publish shortly. Those letters were from the British Army, Scotch Pedlars, Quacks, &c. (not the Native Canadians.”)

Yesterday arrived here a Prize Brig, taken by Capt. Skimmer, in the *Franklin*. She was from Scotland, bound to New-York, with Cloathing. – The amount of her invoice is 25000 l. Sterling. –<sup>7</sup>

Sales by Auction. On Thursday, 21st November, At Ten in the Morning, Will be Sold by Public Vendue, On Tileston’s-Wharf, The Ship *Marshall*, and her Cargo. Consisting of

16 Hogsheads Muscovado	37 Bags Ginger,
Sugars,	12 Ba[g]s Cotton,
76 First Whites,	2 Tierces and 84 Goards Aloes,
60 Second Ditto,	1 Hogshead Barbados Tar.
236 Clayed ditto,	
64 Hogsheads Barbados Rum	

The Ship is about 280 Tons burthen, a fast sailing Vessel, well found, and about two Years old; and will be put up at XII o’Clock, on the above Day of Sale.

To be Sold by Public Auction, On Tuesday the 19th November, At John Rowe, Esq'rs. Wharf, Part of the Cargo of the Prize Ship *Julius Caesar*, viz.

200 Baskets of English Cheese	200—Hams of Bacon
200—Barrels of Flour	200—Sides of Bacon
126 Barrels and 24 Tierces of Beef	77—Casks of Raisins
	40—Casks of Currants
230 Barrels and 21 Tierces of Pork	100 Firkins of Butter
	4 Hogsheads of Ginger-Bread.
12 Firkins of Fillets	
38 Firkins of Tongues	

The Sale will begin at Ten o'Clock in the Morning.

Wm. Greenleaf, Sheriff.

At Public Auction, Will be Sold in Salem, On Wednesday the 20th Instant, At Ten o'Clock in the Morning, A Cargo, containing, Beef, Pork, Butter, Candles, Soap Oatmeal, and Split Peas. At Twelve o'Clock, same Day, will be sold, a fine Brig, 120 Tons. Choice Lisbon White Wine, to be sold by Samuel Williams, by the Quarter Cask.

To be Sold in Salem, at Public Vendue, On Tuesday the 26th instant, at 11 o'Clock P.M. The following Vessels with their Stores, As they now lay at Mr. Ropes's Wharf in this Town,

The Brigantine *Mary and James*, about 150 Tons, with her Appurtenances, Boat, &c.

The Brigantine *Good I[n]ten[t]*, about 110 Tons, with her Appurtenances, Boats, &c.

The Brigantine *Mary Ann*, about 90 Tons, with her Appurtenances, Boat, &c.

The Sloop *James*, about 80 Tons, with her Appurtenances, Boat, &c.

To be Sold at Auction on Friday the 22d Instant, On Tristram Dalton, Esq'rs. Wharf, in Newbury-Port, The Ship *Nancy*, and her Cargo, Consisting of the following Articles, viz.

80 Barrels Beef	320 Barrels Pork
150 Firkins Butter	100 Barrels Oatmeal
370 Barrels Flour	1200 Bushels Pease
68000 wt. choice Ship Bread	18[9]0 wt. Gun Powder
130 Cask[s] Nails	

8 4-Pounders, 4 3-do, 10 Swivels, all new, double fortified, and well-mounted. Shott, Ladles, Worms, Rammers, &c. suitable for the Cannon.

N.B. The Ship is a very fast Sailer, and fitted to carry 16 Carriage Guns, and will be put up at 12 o'Clock.

Newbury-Port, Nov. 11, 1776.

Joseph Ingersoll, Auctioneer.

1. *Dolphin* was a schooner, not a brig. She was commanded by Captain John Leech. Prize was the ship *Sally*, John Burrows, master.
2. Hathorne commanded the Massachusetts privateer schooner *True American*. His prize was brig *Providence Success*, John Fletcher, master.
3. Prize was the brig *Triton*, Thomas Brinton, master.
4. *Elizabeth*, Thomas Edwards, master.
5. *Live Oak*, James Wallace, master, from Jamaica for London.
6. *Woodcock*, William Richardson, master.
7. *Lively*, Nicholas Martindale, master, taken by both the *Franklin* and *Hancock*, Washington's schooners.

MUSTER ROLL OF THE CONTINENTAL SHIP *Columbus* <sup>1</sup>

Muster Roll of the Men and Officers belonging to the Ship *Columbus* from the time of her being put in Commission to the fourteenth day of November 1776.—

Time of Entry	Men's Names	Numbers	Station in which they entered	Promotions Decease & Deserted	Discharged turned over &c.	Time When
1775						
Nov. 20	Abraham Whipple	1	Captain			
"	Rhodes Arnold	2	1st Lieutt		Discharged at Prov[idence]	1st June 1776
"	Ezekiel Burroughs	3	3d ditto	Promod to 1st Lieut		
1776						
Dec. 25	Joseph Olney	4	2d ditto	promoted to Captain		
1776						
Jan. 1st	William Grinnell	5	Lieutenant		turned to S. [sloop] <i>Providence</i>	16th April
" 1	Wingate Newman	6	Master		Left the Ship	14th April
Feb'y. 4	Joshua Fanning	7	1st Mate	Promoted to Master 1st May	& dischd at Newport	10th Octr
1775						
Dec. 20	John Rogers	8	2d Mate	do 1st Mate	& dischd at N. P. turned over to S. <i>Providence</i>	10th October
Dec. 8	Henry Malcolm	9	Surgeon			25th Jany.
1776						
Jany. 18	John E. Kisler	10	dos 1st Mate	promoted to Surgeon		25th Jany.
Jany. 18	Thomas Burns	11	Surgeons Mt.			
1775						
Decem. 7	Joseph Hardy	12	Clerk			
" 21	John Parker	13	Gunner	In Goal at Providence		
1776						
Jany. 1	John Simmons	14	dos Mate	Deserted at N. London		
" 5	John Hadley	15	Armourer	& Master at Arms	Dischd at Newport	16th Octr 1776

1775						
Dec.	15th	Thomas Darby	16	Steward	Turned on board a brig as prize M. [master]	<u>at Sea. &amp; since re-</u> <u>taken</u>
Nov.	20	Daniel Beears	17	Midshipman	promoted to Gunner	21st Sept.
"	"	Coggshall Butts	18	ditto	Deserted at Providence	1st June
"	"	Robert Magill	19	ditto	turned to S. <i>Providence</i>	20th April
"	"	John Trivett	20	ditto	Promoted to Lieut of Marines	14 "
Decr	29	Michael Knies	21	ditto		13th Feby
1776						
Jany.	8	John D. Mc.Dougall	22	ditto		discharged at Provide
1775						
Novembr	2	William Cornell	23	ditto	Deserted at Providence	20th April
Decemr	27	Gideon Whitfield	24	ditto		
Decemr	8	John Taylor	25	Carpenter		discharged at N. Port
"	15	John Baker	26	Boatswain	Lost overboard at Sea	16th September
"	19	Robert Ralph	27	dos 1st Mate	deserted at Provide	
1776						
Jany.	7	John Lowder	28	dos 2d "		
1775						
Decem.	20	Guy Rogers	29	Mastrs 3d Mate		
"	18	Bardin Silvester	30	" 4th "		
"	19	James Campbell	31	Sail Maker		
"	18	Thomas Preston	32	Cooper		
"	19	Peter Cain	33	Boatwn yeoman		
"	25	John Pearce	34	Gunr ditto		
"	14	Pearce Donovan	35	Carps Mate		
"	18	Christr Traverse	36	ditto		dischd at Providence
"	13	Thomas Page	37	Cook	deserted at N. Providence	1st Aug.
"	15	John Holty	38	Coxswain	deserted at Newport	15th March
"	7	Anderson Briggs	39	Seaman		10th Augt
"	8	David Knight	40	ditto	deceased in Delaware Bay	14th Feby.
"	11	Ichabod Sheffield	41	ditto	deserted at N. London	12th April

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1775						
Dec.	11	Thomas Smith	42	Landsman	Deserted	
"	11	Robert Parker	43	"		
"	"	John Burton	44	"		
"	12	Benjn Armsbey	45	Seaman	Died at N. Providence	4th March
"	"	Anthony Diver	46	Seaman		
"	13	Shibuah Reynolds	47	ditto		
"	"	William Bryan	48	ditto		
1775						
Dec.	14	William Fulker	49	Seaman	Died at Sea	1st March
"	14	Henry Northurp	50	"		
"	"	Abrahm Harrington	51	Boy		
"	15	Jacob Boardman	52	Landsman	Deserted	
"	"	Robert Handy	53	Seaman	Died at Reedy Island	6th Feby.
"	"	John Thomas	54	Quartr Mast.		
"	"	John Brooks	55	Landsman	Dischd in Delaware Bay	10th Feby.
"	18	Abraham Arms	56	Seaman	died at Sea	19th
"	19	Robert Murchee	57	"		
"	"	Rasmus Lorrens	58	"	deserted at N. London	
"	"	Moses Boardman	59	Landsman	" " "	
"	"	Richard Sephton	60	Barber		
"	"	Edward Russell	61	French-horn Man.	died at do.	18th April
"	"	Alexander Brin	62	Landsman	Deserted in Providence	
"	"	Joseph Brow	63	Seaman	Deserted	
"	20	James Crosswell	64	"		
"	"	Alexander Steuart	65	Landsman	Deserted in N. Providence	15th March
"	"	Frederick Bepler	66	"	died at New London	26th April

"	21	Daniel Miller	67	"			
"	23	Robert Cook	68	Quarter Master		dischd at Newport	17th October
"	"	William Household	69	Seaman		dischd at ditto	"
"	25	Edward Thomas	70	"	Deserted		
"	"	William Brooks	71	"			
"	"	Thomas Day	72	Landsman	Deserted in Delaware Bay		13th Feby.
"	26	Hugh Allen	73	Seaman	Promoted to Quarter Master about		10th April
"	"	William Smith	74	"	Deserted at Nw Providence		15th March
"	"	William Pearson	75	"			
"	"	Patrick Fletcher	76	"	Promoted to Midshipman		1st May
"	"	Edward Boggs	77	"	died at Providence		12th May
"	"	William Wallace	78	Landsman			
"	"	Spear Piper	79	"	Deserted in Delaware Bay		13th Feby.
"	"	Jacob Rutter	80	"			
"	27	James Kempland	81	Seaman	Deserted in Delaware		13 Feby.
"	"	William Lind	82	"			
"	"	Francis Bailey	83	"	Died at Providence		14th May
"	22	William Edmonds	84	"	Deserted at N. London		12th April
"	28	Charles Watson	85	Landsman			
1775							
Dec.	28	John Alice	86	Landsman	Deserted at P.		
"	"	James Hunt	87	Seaman	Deserted at Providence		10th June
"	23	Barney Cunningham	88	Landsman	Deserted		
"	23	Levi Davis	89	"	Deserted		
"	29	Barney McDermot	90	"			
"	"	Nicholas Smith	91	"			
"	"	Joseph Row	92	Boy	Entered in the <i>Liverpool</i> Frigate		
"	"	John Harley	93	Landsman	deserted at Feby [ <i>sic</i> Delaware Bay]		13th Feby.
"	"	John Spencer	94	"			
"	"	William McCall	95	"			
"	30	Thomas Parfick	96	Seaman		turned over to Sl. <i>Provid[ence]</i>	

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1776						
Jany.	1	Scipio Rathburn	97	Negro Boy	died at New Providence	3rd March
"	2	Lawrence Doyle	98	Seaman		
"	"	Thomas Bradshaw	99	Barber		
"	"	Joseph Wilson	100	Landsman	deserted at New London	
"	"	Charles Stultz	101	"	Died at Reedy Island	6th Feby.
"	"	Henry Allen	102	Seaman		
"	"	James Turtle	103	"	Deserted at Reedy Island	13th Feby.
"	"	William McLaughlin	104	"	Deserted at Providence	10th June
"	3	Charles McCafferty	105	Landsman		
"	"	James Orr	106	"	Deserted at Providence	
"	4	John Stoodly	107	Seaman	" at Reedy Island	13th Feby.
"	"	John McGowan	108	Landsman		
"	"	John Jackson	109	Boy		
"	5	John Stephenson	110	Seaman		
"	7	Gerrald Fitzgerrald	111	Quarter Gunner		
"	16	James Pearce	112	Seaman		
"	4	Richard Smith	113	Boy		
"	5	William Bruce	114	Seaman		
"	2	William Skinner	115	Boy	deserted	
"	14	Daniel Brown	116	Waiter		
"	"	John Bridges	117	Landsman	died at New London	13th April
"	"	John Hamilton	118	"		
Feby.	5	Robert Piper	119	"	dischd at R. Island turned to the Marines	



Jany.	1	John Limrick	120	"	deserted		
"	"	Joseph Lillyhome	121	Seaman		dischd at Newport	26th October
"	"	James Clark Grinnell	122	Boy		turned to Sloop	15th April
"	"	Cambridge Grinnell	123	N. Boy		<i>Provid</i>	
"	6	James Wilson	124	Seaman		ditto	do.
"	9	Elias Robinson	125	"	deserted	Pressed on board	
"	11	Edward Taylor Senr.	126	"	do	the <i>Liverpool</i> <sup>2</sup>	
"	"	Charles Lamot	127	Landsman			
"	15	John Suzee	128	Seaman	deserted	dischd at N. Port	20th October
"	"	Robert Younger	129	"	do		
1776							
Jan.	1	John Gallard	130	Seaman	Wounded in the action with the <i>Glasgow</i>		
"	"	George Bennet	131	Seaman	and left in N. London		
"	16	Abraham Coleby	132	"	deserted		
1776							
Feby.	14	Samuel West	133	Seaman	died at Providence		July 20
"	10	Richard Guy	134	"			
"	11	Edward Taylor jr.	135	Boy			
Jany.	1	William Sheldon	136	Seaman		dischd at N.	24 April
						Lon[don]	
Jany	2	Anthony Doude	137	"			
"	"	John Dubury	138	"	deserted		
"	4	Richard Stuart	139	"	discharged		1st Augt
"	8	John Jeffery	140	"	deserted		
"	11	Thomas Doyle	141	"	"		
"	5	Phillip Gordon	142	"	"		
"	10	Patrick Kennedy	143	"		discharged	1st Augt
"	4	Alexander Walker	144	Landsman			

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[1775]						
Nov.	20	Abner Russell	145	Seaman	deserted at Provid.	
		William Moore	146	"		turned from <i>A. Doria</i>
		James Maddin	147	Prisoner		
		David Evans	148	Seaman		
		James Lynn	149	Capt'n Mate		turned from <i>Alfred</i> 30th May
		Joshua Mitchell	150	Stew'd Mate	taken from <i>Alfred</i> 30th May.	disch'd at N. Port 14th Nov.
		Hugh Donaldson	151	ditto. Prisoner		
		Thomas Young	152	Seaman		turned from <i>Alfred</i>
		John Downey	153	ditto	Taken from S[loop] <i>Fly</i> and put on board the <i>Cabot</i>	
		Paul Berry	154	"	Taken from S. [sloop] <i>Providence</i>	
		Paul Magee	155	"	Taken from the <i>Cabot</i>	
		Isaac Fox	156	"	Taken from the <i>Alfred</i> 30 May. disch'd at Newport	22 Octr
		Samuel Ernam	157	" Prisoner	Taken from S. <i>Providence</i> & turned to the <i>Alfred</i>	
		Thomas Caton	158	Quarter Mast.	taken from <i>Alfred</i> 30 May & promoted to Boatsn	
		Samuel Allen	159	Seaman	taken from S. <i>Providence</i>	16th Sept
		David Pennigar	160	"	ditto	9th June
		John Robinson	161	"	ditto	17th Octr
		Richard Shields	162		Returned to the Army	
[1776]						
June	5th	John Hagley	163	Boy. Prisoner	taken from the <i>Alfred</i>	
		John Scott	164	Surgeons Mate	taken from the <i>Alfred</i> 30th May	
Augt	1	John Bell	165	Seaman		
		Edward Bowen	166	"	taken from <i>Alfred</i> 30th May	

		Charles McDonald	167	"	ditto		
		Jacob Collet	168	"	ditto		
		Peter Burdox	169	"	Entered in Providence Pressed on board the <i>Liverpool</i>		
		John Patten	170	Midshipman	taken from <i>A. Doria</i>		
		William Barns	171	Seaman	taken from <i>Alfred</i> 30th May & died at Newport		12th July
June	17th	James Clark	172	"			
		Joshua Cata[w]ow	173	"			
1776							
May	1	Prince Becars	174	N. Boy	died 4th October		
		William Partridge	175		deserted at N. Port		17th June
		Dennis Gurdens	176			discharged	15th July
		John Scantling	177		left sick at N. Port		
		Joseph Jacques	178	Seaman	deserted at Newport		17th June
		Thomas Burgess	179	"	ditto		do
		James Sparks	180	"	Sick a N. P.		
		Isaac Hart	181	"	taken from <i>Alfred</i> 3d Augt & returned		Octob. 11th
		Samuel Champlain	182	"	taken from <i>Providence</i> 9th June		
		William Carpenter	183	" Prisoner			
		John Moore	184	Seaman	Deserted	turned from <i>Alfred</i>	30th May
1776							
April	29	Samuel Belford	185	"		turned over to <i>S. Providence</i>	
		John Chapple	186	" Prisoner			
		Thomas Cox	187	"		turned from <i>S. Prov:</i>	
		John Towell	188	"	Entered in the <i>Liverpool</i>		
		William Anderson	189	"			
Aug.	1	Michael Pine	190	"			
"	"	Richard Thomas	191	"			
		Robert Hawthorn	192	Armourers Mate			
		Pompey Ellery	193	Negro Boy	died at Sea		13th Sept
Sept.	25	Robert Carr	194	Seaman			
		John Earle	195	Master		turned from <i>Alfred</i>	7th August
		George House	196	Midshipman		ditto	do
		Philip Alexander	197	3rd Mate		do	do
		James Thomas	[sic] 197	Gunner		do	do

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1776						
[Sept. 25]	Thomas Hall	198	Cooper		do	do
	Abijah Perkins	199	Surgs Mate		do	do
	William Murrow	200	Carps Mate		do	do
	Patrick Doyle	201	Cooks Mate		do	do
	James How	202	Seaman		do	do
	Thomas Austin	203	Seaman		do	do
	Thomas Wailling	204	Boy		do	do
	Francis Beaujack	205	Seaman		do	do
	Jeremiah Brown	206	"		do	do
1775	James Mein	207	"	Pressed in <i>Liverpool</i> Frigate	do	do
Decem. 11	Stephen Johnson	208	Seaman			
1775	Marines					
	Joseph Shoemaker	1	Captain	Deserted		
	John Trivett	2	Lieutenant	Deserted		
	Robert Cummings	3	Lieutenant	deserted		
1776						
May 25	Matthew Parke	4	Captain			
" "	Christopher Hopkins	5	Lieutenant			
1775						
Dec. 29	Edward Burke	6	Lieutenant		Discharged at New-port	1776 19th Octr
Dec. 11	Ernest Grace	7	Serjeant			15 March
" 14	John Gould	8	ditto	promoted to Cook		
" "	John Segeson	9	ditto			
" 16	Thomas Anderson	10	Corporal	promd to Serjt Aug 16		

1775					
Dec.	11	Frederick Kerker	11	Corporal	
"	14	John Ragan	12	Private	
"	16	Nicholas Tobin	13	Private	died at Providence 16 May
"	14	John Hart	14	"	Deserted
"	18	Thomas Murray	15	"	Deserted
"	"	Joseph Gordon	16	"	
"	18	Robert Hawthorn	17	"	promoted to Armourers Mate
"	10	John Smith	18	"	Deserted
"	14	John Reily	20	"	ditto
"	"	James Barr	21	"	ditto
"	"	Francis Higgins	22	"	ditto
"	"	John Davis	23	"	ditto
"	16	Martin Ingle	24	"	dischar[ge]d New- port 19 Octr
"	"	Robert Jackson	25	"	Promoted to Corporal 16th May
"	16	John Jones	26	"	Deserted
"	"	Jacob Brand	27	"	dischd at New London 21 April
"	13	Henry Kess	28	"	
"	14	Geo. Longcomer	29	"	dischd at Newport 19th Oct.
"	14	John McDole	30	"	
"	15	Michael Garret	31	"	do at Newport 19th Oct.
1776					
Jany	2	John Auskill	32	"	Deserted
1775		John Hussey	33	"	dischd at Newport 19 Oct.
Dec.	10	John Miller	34	"	Deserted
"	"	Jacob Crouse	35	"	ditto
"	16	George McDonald	36	"	died at New London 14th April
"	"	Arthur Nagle	37	"	dischd at New London
"	"	John Somers	38	"	Deserted
"	27	Andrew Uler	39	"	
"	14	William Tate	40	"	dischd at Newport 17th Oct.
"	"	Geo. A. Mauffit	41	"	Deserted
"	15	Frederick Sinquit	42	"	ditto
"	"	David Coleman	43	"	ditto
"	16	John Parker	44	"	ditto

Muster Roll of the Men and Officers belonging to the Ship *Columbus* from the time of her being put in Commission to the fourteenth day of November 1776.—[continued]

Time of Entry	Men's Names	Numbers	Station in which they entered	Promotions Decease & Deserted	Discharged turned over &c.	Time When
1775						
[Dec.] 26	John Huston	45	"			
20	Michl Dougherty	46	"			
"	Johnson Spear	47	"			
	John Nowell	48	"			
16	John Clark Jr.	49	"			
1775						
Dec. 16	John Gillan	50	Private			
10	Emmanuel Furnance	51	"			
11	Peter Nagle	52	"			
	Christr Green	53	"	Deserted		
	Matthias Graffe	54	"		dischd. at Newport	19th October
1775						
Dec. 11	Andrew Allen	55	"		dischg. at Providence	25th May
16	William Loughridge	56	"		" at Newport	19th October
	Frederick Hackle	57	"	Deserted		
14	John Clark Senr.	58	"		dischd. at N London	
15	George Marks	59	Drummer			
14	David Congleton	60	Private	Deserted at Reedy Island		13th Feby
"	Thomas Milan	61	"	ditto		ditto
14	John Forgey	62	"	ditto		do
"	James Ward	63	"	ditto		"
15	Nicholas Grossman	64	"	do		"
16	Thomas Scott	65	"	do		"
	Connel Mc.Neilus	66	"	do		"
	John Mc.Indow	67	"	do	turned from Sloop	11th Oct.
					<u>Prov'd &amp; returned</u>	
					<u>back</u>	

		James Ogg	68	"
		Peter Morris	69	"
		John Curtain	70	"
		Thomas Vauluvan	71	"
		Philip Fitzpatrick	72	"
		Robert Piper	73	"
June	5	Ashley Brown	74	"
		Edward Hagan	75	"
		Robert Robinson	76	"
		John McLaughlin	77	"
		Daniel Lafferty	78	"
		Robert Richey	79	"
		John Stal[c]up	80	"
		Able Burn[s]	81	"
		Richard Oen	82	"
		Hugh Mc.Cowan	83	"
		Thomas Lewellen	84	"
1776				
May	18	Michael Ryan	85	"
June	17	John Garrison	86	Fifer
		John Robinson	87	Private
		William Hamilton	88	Serjeant
		James Marshall	89	Corporal
		John Nick	90	Private
		Robert McCauly	91	"
		Thomas Burns	92	"
		Thomas Donahoe	93	"

Deserted

Pressed in *Liverpool* frigate

turned from Alfred 30th May  
 turned from Alfred 30th May  
 & dischd at  
Newport  
 turned from Alfred 30th May  
 ditto

ditto 7th August  
 turned from *Provi-*  
*dence* 9th June &  
 put on board the  
*Alfred*  
 turned from *Alfred* 30th May  
 ditto do do  
 ditto " "  
 ditto " "

turned from *Alfred* 9th June

turned from *Alfred* 30th May  
 ditto 7th August  
 do "  
 turned from *Alfred* "  
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NOVEMBER 1776

Muster Roll of the Men and Officers belonging to the Ship *Columbus* from the time of her being put in Commission to the fourteenth day of November 1776.—[continued]

Time of Entry	Men's Names	Numbers	Station in which they entered	Promotions Decease & Deserted	Discharged turned over &c.	Time When
[1776] June 17	Patrick OBryan	94	Private	Pressed in the <i>Liv.</i> Frigate		
	Edward Hagan	95	"			
	Ellis Rowland	96	"			
	John Bell	97	"	Pressed in the <i>Liverpool</i>		
	James Wall	98	"			
	Patrick McNamara	99	"			
	James Connell	100	"			

(Copy)

Witness my hand the 14th day of November 1776

Abraham Whipple

1. Transcript of Military Papers, R. I. Arch.
2. Seaman James Wilson and others listed as being on board H. M. S. *Liverpool* were members of the prize crew of the ship *Hester* taken by the *Columbus* and retaken by the *Liverpool*.



NATHANIEL SHAW, JR. TO GOVERNOR JONATHAN TRUMBULL AND THE  
COUNCIL<sup>1</sup>

Gentlemen

New London Nov 14 1776

Last evening I Return'd from Hartford & was surprized to find that Capt Kenedy [Thomas Kennedy] in a ship fitted out by order of the Continental Congress for France, was by Capt Hardings order Stopt & not Suffered to depart, the men belonging to the Ship have quitted her, and if this is been done by your order I think its best that sum person should be directed what to do with the Ship as she is very valuable Vessell and Capt Kenedy seems not to be a mind to have any further to do with her – my last Letters from Phila from Philip Levingston & Frances Lewis are dated the 14 Octr they were then very desirous that the Ship should sail Immediately.

Inclosed is a letter I Just Received from Mr [Robert] Morris by which you will See that I have a Quantity of Powder Just arrived at Maryland This powder was Shipt by a Gentleman at Martinico who Capt Packwood left Effects with last Spring to purchase it on Accot of our State & the Sloop *Macaroni* was to have returned to Martineco in order to take it on board but unfortunately was taken on her outward bound passage, which has been the occasion of its not coming to hand Sooner if you are disposed to take the money for it should be glad you would give me directions – I have about Eight thousand wt of Continental Powder now in store that might be exchanged & I daly expect more, if you had rather take powder this Landed in Maryland is about thirteen thousand wt I shall write an Answer Soon as I have your orders. I Suppose their will be about Six Thousand of the above that will belong to us and the Remainder to the Continent –

N Shaw Jr

1. Shaw Letter Book, YUL.

JOURNAL OF H. M. SLOOP *Raven*, CAPTAIN JOHN STANHOPE<sup>1</sup>

Novemr 1776

Thursdy 14

Do [Sandy Hook] N 38 Wt 212 miles  
at 8 (AM) Wore Ship. at 9 Set the Fore & Mn Topsail Out  
reefs & set the Miz Topsl 3 Sail in the NE Qr got up Topg  
masts & yds do set Topgl Sails at Noon made the *Cherokees*  
Signal to Tack  
Mode breezes & clear Wr 1 PM saw a Sloop which we took to  
be a Privateer fired a Gun to bring her to – half past Tackd &  
bore down upon the *Cherokee*. She was in chace of a Sloop.  
do set studg Sails at 4 spoke with the *Cherokee* that had taken  
the Sloop into custody proving to be a French vessel from Phila-  
delphia with Flour & Lumber for the Wt Indies.<sup>2</sup> Exchanged  
Men put an officer onbd

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/771.

2. *Hope*, Jean Louis, master, — Moncreau, owner, from Philadelphia for Charleston, Howe's Prize List, March 31, 1777, PRO, Admiralty 1/487.

JOURNAL OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS <sup>1</sup>

[Philadelphia] Thursday, November 14, 1776

Information being given to Congress, that part of the enemy's fleet was seen coming out of the Hook, and steering their course to the southward:

*Resolved*, That copies of the letter, giving the information, be sent by express to the General, and to Governor [William] Livingston, of New Jersey, and also to the southern states.

*Resolved*, That the Board of War do immediately confer with the council of safety of this state, and co-operate with them in devising ways and means and [for] calling forth the strength of this and the neighbouring states, for the defence of this city, against any attempts which the enemy may make to obtain possession of it; and that, for this purpose, the Board of War be invested with the full powers of this Congress, to promote most effectually this important purpose:

That the Marine Committee also be directed to make such disposition of the naval force, now in the river Delaware, or the neighbourhood thereof, as will best conduce to defeat the designs of the enemy.

1. Ford, ed., *JCC*, VI, 950-51.

CONTINENTAL MARINE COMMITTEE TO JOHN WEREAT <sup>1</sup>

Sir

[Philadelphia] November 14th 1776

By the recommendation of George Walton Esqr one of your Delegates in Congress we have appointed you Continental Agent in the State of Georgia, in that Station it will fall to your share to supply all Continental Cruizers or other vessels in the Continental Service with provisions Stores and necessaries, to assist the Captains and officers in whatever may be needful – to advance them monies – give them advice, and in all things take care of the Interests of the United States. If any Prizes are sent into Georgia by the Continental Cruizers you are to receive them, libel and prosecute to condemnation – then make public sale of Vessels, Cargoes, and all effects that are condemned; and for your guidance we send you a pamphlet containing the Rules and Regulations in these respects, and we shall also send you at a future day Coppies of our official letters to all our Agents along the Continent.

You will receive this by an advice boat belonging to the Continent called the *Georgia Packet*, intended to be an advice Boat between your State and the Congress. She has been loaden this voyage by your Delegates with Stores for your State, and we expect you will Credit us a handsome freight for the same. We desire you may receive these goods with despatch and as the Secret Committee of Congress order a Cargo back we hope you will use equal dispatch in shipping it. Lieutenant [Isaac] Buck who commands this schooner is ordered to put all the Letters he carries into the Post office, and we desire you will inform the postmaster he is to charge the same postage as if they had come by land, for we expect in this way to raise some thing towards defraying the expence of these packets in future altho at present the Letters will be very few. You will please to advertize for Letters back by this packet, and as soon as you can dispatch this Schooner back for this port. You will keep a regular account of your disbursments for this

schooner and if any balance arises in your favour we will pay your drafts on us for the Amount

We hope you will not suffer Captain Buck to loose any time nor Stand in need of any Assistance that you can afford him. We are sir [&c.] <sup>2</sup>

1. Marine Committee Letter Book, 44-45, NA.

2. The Marine Committee issued cruise orders to Lieutenant Buck on this date, Marine Committee Letter Book, 45, NA.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE CONTINENTAL NAVY IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SCHOONER  
*Georgia Packet* <sup>1</sup>

[Philadelphia, November 14, 1776] <sup>2</sup>

Schooner *Georgia Packet*

Isaac Buck Comr.

		To the Commissioners of the Navy	Dr
1776			
Octor	23	To 1 Piece G Canvass 94 Ells 127½ Yds	
"	31	1 Bolt Russia Duck	7.10..-
"	"	2 Pieces Osnabrigs 161 Ells	
Novemr	6	30 Yds G Canvass	
	9	Cashpaid James Fulton for port- [era]ge	6
	13	1 Bolt Russia Duck	7.10..-
	23	Cash paid Dean Timmonds for a box Candles	3..1..4
Decemr	21	ditto for Portorages to Jas	6..-
"	"	Fulton	
		ditto James Allenbys for co- operage	1.19..- 2..5..-

1. Woodhouse Collection, HSP.

2. Date on which Lieutenant Buck received his sailing orders.

WILLIAM HOOPER TO THE NORTH CAROLINA PROVINCIAL CONGRESS <sup>1</sup>

Gentlemen

Philadelphia Novr 14th 1776 -

We have this moment received Intelligence from the Jersies that 100 of the Enemies Ships have been seen off[f] the Coast of Shrewsbury steering Southward. They probably intend for this place, however as it is possible they may intend farther Southward, the Congress have thought proper to dispatch an express to you that you may hold yourselves in immediate readiness to oppose any attempt against your state, or to render assistance to your Neighbours.

A Careful look out should be kept along the sea coast, that we may be apprized of their movements and not taken napping. As your defence & that of South Carolina must consist chiefly in Militia - You will take measures that they hold themselves in perfect readiness to march when and wherever the Convention shall think fit to order them. We are making every possible preparation to oppose

any designs they may have against this place & with the blessing of God I confide shall be able to disappoint them. I am Gentlemen [&c.]

Will Hooper <sup>2</sup>

1. Secretary of State Papers, Provincial Conventions and Congresses, 1774–1776 (October–December, 1776), NCDAH.
2. The fears were premature. The enemy fleet consisted of transports bound for England.

#### MINUTES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

Philad'a, Novem'r 14th, 1776.

Mr. [John Maxwell] Nesbitt was directed to pay . . . Bowyer Brooks' Acco't for Oars & repairs for several of the Armed Boats & for Building a Guard Boat, £106 0 11.

Intelligence was recd by express that several hundred Transports had sailed from New York, & steered their Course to the Southward, & expected to be intended for this City; whereupon, the Council wrote a Circular Letter to the Commanding Officers of the Battalion of Militia, earnestly requesting them to march their respective Battalions to this City Immediately.

The Commodore was ordered not to suffer any sea Vessell to Pass through the Chevaux-de-Frize.

*Ordered*, That Commodore Seymour do Immediately station one of the Armed Boats belonging to this State at or near Gloucester Point, and exert their Utmost Vigilance in preventing all shallops from Passing down the river. Wood Boats are to be permitted to pass and repass.

1. *Pennsylvania Colonial Records*, XI, 3, 4.

#### JESSE HOLLINGSWORTH TO THE MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY <sup>1</sup>

Sirs/

Baltimore November 14 1776

I Sent you By a Vesell yester Day 100 bbls of Bread and 18 Casks of Powder for Colonall [Robert] Hooe and a gread With the Bote to Carry your Salt But she went to the Point to Take in the Salt as I thought But Went of[f] Without taking it and I fear Much to your Pregudis But you May Depend that it shall Come With the Next Bot Wee are Going On as Well as Wee Can I hope the *Resolution* Will Bee With you Sunday Next and the Skooner *frendship* By the Middell of Next Week the Brig <sup>2</sup> is hove down and Redy for flowr the Buchers are Salting the Beef the Sales are Making for Such as Want Small Saills and thing are Going Toler[a]ble But the Consumption of Cash is Grait With So Many Sundry things Doing – Pleas Send a Sum of Mony By the Barer Capt [William] Stone I Will Doe all I Can for you and Remain [&c.]

JeSee Hollingsworth

I thought you had Staves But Can find None to Dunnage the Vesells With am forst to By them

[Endorsed] By Capt Stone

1. Red Book, XVI, Md. Arch.
2. The brig *Friendship*, Captain John Martin.

MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY TO CAPTAIN JAMES NICHOLSON<sup>1</sup>

No. 5

Sir Your last Letters gave us great reason to believe that we should Soon have the Accts relative to the Ship *Defence* Settled; we have waited some time expecting your coming down for that Purpose, we again beg Leave to remind you of the necessity there is, that those Accts should be settled. – we must insist on having it done Soon, or we shall be obliged to make out a peremptory order for your Attendance.

[Annapolis] Novr 14th 1776.

1. Council of Safety Letter Book, No. 2, Md. Arch. Nicholson had commanded the state ship *Defence*, and was now commanding the Continental frigate *Virginia* at Baltimore.

JOURNAL OF THE VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

[Williamsburg] Thursday November 14th 1776

Resolved that the Navy Board be empowered and requested to purchase such Vessells that they may judge necessary for the use of the Commonwealth in order that this Board may be enabled to carry on the Trade directed by Resolution of the General Assembly.

1. McIlwaine, ed., *Journals of the Virginia Council*, I, 238.

JOURNAL OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA NAVY BOARD<sup>1</sup>

Navy Board [Charleston]

Thursday [14]th November 1776 –

The Pilot boat *Hibernia* being Out of repair, & at the request of the proprietors discharged the service. The Board are of Opinion That there is an Absolute necessity for Two Pilot Boats to attend the Bar, as they find that one Boat is not Adequate to the service, being frequently Obligated to be Cleaned – Therefore Resolved – that application be made to the President, Acquainting him of the Necessity of having Two Boats, Constantly to Attend the Bar & harbour of Charles Town, and that he will be pleased to give directions for the Purchasing, Building, or Hireing, another Boat, for that Purpose, – Agreed that the first Commissioner do wait on the President to Inform him of the above resolution –

1. Salley, ed., *South Carolina Navy Board*, 24.

MASTER'S LOG OF H. M. ARMED VESSEL *Cherokee*<sup>1</sup>

November 1776

Thursday 14

Do [St. Augustine] So 43.09W Distance 252 Leagues  
 ½ past 6 AM got up Topgallt masts out 3d TS1s at 8 out  
 2d reef TS1s at 10 TKd got up Topgallt yards do saw  
 2 Sail in the NE Qr ½ pt saw a Sail bearing NNE Steering  
 SW at 11 the *Raven* made our Signal to chace to the NE do  
 TKd. and gave Chace Do the *Raven* gave Chace to the N.

Lattd in 37.34N Long made 08.44 Et  
 First and middle parts Mode and fair Wear Still in Chace

at 1 PM fired 6 Shot to bring too the Chace  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 brot too the Chace She proved to be the *Esperance* a Smugling Sloop from Philadelphia bound to Charlestown So Carolina Laden with Flour and Lumber and under French Colours the Masters Name at 3 run down in the *Ravens* wake at 4 Joyned Co with the *Raven* and brot too, to the Nord do sent a Midn and 2 Seamen on board the Prize at 7 Jno Mullens fell overboard out of the Prize and was drowned with all his Accoutrements on at 11 made Sail

1. PRO, Admiralty 52/1662.

15 Nov.

CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES TO FIRST LIEUTENANT PHILIP BROWN<sup>1</sup>

by J. P. J. Captain of the American Ship of War the *Alfred* Senior Officer in the Original Fleet and Commander of the Present Squadron off the Coast of Newfoundland.

Sir

You are hereby Appointed Commander of our prize the Ship *Melish* And as she is now Manned Equiped and Armed for War you are to endeavour to keep Company with me and Observe and Obey all Signals made on board here. You receive herewith a copy of Signals for your government – Should we fall in with any of the Enemys ships of War you are directed to give us all possible Assistance – and you are to follow all future directions which you may receive from me.

Should You Unfortunately be Seperated from the Squadron You are to proceed with all possible dispatch for the most convenient Port within the United States of America – I would Advise you to Proceed thro' Nantucket Shoals to Rhode Island. – Your careful Attention to these things will secure my regard –

Given on board the Ship *Alfred*  
November 15th 1776

To Philip Brown Esqr

Commander of the Ship *Mellish*

By Order of the Senior Officer

James Hogan Secretary

1. Papers of John Paul Jones, 6509, LC.

CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES TO ACTING LIEUTENANT JOSEPH ALLEN<sup>1</sup>

Sir You are hereby Appointed commander of our prize the Snow *Kitty* late from Gaspee for Barbados with a Cargo of Fish and Oil &ca. You are directed to Navigate her with all possible expedition into the most convenient port within the United States of America – I would Advise you, if it can be done without much risque, to make Rhode Island your port. – be very careful of your Vessel

with her Cargo and Stores – and keep a careful lookout to prevent being surprised or retaken

Given on board the Ship *Alfred*

Novr 15th 1776

J. P. J.

1. Papers of John Paul Jones, 6508, LC.

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM PHILIPS TO LIEUTENANT JOHN SCHANK, R.N. <sup>1</sup>

The Boat from Tyonderoga called a Flagg of Truce may be sent back with the persons who came in it. It is unnecessary to say more to these people than to repeat that his Excellency the Commander in Chief does not permitt Flaggs of Truce, or any Communication with the American Rebels unless coming to implore the King's Mercy – The allowing these Rebels in this Boat to return and not made prisoners is an Instance of the Clemency of his Majesty's Officers to these unfortunate people, but it is recommended to them to be careful how they venture within the posts of the Army as they will be treated as Spies.

Camp at St John's November 15th 1776

W. Philips M. Genl

To Capt Schanks commanding the Navil Department at St John's to be sent by him to Lt Longcroft and a Copy of this may be given to the Rebels.

[Endorsed] Literal Copy of the Original

1. Papers CC (Letters of Major General Philip Schuyler), 153, II, 491, NA.

CAPTAIN RICHARD PEARSON, R.N., TO VICE ADMIRAL RICHARD LORD HOWE <sup>1</sup>

My Lord,

Quebec November 15th 1776.

The Command of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the River St Lawrence having devolved upon me on the departure of His Majesty's Ships *Isis*, Captain Douglas, and the *Blonde*, Captain Pownal, who Sailed from hence the 8th inst. for England, it being thought impracticable for them to remain here in safety during the Winter; the *Blonde* having 64 of her Men upon the Lakes, it was judged more proper for her to proceed to England than to Halifax at so late a period of the Season; I must therefore beg leave to inclose to Your Lordship, the \*State and Condition, as also the Situation of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels now remaining in the River St Lawrence.

I also inclose You a Copy of a Letter from His Excellency General Carleton, to Captain Douglas, with a List of the Vessels and Number of Men which His Excellency thinks it necessary should be employed on Lake Champlain early in the Spring – these did not arrive till two Days after Captain Douglas's departure from hence; but as I judged he could not be got down the River farther than the Isle of Coudre, I dispatched Lieutenant Scott in the *Gaspie* Schooner after him, who overtook him before he had Sailed from thence, but the Schooner is not yet returned.

A few Days before Captain Douglas's departure from hence, he gave Orders for two Transports to be Loaded with Corn, Hay, Flour, and such other Things

as the Deputy Commissary to the Army at New York might think proper to be put on board them, and they to be dispatched forthwith to the Southward – The one of those Transports having two Men upon the Lake, and the Master of her representing it to me, that his Ships Company was not sufficient to Navigate her; and that he could not possibly proceed on the Voyage without the Assistance of two Men in lieu of those on the Lake; therefore in order that the Service might not be retarded, I thought it proper to put two Men on board of him belonging to His Majesty's Ship under my Command, with an Order to the Master to return them to the Commanding Officers Ship at New York on his Arrival there, that they may be returned to the *Garland* by the earliest Conveyance in the Spring.

It also appearing to me that by those Ships going thro' the Gut of Canceaux at this late Season of the Year, their passage would be greatly shortened; I have thought it for the good of the Service to order a Pilot to be put on board each of them, directing them to apply to the Commanding Officer on their Arrival, to procure a Conveyance for their return as early as possible in the Spring

His Excellency General Carleton arrived here [this day] from Montreal having withdrawn his Forces across Lake Champlain to Saint Johns, Montreal, Chambly, Trois Rivières [illegible] not being able to procure them sufficient Winter Quarters at Crown Point.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect, My Lord [&c.]

Rd Pearson

\*NB: Included in the General Returns of the 15th Jany 1777.

[Endorsed] No 7 In Lord Howe's Letter of the 15 Jany 1777

1. PRO, Admiralty 1/487.

"EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM CAPTAIN MURDOCK MACLAINE, OF THE ROYAL HIGHLAND EMIGRANTS COMMANDED BY LIEUTENANT COLONEL MACLEAN, TO A GENTLEMAN IN EDINBURGH, DATED HALIFAX, 15TH OF NOVEMBER, 1776" <sup>1</sup>

We sailed from St. Helen's the 9th of September, in Company with the *Euphrates*, *Artemisia*, *General Howe*, and *Success Increase*, Transports, under Convoy of the *Vulture* and *Hunter* Sloops of War. By the Attention and Vigilance of our Convoy, we kept Company till the 7th of October, when a violent Storm separated the whole Fleet, leaving not two Ships together. In two Days after we fell in with the *Hunter* Sloop, and continued with her till the 19th, when a most impenetrable Fog, which lasted 48 Hours, again deprived us of her Protection. In this Situation, and finding myself approaching the Enemy's Coast, at the Head of only 23 Recruits and four Volunteers, who had never seen any Service, and on whose Obédience alone I could depend, I thought it full Time to take Steps for our Defence in Case of an Attack. I accordingly communicated my Intentions to the Master of the Vessel, and his Inferior Officers, who readily said they would obey my Orders, and give me all the Assistance in their Power, but that they could not answer for the Sailors. Whereupon I immediately assembled the Crew, and, after pointing out to them what was likely to happen, and saying every thing I could to animate them, I told them, that in such an Event, I hoped they would behave like British Seamen. Their answer was, "They were not engaged on such



Condition; that if they should be disabled, they had no Claim on Government; and that even if they took a Prize, the first Man of War they met would take it from them." To obviate these Objections, I promised them a pecuniary Reward, and Protection in case they should receive any Hurt; upon which, with the Help of that persuasive Liquor called Grog, they gave me three Cheers, and swore they would not flinch, whatever should happen.

On the 23d, about 40 Leagues off Cape Race, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, we saw a Sail to Windward, bearing down upon us. We soon discovered her to be a Rebel Privateer. I immediately ordered every Man to his Station, and we stood our Course. A little after Five o'Clock, she came within 30 Yards of us, on our Larboard Quarter, and, after ordering us to strike, she saluted us with a Broad-side of her Carriage Guns, Swivels, and Small Arms: But being prepared for her, we returned the Compliment so briskly, that in less than an Hour she thought proper to sheer off. In Hopes of getting clear of her under Favour of the Night, we crowded all the Sail we could set; but we soon perceived that she was by much the fastest Sailer, and only lagged a-stern to keep Sight of us till Morning. To prepare, therefore, in the best Manner I could for another Engagement, I ordered up all the Hammocks to barricade the Decks, and after refreshing and encouraging the Men, I kept them on their Arms all night. About four o'Clock in the Morning we saw our Yankee Friend close at our Heels; and considering that by keeping to Windward he would attack our Lee, by which our Deck would be exposed, and his screened from our Fire, we determined to haul up our Courses, and go before the Wind, to be on as equal Terms as possible. This being done, we fired a Gun by way of Signal that we were ready for the Attack. He seemed so disconcerted by this Manoeuvre, that he laid his Sails to the Mast, and took Half an Hour to determine. After which he advanced on our Larboard Quarter, and raked us aft. He then came on our Starboard, and the Dispute was maintained with equal Keenness on both Sides till 11 o'Clock, when our Antagonist found it necessary to sheer quite off, with the Loss of several Men, and much Damage done to his Vessel. She appeared to be about 200 Tons Burthen, mounted 10 Carriage guns, 12 Swivels, and carried upwards of eighty Men.

It is very remarkable, that we had not a Man killed or wounded, though the Bedding, of which we made a Breast-work, was full of Balls. Several of the Soldiers Muskets were shot to pieces in their Hands, and considerable Damage was done to our Ship and Rigging.

By this Affair, I have had the good Fortune to save 20,000 l. Sterling to Government; and, as the principal Part of our Loading was Soldiers Clothing, the Rebels are baulked of what would have been a most valuable and seasonable Booty for them in their present ragged Condition.

The Activity and good Behaviour of Capt. Carey, his Officers, and Crew, cannot be too highly commended on this Occasion. We had only six Three-pounders, a few Swivels and 11. Sailors.<sup>2</sup>

1. *Public Advertiser*, London, January 8, 1777.

2. An account in the January 18<sup>th</sup> issue of the same newspaper reads:

A Correspondent says, Captain Murdock MacLaine's Friend in Edinburgh, who sent the Account of his Engagement with an American Privateer to our Paper, omitted a Circumstance that adds greatly to the Honour he acquired by his gallant Defence of

the Ship. - After the Action was over, Capt. Macklaine gave each of the Sailors Half a Guinea out of his own Pocket, and promised Reparation for the Damage done to the Vessel, which was considerable. Such spirited Conduct is very exemplary to all who command on board Transports, or indeed Merchant-men, and would, if followed, prevent those Yankey-Picaroon-Rascals from making so many Captures..

SIR GEORGE COLLIER TO THE CAPTAINS AND COMMANDERS OF HIS MAJESTY'S  
SHIPS AND VESSELS IN THE BAY OF FUNDY <sup>1</sup>

As there is a probability that several of the deluded People now in Arms against their Sovereign may attempt to ravage the Country in the Neighbourhood of Fort Cumberland, or some other Part of Nova Scotia, it is extremely necessary that the utmost Vigilance and Attention should be employed to repel and disperse such invaders, by the most vigorous exertion of the Kings Forces by Sea and Land in those parts.

You are therefore hereby required and Directed to co-operate with the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Troops at Windsor, giving Him all the assistance and Succour You possibly can, and particularly in case of a Requisition for transporting troops, covering a landing, or any other Point which you think can tend to promote the Kings Service, for doing which this shall be your Order.

Given on board His Majesty's Ship *Rainbow* in the  
Harbour of Halifax the 15th of November 1776. --

Geo: Collier

(A Copy)

1. PRO, Colonial Office, 217/52, 342, DAC Photocopy.

JOSEPH RUSSELL TO BARNABAS DEANE <sup>1</sup>

Sir

Providence Novr 15. 1776

We are now to acknowledge the Rect of Your Favours under the 28th Ulto & 6th Inst which came to our Hands but a few Days since, otherwise should have been replied to before We embraced the first Opportunity & wrote Mr Mumford sending him an Extract of Your Letter desiring the Iron Caboose might be omitted & wishing that it might not do any Damage to him as we had no other View in the Matter than to oblige You & render a Peice of Service to the Continental Ship under Your Care <sup>2</sup> and we could have wished the Matter had so ended; but are sorry to tell You that he holds us to our Engagement as You will see by his Letter to us of Yesterdays Date which we here enclose -

We think it rather unfortunate that You did not know sooner that You could have the Iron Caboose made at Norwich as no Doubt it would have come much cheaper & have been more convenient [to] You to have it made there than here. However we really think ourselves justifiable in agreeing with him for it after the Rect of Your Letter of the 26th Sept which is as follows "I want for the Frigate under my Direction an Iron Caboose or Furnace the same Size that You have for Your smallest Frigate, You will much oblige me and serve the Publick at the same Time if You can procure & send me one of them. Our Forecastle to the Ship I believe is lower than Yours; perhaps it may make some little Difference in the Height of the Furnace."

The foregoing being a true State of this Matter we trust, Sir, You will not blame us for what we have done as our Intention was to serve You in Return for the Services You have rendered the Naval Committee about the Spars<sup>3</sup> – You will please to favour us with a Line by the first Opportunity that we may not have any Difference with Mr Mumford which we would wish to avoid –

The Naval Committee thank You for the Information of the two large Spars which got loose in the Sound and we have wrote to Mr Nathl Shaw of New London to use his best Endeavours to get them from Fishers' & Long Island to New London & from thence here; they are also glad that all the Spars are brought in from New Hartford and observe Your kind Intention of sending them here which we hope You will soon find an Opportunity of doing before the Season much farther advances –

In Behalf of Messrs Jos & Willm Russell

I am, Sir, with due Respect [&c.]

Jo: Dolb: Russell

1. Deane Papers, ConnHS.

2. Frigate *Trumbull*.

3. The Rhode Island Naval Committee.

PERMISSION GRANTED TO BRITISH PRISONERS IN RHODE ISLAND TO  
DEPART FOR GREAT BRITAIN<sup>1</sup>

State of Rhode Island –  
and Providence Plantations. }

We the under described Persons who have hereunto set Our Hands do severally acknowledge that by Virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of the State aforesaid, we have received Permission from the Honorable Nicholas Cooke Esquire Governor of the said State to embark on board the Brigantine *Triton*, a Vessel purchased agreeable to the said Act of the General Assembly and to proceed with her to any Port in Great Britain and do severally promise and pledge our Words and Honors that we will not during the Continuance of the present War between the United States of America and Great Britain act or do any Thing directly or indirectly to the Prejudice of the said United States, or any or either of them, until we shall severally be exchanged for Prisoners belonging to the said United States: Dated at Providence this fifteenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six.

Gregor McGregor late Master, Robert Dennison Chief, and Alexander Harrison Second Mate of the Ship *Aurora* bound from St. Vincents to Glasgow, John Symons, and Robert Henry Apprentices on board the said Ship. Captured by the Private Sloop of War *Independence* Jabez Whipple Commander

George Leyburn late Master of the Brigantine *Lawrence* bound from Barbados to Newfoundland. Captured by the Brigantine *Andrew Doria*, a Ship of War belonging to the Continental Fleet commanded by Nicholas Biddle Esquire.

James Ramsay late Master, John Russell Mate of the Ship *Betsey* bound from Barbados to Glasgow, Robert Douglass an Apprentice on board said Ship and a Negroe Boy belonging to the said James Ramsay, Captured by the Private Sloop of War called the *Montgomery* William Rhodes Commander.

James Stable late Master, Thomas Cooke Mate of the Ship *True Blue* from Jamaica to Lancaster, and James Turner an Apprentice on board said Ship, Captured by the Brigantine *Cabot* a Ship of War belonging to the Continental Fleet, Commanded by Elisha Hinman Esquire.

William Room, late Master of the Ship *Jane* bound from Dominica to Bristol, Captured by the Private Sloop of War called the *Diamond* commanded by William Chace.

Henry Barnes late Master, Joseph Kirkbride Mate of the Bark *Eagle* bound from Barbados to Lancaster, and a Negroe Boy belonging to the said Henry Barnes, Captured by the Private Sloop of War called the *Montgomery* Daniel Bucklin Commander.

Thomas Kempson late Master, William Kenwood Mate of the Ship *Star and Garter* bound from St Christophers to London, and Thomas Kempson junr. Son of the said Thomas Kempsons, Captured by the Private Sloop of War called the *Diamond* Commanded by William Chace.

Thomas Martindale late Master, Daniel Watson Chief Mate and William Dickson Second Mate of the Brigantine *Triton* bound from Barbados to Whitehaven, John Quain, James Constable. Jackson Barwise and Joseph Sudging Apprentices on board said Ship, Captured by the Private Sloop of War called the *Montgomery* Commanded by William Rhodes.

Jacob Snowball late Master, John Lowtill Mate of the Brigantine *Sally* bound from Antigua to London, Captured by the Private Sloops of War *Montgomery* and *Yankey Ranger* Commanded by William Rhodes and John Warner

Francis Farr late Master, John Hawkins Mate of the Ship *Blaze Castle* bound from Barbados to Bristol & Joseph Morgan Apprentice to the said Francis Farr, Captured by the Private Sloop of War called the *Sally* Commanded by James Munro.

John Ahier last Master, Peter Ahier Chief Mate and Philip Manguineaux Second Mate of the Brigantine *John* bound from Santa Croix to Dunkirk, Captured by the Sloops *Montgomery* and *Yankey Ranger* William Rhodes and John Warner Commanders.

Thomas Davis late Master, John Higgins Mate of the Brigantine *Bee* bound from Dominica to Lancaster, and John Mattson and James Nicholson Apprentices on board said Brigantine Captured by the Private Sloops of War *Montgomery* and *Yankey Ranger* William Rhodes and John Warner Commanders.

William Richardson late Master, Joseph Nicholson Mate Robert Brown Second Mate of the *Woodcock* a Transport Ship in the Service of his Britannick Majesty, mounted with Six Carriage Guns, who carried Soldiers from Cork to Quebec and upon his Homeward Voyage from Quebec to Spithead was captured by Thomas Stacey a private Vessel of War and brought into this State, and William Curry and Thomas Tiddeman and John Malone Apprentices on board said Ship.

Henry Davis late Master of the Schooner *Hannah* bound from Dominica to Newfoundland, Captured by the Private Sloop of War called the *Favourite* Abner Coffin Commander.

David McKay Chief Mate, Daniel Hastie Second Mate of the Ship *Peggy* bound from Jamaica to Glasgow, James Wylie and Daniel Moody Apprentices on board said Ship, Captured by the Private Sloop of War *Favourite* Abner Coffin Commander.

Christopher Clift late Master of the Schooner *Sally* bound from Nevis to London, Captured by the Private Sloop of War called the *Joseph* John Field Commander.

George Thew late Master, John Lamb Mate of the Ship *Thomas* bound from London to Quebec, George Hudson Apprentice on board said Ship, Captured by the Private Sloop of War called the *Hawk*[e] Arthur Crawford Commander.

John Goodwin late Master of the Brigantine *Harlequin* bound from Nevis to London, Lester Goodwin Apprentice on board said Brigantine and a Negroe Boy belonging to the said John Goodwin, Captured by the Private Sloop of War called the *Montgomery* Daniel Bucklin Commander.

Basil McConnell late Master, John Perry Mate of the Bark *Lowther* bound from Jamaica to London, Captured by the Brigantine *Cabot* a Vessel of War belonging to the Continental Fleet Commanded by Elisha Hinman Esquire.

George Casey late Master of the Brigantine *William and Mary* bound from Grenada to Corke taken by the Sloop *Revenge* a private Vessel of War Commanded by Samuel Dunn junr. Dennis McCaulay and William Garvin Apprentices on board said Brigantine.

Thomas Nastel late Master of the Snow *Friendship* bound from St Croix to Dunkirk and John Delamarche Nastel Apprentice on board said Snow taken by the Private Sloop of War called the *Revenge* Commanded by Samuel Dunn junr.

Robert Lindsay late Mate of the Brigantine *Carron* William Montgomery Master – bound from Honduras to Cork and William Bruce an Apprentice on board said Brigantine, Captured by the Brigantine *Industry* a Private Vessel of War Commanded by Thomas Childs

Patrick Montgomery late Mate of the Brigantine *Bee* John Baird late Master – bound from St Croix for Dunkirk Captured by the Continental Ship of War called the *Columbus* Commanded by Abraham Whipple Esquire.

John Goad late Mate of the Snow *Portland* Thomas Bramble late Master – bound from Grenada to Lancaster, Captured by the Private Sloop of War called the *Diamond* William Chacé Commander.

Robert Brown late Mate of the *Oxford* John Stewart Master a Transport Ship in the Service of his Britannick Majesty bound from Glasgow to Halifax with a Company of Soldiers on board, Captured by the Brigantine *Andrew Doria* a

Vessel of War belonging to the Continental Fleet Commanded by Nicholas Biddle Esquire.

Richard Elmes late Chief Mate, George Pengilly Second Mate of the Snow *Friendship* Richard Sainthill Master – bound from London to New York, Captured by the Private Sloop of War called the *Washington* Commanded by Joseph Jauncey

William Briggs Apprentice to Mrs Briggs of Whitehaven in Great Britain Widow

William Fullerton and William McNeil Gentlemen belonging to Glasgow Passengers in the aforesaid Ship *Betsey* James Ramsay Master.

Alexander Cunningham and Reast Webb Gentlemen belonging to Bristol Passengers in the aforesaid Ship *Jane* William Roome Master.

Edward Brickwood, Planter – belonging to Antigua a Passenger in the Brigantine *Fanny* Captain Lighthourne bound from Antigua to London, Captured by the Private Sloop of War called the *Independence* Commanded by Jabez Whipple.

John Pleince of Corke – Passenger in the Ship *Royal Exchange* Lawrence Bodin Master from Grenada bound to London, Thomas Davis a Lad aged Eight years Passenger on board said Ship, taken by the Ship *Columbus* Abraham Whipple Esqr. Commander.

Daniel Cameron who was Cook of the aforesaid Ship *Aurora* Gregor McGregor late Master

William Skinner Apprentice to John McCarty later Master of the Ship *Union*, from Jamaica bound to London Captured by the Private Sloop of War *Hawke* Arthur Crawford Commander.

Thomas Butts of London Passenger in the aforesaid Ship *Thomas George* Thew Master.

Richard Winstanley of London Passenger in the aforesaid Brigantine *Bee* Thomas Davis Master.

James Campbell Passenger in the aforesaid Ship *Peggy* David McKay Master.

Signed by all the above Persons in Presence of

Henry Ward Secry

1. Council of War Papers, Exchange of Prisoners, R.I. Arch.

#### JOURNAL OF THE CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

At a Meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety,

[New Haven] Novr 15th, 1776.

*Voted*, To draw on the Pay-Table in favor of Capt. Wm Coit for the sum of one thousand pounds for the use of the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, and to be in account. *Order d[elivered] to Wm Coit Novr. 15th, 1776.*

*Voted*, To give orders to Col. Jedh Elderkin and Nathll Wales junr, Esqrs, to go to New London and to do everything in their power to send out the ship *Oliver Cromwell* on a cruise, and make report &c. *Order given Novr 15th, 1776.*

*Voted and resolved*, To appoint Jedh Elderkin and Nathll Wales junr, Esqrs, to examine into the truth of a representation that Capt. [Thomas] Kennedy of a ship loaded out from New York with wheat, bound to France, is manned with captives and prisoners taken by privateers, and that said Captain Kennedy is of a suspected character and it is supposed that the said ship and cargo will in all probability fall into the hands of the enemy. Said Elderkin and Wales to take such affidavits and other evidence as they think proper and material, and make report to the Governor and Council of Safety with all convenient speed.<sup>2</sup> *Order given for the above purpose, Novr 15th, 1776.*

Dr. Samll Lee of Windham is appointed Surgeon of the ship *Oliver Cromwell*. And his two apprentices are appointed 2d and 3d Mates under him in the order of their standing as apprentices, at the wages of £ 3 . . 0 . . 0 per month each.

1. Hoadly, ed., *Connecticut State Records*, I, 58, 59, 60.

2. See Nathaniel Shaw, Jr. to Governor Trumbull and the Council, November 14.

PAY ROLL OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE BRIG *Defence*<sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

A Pay List of Capt'n Harding Officers & men belongg: to the Brigg *Defence* [November 15, 1776]<sup>2</sup>

1776	Day of month:	Mens names	Rank	wages pr Month	Time of Dis- charge	Months in Service	Days in Serv	Whole amount of wages—	
Feb	24	Seth Harding	Capt	9.12..		8	17	£77.14.10	The Alteration in this Cullum Was at. the pay table by not hav: g the Right time of Entry from Clark Jinings
Mar	3	Ebenr Bartram	1st Lieut	6..0..		8	12	50..8..0	
"	10	Samel Smedly	2d Do	6..0..		8	5	49..0..0	
Apr	1	Josiah Burnham	mastr	6..0..		7	14	45..2..8	
Aug	20	Henry Billings	3d Lieut	6..0..		2	25	17..0..0	
Mar	4	Edward Bebe	1st mate	4.10..		8	11	37.13..0	
Apr	12	Jesse Geacoks	2d Do	3.12..		7	3	25.11..2½	
Marh	13	David Lewis	Boatsn	4.10..		8	2	36..6..0	
May	18	Thos Hutchenson	Gunr	4.10..		5	27	26.11..0	
Marh	13	Justis Plum	mate	3..4..	Octr 15	7	2	22.12..8	
Do	—	Jona Darrow	Carpentr	4.10..		8	2	36..6..0	
Do	6	Curtis Reed	Steward	4..0..		8	9	33..6..0	
Augt	20	Simon Colkins	Copper	4.10..		2	25	12.15..0	
May	27	James moor	Cook	3.12..		5	16	19.17..6	
Mah	13	John Wassan	Carpt m	3..4..		8	2	25.16..4	
Do	—	Isaac Squire	yeoman	2.14..		8	2	21.15..7	
May	28	Laurance Martin	Ditto Boy	2.14..		5	17	15..0..7½	£17-11-2
Do	3	Sam Osband	Gr Do	2.14..		6	12	17..5..6	19.10.7



Mah	10	John Chatfield	Pilate	4..0..		8	5	32.13..4	
June	7	Nathan Doggett	Do	2.14..		2	13	6.16..2	
Augt	20	Recd full pay	Do	4..0..		2	25	11..6..8	
June	25	Ebenr nicholson	Capt Clerk	4.10..		4	20	21..0..0	
Marh	13	Shearman Lewis	1st Qr Mst	2.14..		4	17	12..6..7½	
Augt	1	Wages Rasd	pr mastr	4..0..		3	14	13..7..4	
Marh	13	Jona Silsby	2d Qr m	2.14..		8	2	21.15..7	
Do	-	Andrew Thorp	3d Do	2.14..		8	2	21.15..7	
Do	-	David Jinings	4th Do	2.14..		8	2	21.15..7	
June	8	George Newcomb	5th Do	2.14		5	7	12.15.11½	
July	1	John Lewis	6 Do	2.14..		4	14	12..1..1	
Marh	10	Ezra Bushnal	Surgn mat	4..0..		5	10	21..7..6	21..6..8
Augst	20	Recd Surgns pay	Surgn	6..8..		2	25	17.19..4	18..1..
Marh	25	Henry taylor	B.2d mate	2..8..		7	20	18..7..8	
Do	6	Wm Higgins	1st mate	2.16..		8	09	27..5..0	
Apr	15	Asail Smith	1st Pr mast	4..0..		7	00	28.00..0	
Marh	10	Rial m:house	phifer	2.14..		8	5	22.00.11½	
Do	12	Simon Desbrow	Sea:m:n	2..8..		8	3	19.08..9	
The Sum of this List is 913.12..6 [illegible]									£908.15..0½
March	6	Joseph Squire	Lieut	5..8..	Novr 15	8	9	44.16..4½	
Ditto		Thomas Elwood	Mareens 1st Sergt	2..8..		8	5	19.12..0	
Ditto		Nehemiah Whitney	2d Ditto	2..8..		8	5	19.12..0	
Ditto		Joseph Minor	3d Ditto	2..8..		8	5	19.12..0	£ 18..0..-
Ditto		James Jennings	4th Ditto	2..8..		8	5	19.12..0	17.12..-

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1776 Day of month:	Mens names	Rank	wages pr Month	Time of Dis- charge	Months in Service	Days in Serv	Whole amount of wages—	
[March 6]								
	Ditto	Charles Maus	5th Ditto	2..8..	8	5	19.12..0	
	Do	David Parret	Mareen	2..0..	8	0	16..0..0	
	Ditto	Isaac Elwood	Do	2..0..	7	24	15.12..0	12.12..—
	Do	John Still	Do	2..0..	7	24	15.12..0	
April 11	Francoes	Do	2..0..		7	4	14..5..4	
	Woodburn							
March 16	Benjamin	Boy	1.10..		7	29	11.19..0	
	Darrow							
	Ditto	George Battisson	Mareen	2..0..	7	29	15.18..8	
	Ditto	Abraham Buckley	Seaman	2..8..	7	29	19..2..5	
	Ditto 13	Gideon Allin	Mareen	2..0..	8	2	16..2..8	
	Ditto 6	Nathan Squire	Ditto	2..0..	8	9	16.12..4	
	Ditto 24	Samuel Taylor	Do	2..0..	7	21	15..8..0	14..0..0
	Ditto	Samuel Raymong	Do	2..0..	7	21	15..8..0	
	Ditto	Stephen Hays	Do	2..0..	7	21	15..8..0	

Ditto		David Meaker	Do	2..0..	7	21	15..8..0
Ditto		Guilbard Dudley	Do	2..0..	7	21	15..8..0
Ditto		David Patchin	Do	2..0..	7	21	15..8..0
Ditto	10	Joseph Battison	Do	2..0	8	5	16..8..8
Novmr	8	Francoes Butlar	Seaman	2..8..	0	7	0..11..1
Ditto	9	Joseph Rowley	Do	2..8..	0	7	0..11..1
Ditto		Peter Curtis	Do	2..8..	0	6	0..9..6
Ditto		Wm Williams	Do	2..8	0	6	0..9..6
June	1	Silas Dagget	Do	2..8..	1	17	3..15..2
Do		Jno. Hazelton	Qr Gunr	2..14	1	17	4..4..4½
Do		Cornelius Dunham	Seaman	2..8..	5	8	12..12..8
Do		Barzilla Luce	Do	2..8..	5	8	12..12..8
Do		Samuel Norris	Do	2..8..	5	8	12..12..8
June	15	Simeon Spencor	Armr Mt	2..14..	1	13	3..17..4½
July	8	Recd Full Pay	Mastr Armr	4..10..	3	17	16..0..6
June	5	Calob Dyar	Qtr Gunr	2..14..	3	5	8..11..0
Sepr	20	Recd Full Pay	Gunr Mt	3..4..	1	25	5..17..4

Deduct

£475..0..4½

8..0..0

467..0..4½

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£20..7.11

March	6	Joseph Whitemore	Seaman	2..8..	8	9	19..18..5	
Ditto		Jno May	Do	2..8..	8	9	19..18..5	
Ditto		Guillam Vease	Cockswain	2..14..	8	9	22..8..0	
Ditto		Thomas Gray-stock	Seaman	2..8..	8	9	19..18..5	20..9..6

The Sum Agenst Each mans name that is alterd in this Collum Was at the pay table not having the Right time of Entry from Clark Jinings

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[March]									
	Ditto 21	Martin Patchin	Do	2..8..		7	21	18.14..5	18.19..1
	Ditto 17	Edward Brown	Ditto	2..8..		7	28	19..0..0	
	May 21	George Moyer	Do	2..8..		6	8	15..0..0	
	April 10	George Negro	Do	2..8..		7	5	17..2..0	
	March 12	Gabril Allin	Do	2..8..		8	3	19..8..10	
	Do	Russil Disbrow	Do	2..8..		8	3	19..8..10	
	May 1	Jona Poor	Do	2..8..		7	15	17..0..0	
	Ditto 21	Jona Colkins	Do	2..8..		5	22	13.16..6	
	Ditto	Jona Jervis	Qr Gunr	2.14..		5	22	15.10..6	
	Ditto	Nathaniel Jervis	Seaman	2..8..		5	22	13.17..7	
	June 25	Wm Bolton	Do	2..8..		4	20	11..4..0	
	March 6	Joseph Bartran	Do	2..8..		8	9	19.18..4 $\frac{3}{4}$	
	June 7	David Norton	Do	2..8..	Novemr 8	5	1	12..1..7	
	March 25	Henery Disbrow	Mareen	2..0..	Octr 18	6	23	13.10..0	
	Do	James Judson	Do	2..0..	Augt 29	5	4	10..2..8	
	Do 6	Oliver Midel- brooks	Seaman	2..8..	Novmr 8	8	2	19..6..2	
	Do 21	Ezekiel Canfield	Do	2..8..	Do	7	22	18.11..7	
	April 10	James Barton	Do	2..8..	July 22	3	12	8..3..2	
	May 26	Jno Oconnor	Do	2..8..	Do	1	26	4..9..8	
	Do 21	Ebinezar May	Qtr Gunr	2.14..	Octr 2	4	9	11..2..5	10..9..2
	Do 18	Zephaniah Hatch	Seaman	2..8..	July 23	2	5	5..4..0	6..8..—

This alteration is By not having the Right  
time of Entry from Clark Jinings

March	21	Morris Griffin	Do	2..8..	June 22	3	1	7..5..7
Do		Thomas Reed	Do	2..8..	Do 27	3	6	7.13..6
April	10	Richad Hunt	Mareen	2..0..	July 29	3	19	7..5..4
March	13	Josiah Walker	Do	2..0..	Octr 15	7	2	14..2..8
May	24	Abraham Sturgis	Boy	1.10..	Novmr 9	5	15	8..5..0
Do		Abraham Cable	Mareen	2..0..	Do 8	5	14	10.13..5
May	29	Roburt Crage	Gunr Mt	3..4..	Augt 23	2	24	8..5..1
Do		Isaac Cottle	Seaman	2..8..	Novmr 8	5	9	12.14..5
March	10	Israel Clefford	Mareen	2..0..	Octr 12	7	2	14..2..8
August	21	James Greer	Seaman	2..8..	Novmr 10	2	19	6..6..5
March	10	Gideon Wells	Surgeon	6..8..	Augt 20	5	10	34..2..8
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Do	13	Richardson minor	Armr	4.10..	July 28			£515.13..0
								20.15
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								536..8..0
								1.16..1
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								538..4..1
								Exam'd
May	24	Nathan tupper	md:rene	2..0..	July 24	2	0	4..0..0
June	15	James young	Seam	2..8..		5	0	12..0..0
march	13	Benjn Gates	Boy	1.10..		8	2	12..2..0
Do		Wm burnett	Do	1.10..		8	2	12..2..0
Do		Eleazer buckly	Do	1.10..		8	2	12..2..0
Do		Francis Swords	Do	1.10..		8	2	12..2..0
Do		Seth bur	Do	1.10..		8	2	12..2..0
July	1	Anthony manuel	Seamn	2..8..		4	14	10.14..5
May	29	Wm hooks	Do	2..8..		5	17	13..7..1½

added

£16..2..6

A Pay List of Captn Harding Officers & men belongg: to the Brigg *Defence* [November 15, 1776] —[continued]

1776 Day of month:	Mens names	Rank	wages pr Month	Time of Dis- charge	Months in Service	Days in Serv	Whole amount of wages—	
[May 29]								
Do	Jno mitts	Do	2..8..		5	17	13..7..1½	15..8..9
Do	Jona Alden	Sail M	3.12..		5	17	20..0..9	
Do	Vallentine Skiff	Seam	2..8..		5	17	13..7..1½	
augt 9	Thos menter	Do	2..8..		3	6	7.13..6	
Do 18	Wm murry	Do	2..8..		2	27	5..5..4½	
Novr 8	Josiah Willey	Do	2..8..		0	7	0.11..2	
	Jno Holms	Do	2..8..		0	7	0.11..2	
	James Alden	Do	2..8..		0	5	0..8..1	
augst 20	Prosper brown	Qr mastr	2.14..		2	25	7.13..0	
	Samel balden	Seam	2..8..		2	25	6.15..7	
	Robert fowler	Do	2..8..		2	25	6.15..7	
	Christopher Lewis	Do	2..8..		2	25	6.15..7	
	Jno Davis	Do	2..8..		2	25	6.15..7	
	Wm Shelden	Do	2..8..		2	25	6.15..7	
	Able Spicer	Do	2..8..		2	25	6.15..7	
	Pelataiah Peas	Do	2..8..		2	17	6..2.11	
	Stephen peas	Do	2..8..		2	17	6..2.11	
July 1	Thos norris	Do	2..8..		4	14	10..0..2½	
augst 20	John bond	Do	2..8..		2	25	6.15..7	

The Sum in this Cullum against  
each mans name is alterd at pay  
table By not having Right Time  
of Entry from Clark Jinings —

	24	Lebbeus Quay	Do	2..8..	2	25	6.15..7	
May	29	mosses Cam	Do	2..8..	5	16	13..5..4	
augst	20	James Davis	Do	2..8..	2	25	6.15..7	5.18..9
	20	Turner Harding		2..0..	2	25	5.16..8	
	28	West Doggett	Boy	1.10..	2	17	3.17..0	
	20	Jno Kazer	Seam	2..8..	2	25	6.15..7	
	20	Benjn Rockwell	Do	2..8..	2	25	6.15..7	
May	18	Thos Crandal	Do	2..8..	2	27	6.19..9	
		omittd anthony Paint Wages }					4..0..0	
		not added to amount Current						

the Within List No 1	£913.12..6	add for short Cash }	299.15..0½	
add for 4 days short Cash on }	1..5..5	in 4 Persons Wages }	11..8..6½	
Capt Hardings Wages }			£311..3..7	Exam'd
264 Days of Capt Harding a 3 Rations }	24.15..0			
p Day is 792 Rations a 7½ }				
	939.12.11			
Amo of 2d Pay List	467..0..4½			
do 3d do	538..4..1			
do 4 do	311..3..7			
Whole Amo	£2256..0.11½			

1. Conn. Arch., 1st Series, IX, 79a-82, ConnSL.

2. "Time of Payment" column omitted from this extract gives November 15 date.

NATHANIEL SHAW, JR.'S ACCOUNT AGAINST THE CONNECTICUT BRIG *Defence*<sup>1</sup>

1776		The Brig <i>Defence</i> Capt Harding		
Octo	4	To Cash pd Eb Nicholson as p Rect	£	2.14..-
	5	To 1 Anchor 7 Ct & stocking of do 12/		20..4..-
		To Cash pd Josiah Burnham		6..0..-
		To Cash pd Henry Billings		9..0..-
		To 40 ft boards for Tool Chest		0..3..4
		To Cash deld Capt Harding as p Rect		152.14..-
	10	To Cash as p Rect deld ditto		188..4..6
	12	To ditto as pr do deld ditto		102..6..-
	16	To ditto as pr do deld ditto		100..0..-
	19	To ditto as p do deld ditto		150..-
	25	To ditto as p do deld ditto		216..0..0
Nov	4	To ditto as p do deld Burnham <sup>2</sup>		9.18..-
	8	To ditto as p do deld Capt Harding		50..2..-
	15	To ditto as pr do deld Lieut [Samuel] Smedley		12..-..-
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				To 2 G Oile 15/ Red Lead /12d
				20 7 4
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				To ½ bar Tarr 15/, 2 keg Lampblack
				999..8..6
				<hr/>
				To 14 lb White Lead
				To 2 Gal Oile 2 G do 2 g do Cash advanced
				To 8½ G Rum 3 G do 3½ do 3½ do Thos Greystock
				1.10..-
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				1000.18..6
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				To 1 Ton Bread from Cheeks &c And Huntington
				To pd Cartage 36/,
				To pd John Braddicks Bill of freight 80/3

1. Shaw Papers, 1775-1782, Ledger 9, YUL.

2. Josiah Burnham was master of the *Defence*.ADMIRAL RICHARD LORD HOWE TO LIEUTENANT THOMAS BARKER, R.N.<sup>1</sup>*Eagle* off New-York Nov 15th - 1776 -

Lieutenant Barker is to repair in the pilot Tender with a Flagg of Truce to the Port of New London in Connecticutt, having charge to Negotiate on the part of Lord Howe with the principal Inhabitants or persons of greatest authority in that Colony an Exchange of Prisoners, Officers for Officers in each Class and Sailors for Sailors, according to the inclosed List of American Prisoners now on Board the Fleet -



Mr Wm Howland is permitted to attend Lieutenant Barker in view to forward the proposed Exchange by such means as his knowledge of the Country & principal Inhabitants shall suggest – Mr Howland is permitted to land from the Tender in Consequence being by his parole engaged to return with Lieutenant Barker to receive the benefit of the general Exchange if it take place or otherwise to remain under the Circumstances of Restraint from which he is temporarily released for the purpose before-mentioned

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1. Conn. Arch., 1st Series, V, 127, ConnSL.

# JOURNAL OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS <sup>1</sup>

[Philadelphia] Friday, November 15, 1776

The Secret Committee having reported, that the cargo belonging to the continent, imported in the *Hancock & Adams*, consisted of the following articles, viz. 72 chests of arms, 311 barrels of gunpowder, 338 pigs of lead, 9 casks of gun flints, 1 case of pins, 133 barrels of tin plates, 5 cases of iron wire, 70 casks of salt petre, and 10 bales of merchandise:

*Resolved*, That the Secret Committee direct the entire cargo of the *Hancock & Adams* to be landed at Bedford, and deposited in places of safety, under the care of the committee of that place, until ordered from thence:

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee to whom that part of the report of the Marine Committee relative to the pay and rank of the marine, was recommitted;

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a bounty of 20 dollars be paid to the commanders, officers, and men of such continental ships or vessels of war, as shall make prize of any British ships or vessels of war, for every cannon mounted on board each prize, at the time of such capture, and 8 dollars per head for every man then on board and belonging to such prize:

That the rank of the naval officers be to the rank of officers in the land service, as follows:

Admiral	as a	General,
Vice Admiral		Lieutenant general,
Rear Admiral		Major general,
Commodore		Brigadier general,
Captain of a ship of 40 guns and upwards		Colonel,
Captain of 20 to 40 guns		Lieutenant colonel,
Captain of 10 to 20 guns		Major,
Lieutenant in the navy		Captain.
That the pay of all officers and men in the American navy, from the date of		

the new commissions, under the free and independent states of America, be as follows per calendar month:

	Ships of 20 guns and upwards.	Of 10 to 20 guns.
Captain,	60 dolls.	48 dolls.
Lieutenant,	30	24
Master,	30	24
Master's mate,	15	15
Boatswain,	15	13
Boatswain's mate,	9½	9
Gunner,	15	13
Gunner's mate,	9½	9
Surgeon,	25	21½
Surgeon's mate,	15	13½
Carpenter,	15	13
Carpenter's mate	9½	9
Cooper,	9	9
Midshipman,	12	12
Armourer,	9 dolls.	9 dolls.
Sail maker,	10	10
Sail maker's mate	8½	8½
Yeoman,	8½	8½
Quarter master,	9	8½
Cook,	9	8½
Coxswain,	9	9
Captain's clerk,	15	12
Steward,	10	10
Chaplain,	20	none
Yeoman of powder room	9½	9
Master at arms,	10	9
Seamen,	8	8

That vessels, under ten guns, to be commanded by lieutenants:

That the pay of the officers in such vessels be,

Lieutenant commanding,	30 dollars;
Mates,	15
Boatswain,	12
Gunner,	12 dollars;
Carpenter,	12

The other officers and men the same as in vessels from 10 to 20 guns:

Marine officers, -

Captain,	30 dollars.
Lieutenant,	20 dollars.

Non-commissioned officers and soldiers the same as in the land service.

SECRET COMMITTEE OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS TO GOVERNOR NICHOLAS  
COOKE<sup>1</sup>

In Secret Committee of Congress —

Sir

Philada Novr 15th 1776

We received a letter last week from Capt Samuel Smith junr Commander of the Ship *Hancock & Adams* belonging to Mr Blair McClenachan of this City informing us of his arrival with that Ship and Cargo at the port of Bedford in Massachusetts. His letter is dated the 1st instant and he Says that in Latitude 38..29 and Longitude 65..23 he fell in with the *Game Cock* Privateer of Rhode Island Commanded by Capt Timothy Peirce of Providence, who brought him too examined his papers and finally determined to make Prize of his Ship and cargo, under pretence of her having two or three Sets of Papers, and accordingly he put a Prize Master and men onboard the Ship taking out Captain Smith his officers and men also some passengers, but Capt Smith after entreating him for thirteen hours got Liberty to go onboard his Ship Again and was Sent in with her to the Port of Bedford where he now is. We Chartered this Ship in Feby last to perform A Voyage from hence to Lisbon thence to France and back to this Port on Account and risque of the United States (then Colonies) of America. The Ship had the voyage before Narrowly escaped being Seized in Ireland in Consequence of an attempt to take in Gun Powder to be brought hither and Mr McClenachans Friends found it necessary to take out A New Register for her there in order to screen her from the intended Seizure. When We Chartered her this Irish Register was deemed a fortunate Circumstance as the Restraining Act of Parliament was not then known to us, and having her cleared from the Customhouse here for Falmouth Under that Register, with Bills Loading Invoice and letters Suited thereto, it was presumed wou'd carry her Clear of Seizure by British Men of War Should any of them Meet her on the outward passage. Our Instructions to Captain Smith are dated the 22nd Feby 1776 & recapitulate all these Circumstances, after Which they direct him peremptorily to proceed for Lisbon and there deliver his Cargo to Messrs Pasley & Co: of that place, unless they direct him to A better Market, after which he Was ordered to proceed to Nantes and receive from our Agent a Cargo of Arms, ammuniton and other Goods or Merchandize and then to return to this Port with that Cargo on Accot of the United Colonies. It seems that when Captain Smith first fell in with the *Game Cock* he feared she was his Enemy as no Letters of Marque were granted by Congress when he departed from hence, he therefore on his first examination produced to Capt Peirce only his Irish Register and Shipping Paper, but when he Saw the Commission Signed by Mr Hancock he then produced All his Papers and amongst the Rest our Orders to Captain Smith which must have fully and Clearly explained to Any man of Common Sense and common honesty the Nature of the Voyage, and if the love of Plunder had not prevailed over every other consideration Capt Peirce would have released the Ship, especially as there were on board Four French Gentlemen and their Domesticks, two of whom we suppose to be officers, and two Manufacturers with their people whom we wrote for by Order of Congress, and there can be little doubt but they would make Capt Peirce Sensible that the Ship was in the Continental Service. In Short we have laid this Matter before Congress and Capt Peirce's Conduct is

judged to be extremely Criminal, but it is a just and commendable Maxim Not to condemn any Man Unheard and the Congress passed on this occasion the Resolve of which you will [find] a Copy inclosed.<sup>2</sup> Now sir, it is our duty to inform You, that the public Service is exceedingly injured by this transaction, for every Article of this Ships Cargo (Which belongs to the Continent) is and has been Much Wanted for some time past

If Capt Peirce had not interrupted the Ships voyage She Would in all probability been Safe in this port some Weeks Since, and the Several articles before Now have been With the Army, instead of which they are Now onboard Ship at a Port distant from the Army, and the delay, danger, and expence of transporting them will be Very Great. Indeed the public are also insurers on the Ship and obliged to deliver her to the owner in this Port at their Risque, We cannot help mentioning that this is the Second or third instance of the Kind, and unless Such practices are discouraged in the beginning there is no knowing what lengths the Privateers may go, in short it is laying the foundation for breaking the union of America and opening the door to prey upon each other. We do therefore most earnestly entreat you, to order the Strictest Scrutiny into the Conduct of this same Capt Peirce, discover what reasons he can offer in his justification, and if they are not satisfactory we Shall order him to be prosecuted for the penalty of his Bond and sued for damages. We observe by a Copy of his letter to his Owners he acknowledges capt smiths orders were signed by Some Members of Congress, but he objects that they are interlined with different hand Writing and different Ink and without any Seal or permit from the President, but all this will not avail, he must give Much Stronger reasons than these or those he Calls a Foible before he will be justified in the Eyes of the Publick. We think it of the utmost importance to check this improper Hunt for Plunder, and hope you will exert your self in Support of So Salutary a measure – We have the honor to remain Your Honors [&c.]

Robt Morris –  
Richard Henry Lee  
Phil. Livingston  
Fra: Lewis

1. Letters to the Governor, 1776, vol. 8, R. I. Arch.

2. See Journal of the Continental Congress, November 13, 1776.

#### JOHN HANCOCK TO THE MARYLAND CONVENTION <sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

Gentlemen,

Philada Novr 15th 1776.

Since dispatching the Express yesterday, with Intelligence that a Fleet of above one Hundred Vessels had left New York, the Congress have received a Letter from Genl Green [Nathanael Greene] containing further Accounts; a Copy of which in Obedience to their Commands, I now enclose.

It appears from this Information, that Lord Dunmore is to take the Command of a Fleet, bound for the Southward, and said to be for South Carolina. But as it is by no Means certain against which of the Southern States, the Expedition is designed, it is highly necessary you should be on your Guard. I shall not

detain the Express, only to add that you will make such Use of this Intelligence as the Importance of it requires. I have the Honour to be, Gentlemen [&c.]

John Hancock Presid

1. Red Book, VI, Md. Arch.

# MINUTES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

[Philadelphia] Novem'r 15th, 1776.

Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r was directed to pay the following Acco'ts.

Samuel Wheeler for the Balance of his Acco't, for Work done for Chevaux de Frize, £ 441 15 5½,

John Williams & Jacob Comly, for Halling Timber for the Armed Boat *Delaware*, £ 8 11 3.

Mr. [Robert] Towers was directed to deliver Capt. Wm. Brown 60 Pikes, 45 Cutlasses, 2000 Musket Cartridges, 24 Puping Horns, 24 Bitts & 24 Prickers, for the use of the Floating Battery *Putnam*.

Capt. Wm. Richards was directed to provide for Capt. Wm. Brown 20 Stand of Irons & Handcuffs for the *Putnam* Battery.

1. *Pennsylvania Colonial Records*, XI, 5.

# VIRGINIA NAVY BOARD MEMORANDUM<sup>1</sup>

Mem.

Williamsburg Nov. 15th 1777 [*sic* 1776]

The Commissioners of the Navy agree with Majr Samuel Harwood for a Vessel he has now a building at Wionoak, her dimensions being as follows, fifty one feet keel, twenty feet beam and ten feet hold, which he the said Harwood hereby obliges himself to have finish'd in the best and most workmanlike manner, with such number of Gun Ports, and fitted with such Masts, Bowsprits, Yards, Rudder Irons, Bolts and Cleats as the person to be appointed by the said Commissioners to receive her shall think proper for her being properly rigged as a Brigantine, the said Vessel to be furnished as above, and deliver'd a Float in good order at Minges Ferry by the first day of February next, for which Vessel the said Commissioners do agree to pay on her delivery after the rate of £ 6 . . 5 . . p Ton, this agreement made & enter'd into this 15th day of Nov. 1776 –

Samuel Harwood

Thomas Whiting 1st Comr

Witness B. C. Waller

1. Navy Board Letter Book, VSL.

16 Nov.

# CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES TO THE CONTINENTAL MARINE COMMITTEE<sup>1</sup>

*Alfred* off the Coast of Cape Briton

Gentlemen

16th Novr 1776.

Inclosed you have a copy of my last letter from this Coast We have manned the *Mellish* and Mounted her with Ten Guns I have given the Command to Lieutenant [Philip] Brown. – We this morn'g took the *Snow Kitty* of London bound from Gaspee for Barbados with Oil and Fish &ca by her I understand

that the harbours in that District had been frozen up for some time before She Sailed – this is by no means an encouraging Account to me as it lays me under the greatest Apprehension that the port of my destination may be in the same condition – besides the Stormy and contrary winds still Prevail and the *providence* and *Alfred* keep each a pump going – I will however pursue the Expedition while there is a possibility of Success – I have hopes of being in one of our ports by the 10th of Decr meanwhile I have the honor to be with much Esteem and Respect Gentlemen [&c.]

J. P. J.

1. Papers CC (Letters of John Hancock, and Miscellaneous Papers), 58, 101–02, NA.

JOURNAL OF THE MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL <sup>1</sup>

[Boston] Saturday  
Novr. 16th. 1776 }

The Committee of both Houses to whom was referred sundry petitions relating to Capt Jeremiah Obrien, & Capt [John] Lambert, and several Charges, and Accusations against Capt. Obrien, have attended that Service, & examined divers Evidences produced, and ask leave to report as follows. – viz: That with respect to the demand of William Hazen for Damages, and Detention of his Vessel, your Committee are of Opinion, that the said Obrien's taking the Schooner *Polly*, & bringing her into port, may be justified as there was sufficient reason for his suspicion of her going to supply the Enemy, that therefore he is not intitled to any damages for Detention. –

As to the Demand of said Hazen. for Embezzlement – Your Committee upon the strictest Enquiry find that a number of Articles as mention'd in the annexed Account were taken out of said Schooner, and the said Hazen ought to be allowed by this State for the same amounting to the Sum of Thirty five pounds Eighteen shillings. & six pence. as the Articles were for the Vessels Use; but we find that the said Vessel recd. an Anchor, & Cable belonging to this State which your Committee estimate as Fifty three pounds, so that there appears a ballance due to this State from sd. Hazen the Sum of Seventeen pounds. One Shilling. and six pence, but they find sundry Articles that Capt Obrien, & Capt. Lambert received from said Schooner, as contained in the Account herewith exhibited. amounting to Twenty four pounds five shillings, & four pence, which being deducted from said Ballance leaves the sum of Seven Pounds, three shillings, & ten pence due to said Hazen. therefore report a Resolve for payment of said Sum; and what is deducted for supply to Capt. Obrien and Capt Lambert, Your Committee judge ought to be deducted out of their Wages. –

Your Committee have examined several Witnesses concerning what has been suggested of Capt Obrien's making up his Roll for more than he ought to have done, and it appears the said Obrien has received from this State by Virtue of said Roll the Sum of Nine pounds 18/, which he ought not to have received as appears by a List herewith exhibited, and your Comtee. are of opinion that the said Obrien is accountable to this Court for that Sum as so much unjustly received

All which is humbly submitted –

Henry Gardner p order

Resolved that there be paid out of the Treasury of this State to Mr. William Hazen the Sum of Seven Pounds, Three Shillings, & ten pence in full for the ballance of what was taken out of the Schooner *Polly* by Capt Obrien, & Capt Lambert. —

In Council. Read, & sent down. —

In the House of Representatives. Read. & Accepted. —

In Council. Read, & Concurred. —

Consented to by 15 of the Council. —

i. Mass. Arch., vol. 36, 163, 167–68, 170.

*Providence Gazette*, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1776

Providence, November 16.

Sale by Auction.

On Tuesday next, the Nineteenth Instant, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, at Capt. Joseph Tillinghast's Wharff, will be sold the Schooner *Property* (a well-built Vessel, and a good Sailer) together with her Cargo, consisting of One Hundred Hogsheads of choice Melasses; a Quantity of Coffee, Cotton, &c. The Sale to begin at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon.

John Lawrence, Vendue-Master.

Providence, November 16, 1776.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, at Capt. Christopher Sheldon's Wharff, in Providence, will be sold, at public Vendue, the Ship *Woodcock*, with her Cargo and Stores, consisting of Sea Coal, Butts, &c. 6 Carriage Guns, 4 and 3 Pounders, 2 Cohorns, &c.

Providence, Nov. 5 [*sic* 15].

Whereas Benjamin Pierce Commander of the Sloop *United States*, did on the 19th Day of September last capture on the high Seas, and send into the Port of Warren, the Brigantine *Polly*, Robert Nelson, Master and Owner, from North-Carolina: And whereas it appears that the said Brigantine was not employed in any illicit Trade, but, on the contrary, that the said Robert Nelson's Intentions, can in no way be proved to be inimical to the American States, and that he was bound to Lisbon, agreeable to Permission obtained from the Provincial Convention of North-Carolina, signed by Cornelius Hartnett, President.

Therefore we, the Owners of the Sloop aforesaid, do hereby give up and entirely discharge said Brigantine, her Tackle, Apparel, Furniture and Cargo, unto the said Robert Nelson, utterly renouncing any Right, Title or Pretence to her, of any Nature soever. In Testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our Names, this 29th Day of October, 1776.

Sylvester Child,	William Lewis,
Nathan Miller,	Shubael Burr,
John Child,	Cromel Child.

Test. Peter Turner,      Moses Turner.

NATHANIEL SHAW, JR. TO DANIEL TILLINGHAST, CONTINENTAL AGENT FOR  
RHODE ISLAND<sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

New London Nov 16 1776

Sir I Recd a letter from the Marine Comtte at Phila desiring I would send them an Accot of their part of all the Prizes bro't into this Port &c every three Months, I suppose you have or will soon Receive the same Directions, you would much oblige me if you would let me know the Coms you charge on the Continents part, also on the peoples share, and whether you charge Storage of Goods that are Landed before the time of Sail. . . . The Continental ship that was built in this State<sup>2</sup> is now ready to sale wants only Two Large Cables & where we shall git them I cannot tell unless you take them from sum of the Large Prize Ships that are bro't into your State should be glad you would consult with the admiral<sup>3</sup> about the matter for I think if we had them we should soon be in readiness for a cruse. I am Sir [&c.]

1. Shaw Letter Book, YUL.

2. Frigate *Trumbull*, Captain Dudley Saltonstall.

3. Commodore Esek Hopkins.

JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Emerald*, CAPTAIN BENJAMIN CALDWELL<sup>1</sup>

November 1776

Up the North River.

Saturday 16th

at 1 AM came from the *Eagle* a Longboat & a petty Officer, at ½ past 4 weighed & came to Sail & Sail'd about 2 Miles above the Advance post, in order to cut off[f] the Retreat of the Rebels to the Jerseys, as the Armies was Engaged, at 9 observed the Rebels bringing Cannon down abrest the Ship, weigh'd & warped down and Anchd in 9 fathom Water, Veered to ⅓ of the Cable.

Fresh breezes & Cloudy Wear – heard the report of several Guns to the North of the Advance post on York Island: employed occasionally, heard fort Washing[ton] was taken & delivered themselves up as prisoners of War.

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/311.

JOURNAL OF H. M. S. *Pearl*, CAPTAIN THOMAS WILKINSON<sup>1</sup>

November 1776

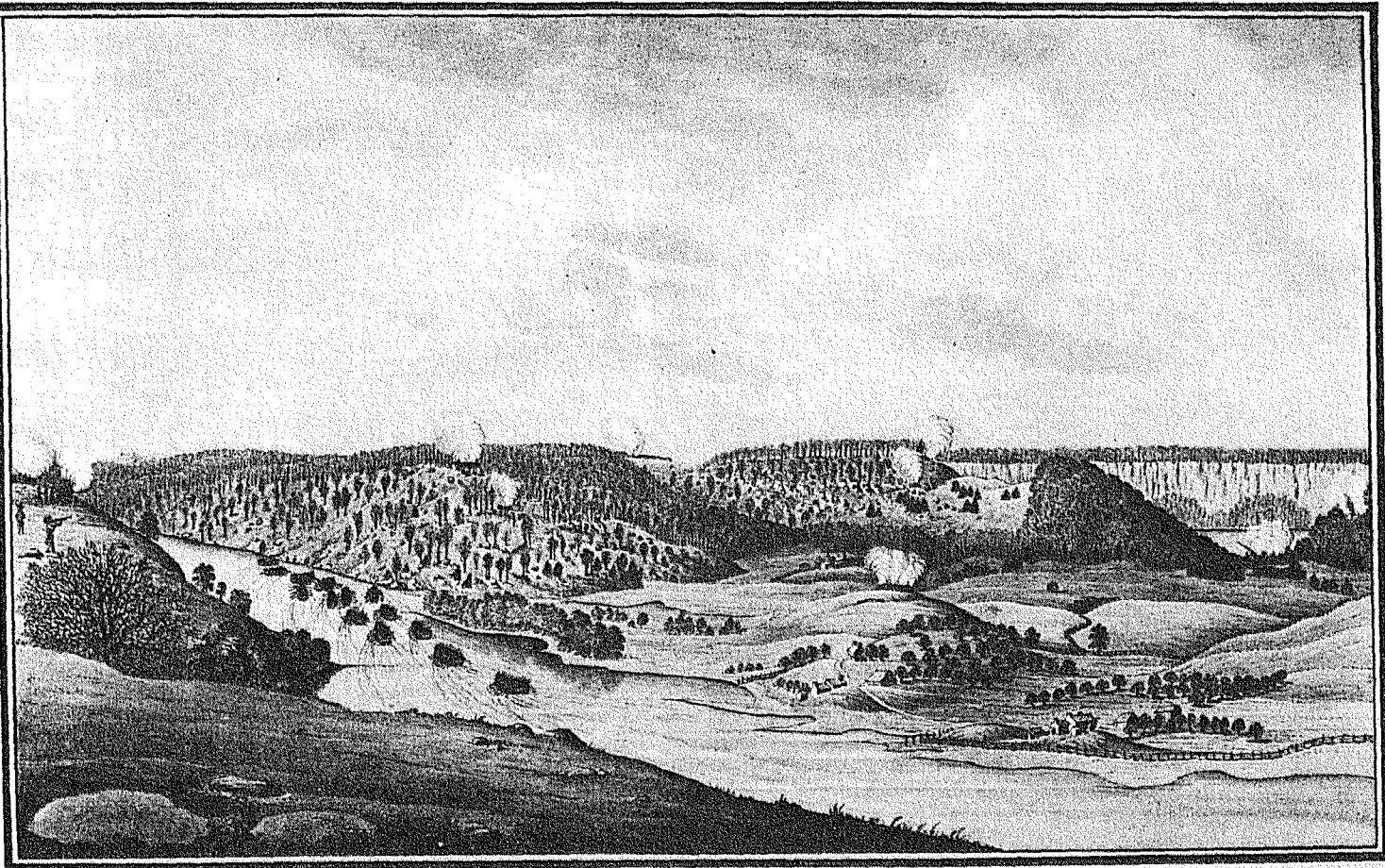
At Single Anchor in the No River [New York]

Saturday 16

AM. Mann'd the flat boats, at 7 Weigh'd and tow'd down the river, ½ past Anchor'd with the small Bower under Washington Fort, in [illegible] fm muddy ground, we hearing our Army in Action began scouring the [wo]ods at ½ 11 Weigh'd & run up to our Birth, we recd many shot in our hull & the Rigging much damag'd. the People repairing the Rigging – The first part Modte the latter Fresh Breezes & fair Wr at 2 PM The Army ceased firing

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/674.





*A View of the Attack against Fort Mifflin and Red Bank near New York on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 1776 by the British and the main Brigade  
Drawn on the spot by the Painter Capt. J. A. Mifflin.*

VICE ADMIRAL RICHARD LORD HOWE TO VICE ADMIRAL MOLYNEUX  
SHULDHAM <sup>1</sup>

Copy  
My Lord,

*Eagle*, Off New York,  
Novr the 16th 1776.

As there is not any apparent Necessity for the longer detention of the *Bristol*; And it being desirable when most convenient to your Lordship, that the Ship should proceed to be refitted in England for such further Service as the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty shall be pleased to appoint: I shall have the honor to transmit to your Lordship the necessary directions in that respect, and for your return to England; now more fully authorised by the conditional Instructions I have lately received, as soon as the Dispatches for the different public Officers which You will be requested to take in the *Bristol*, can be prepared.

I am to regret that I have not seen an occasion when I could with propriety take the same Steps, and provide earlier for your Lordship's Accommodation therein. I have the honor to be, My Lord [&c.]

Howe.

1. PRO, Admiralty 1/487.

WILLIAM ELLERY TO GOVERNOR NICHOLAS COOKE <sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

Philadelphia Novr 16th 1776

Sir, I should be glad to be informed immediately whether Two Frigates can be built in Providence to be launched about the same Time the next as the other <sup>2</sup> were the last Spring; and whether the same Commee would undertake again to collect Materials and undertake the Building of them &c —

1. Letters to the Governor, 1776, vol. 8, R. I. Arch.

2. Continental frigates *Providence* and *Warren*.

WILLIAM HOOPER TO JOSEPH HEWES <sup>1</sup>

[Extract]

[Philadelphia, November 16] <sup>2</sup>

Now for your own department. A House of rendezvous is opened, Biddle has all his Guns on board & by the latter end of this Week will be ready for Sea <sup>3</sup> — The other Ships will be prepared as soon as possible and proceed upon business.<sup>4</sup> The Congress have appointed [John] Nixon & [John] Wharton Commissioners to execute the orders of the marine Committee & compleat any Shipping begun or to be begun in Philadelphia, a third will next Week be named to assist them. Things go on swimmingly now in the marine Way — on Tuesday next We take up the propriety of building more men of War and some of larger force — Shall I undertake one for North Carolina? . . .

I refer you to the newspapers for Genl Washingtons & Howes Movements, the people here have been horridly frightened, The Council of Safety a set of water Gruel Sons of B——s told the people a damned Lie "that they had certain information that 100 Ships had left Sandyhook for this City [""] — the people at first believed & trembled, the tories grinned — Rumour trumpeted it for a day — Searle from Shrewsbury from whom the report originated was mistaken, the transports seen were empty bound for England, I can with pleasure how-

ever assure you that upon this alarm all ranks of people Quakers & Tories excepted declared their readiness to turn out as soon as matters were ascertained. . . .

[P. S.] Your friends the portuguese have interdicted us from any Commerce with them & stiled us Rebels – for which they are a set of fools – What fine pick-ing amongst their Southern Cargoes as soon as we can justify a declaration of War against them – that I hope & believe will be soon

1. Simon Gratz Autograph Collection, Case 1, Box 19, HSP.
2. The date is approximated.
3. Continental frigate *Randolph*.
4. The other three Continental frigates, built in Philadelphia – *Delaware*, *Washington* and *Effingham*.

#### MINUTES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

[Philadelphia] Nov'r 16th.

Capt. W'm Richards was directed to deliver Mr. Abraham Mason as much Sail Cloth as he may have occasion, to make Sails for the Ship *Montgomery*.

Col. [S.] Matlack was directed to deliver Capt. Rd. Eyers 35 Blankets, for the Seamen on board the *Delaware* armed Boat

1. *Pennsylvania Colonial Records*, XI, 6.

#### JAMES READ TO CHARLES THOMSON<sup>1</sup>

Dear Sir,

The Bearer has something of the utmost moment to the Service of the States to communicate to Congress. I beg you will hear him and introduce him to that very Honorable Body. I am so engaged in the Committee, that I cannot write more, and indeed I think I need not, as the man can best tell what he has to offer. If he can do what he says he can, he will do wonders and a most signal Service to his Country. Your [&c.]

James Read.

Reading, November 16, 1776.

Directed, To Charles Thomson, Esqr, Secretary to the Hon'ble Congress Philadelphia.

By Mr. Jacob Giesling.

[Endorsed by Thomson]

Gentlemen, The bearer has a scheme to propose of fire rafts for burning Vessels. I have, therefore, referred him to you for examination of his plans.

Chas. Thomson.

To the Council of Safety of Pennsylvania

1. *Pennsylvania Archives*, 1st series, V, 68.

#### JOURNAL OF THE MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

[Annapolis] Saturday 16th November 1776.

Commission issued to Larkin Hammond appointed Captain of the Schooner *Jenifer* mounting 10 Carriage Guns and ten Swivels, with sixty men.

Ordered That Messrs Vernon Hebb and Timothy Bowes be and are hereby

authorized and empowered to sell all the Vessels with their Tackle, Apparel and furniture belonging to this State, lying in or near St. Mary's River in St. Mary's County, drifted on Shore or made Captures of from Lord Dunmore's Fleet; they first giving due notice of the Time and Place of such Sale, and that they make Return of their Proceedings, and of the money arising from such Sale to the Council of Safety or other executive Power of this State; reserving to themselves a reasonable Commission for their Trouble.<sup>2</sup>

Commission issued to Robert Dashi[e]ll Commander of the Sloop *Betsey* mounting ten Guns, as a private Letter of Marque.

1. Council of Safety Journal, 29 August 1775 to 20 March 1777, Md. Arch.

2. See Hebb and Bowes to the Council, November 4, 1776.

#### EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM ST. EUSTATIUS, NOVEMBER 16, 1776<sup>1</sup>

There arrived here this morning a brigantine from Congress called *Andrew Doria*, commanded by Captain James Roberson [*sic* Isaiah Robinson], mounting 14 guns and carrying a crew of one hundred. This Captain's mission is still unknown; but since he spent a long time at the Governor's, it is believed that he brought him dispatches from Congress. He left Philadelphia on the 28th of October and the River on the 1st instant. Congress has dispatched at the same time three other vessels whose destination is unknown even to their Captains; the one who just arrived learned his only once he was at sea.

... The Americans met with a rather important defeat on lake Champlain during a Naval Engagement which lasted from the 11th to the 13th of October between two small fleets. The Royalists had forces by far superior to those of the Americans who, however, were still occupying after the action the forts of the Crown [Point] and Ticonderago. Two frigates of 36 guns each are expected to come out this month from the River of Philadelphia.

1. AN, Marine, B<sup>7</sup>, 458, 46, LC Photocopy. This extract was sent to Paris by the governor of Martinique.

#### 17 Nov. (Sunday)

##### MASTER'S LOG OF H. M. SLOOP *Hope*<sup>1</sup>

Remark's &c onbd the *Hope* Sundy the 17th Novr 1776

At 8 [A.M.] Cape Sable NWBW 3 or 4 Leags DoWr  
[Fresh Gales and Squally] Saw a Sail to the Et wd Tack'd and  
Chaced, at ½ past 9 Tack'd to the Wt Wd fired 6 foure Pounders  
Shoted at the Chace 3 of Do Round and Grape the Chace Brought  
to Proved to be the Ship *Betsey*<sup>2</sup> taken by the Rebels took Charge and  
made Sail to the Et wd Cape Sable NEBE 5 or 6 Miles

1. PRO, Admiralty 52/1794.

2. The *Betsey*, Thomas Jarrold, master, from the Isle of Wight for Halifax had been taken November 2 by the Massachusetts privateer brig *Washington*, Elias Smith, Vice Admiralty Records, N. S. Arch.