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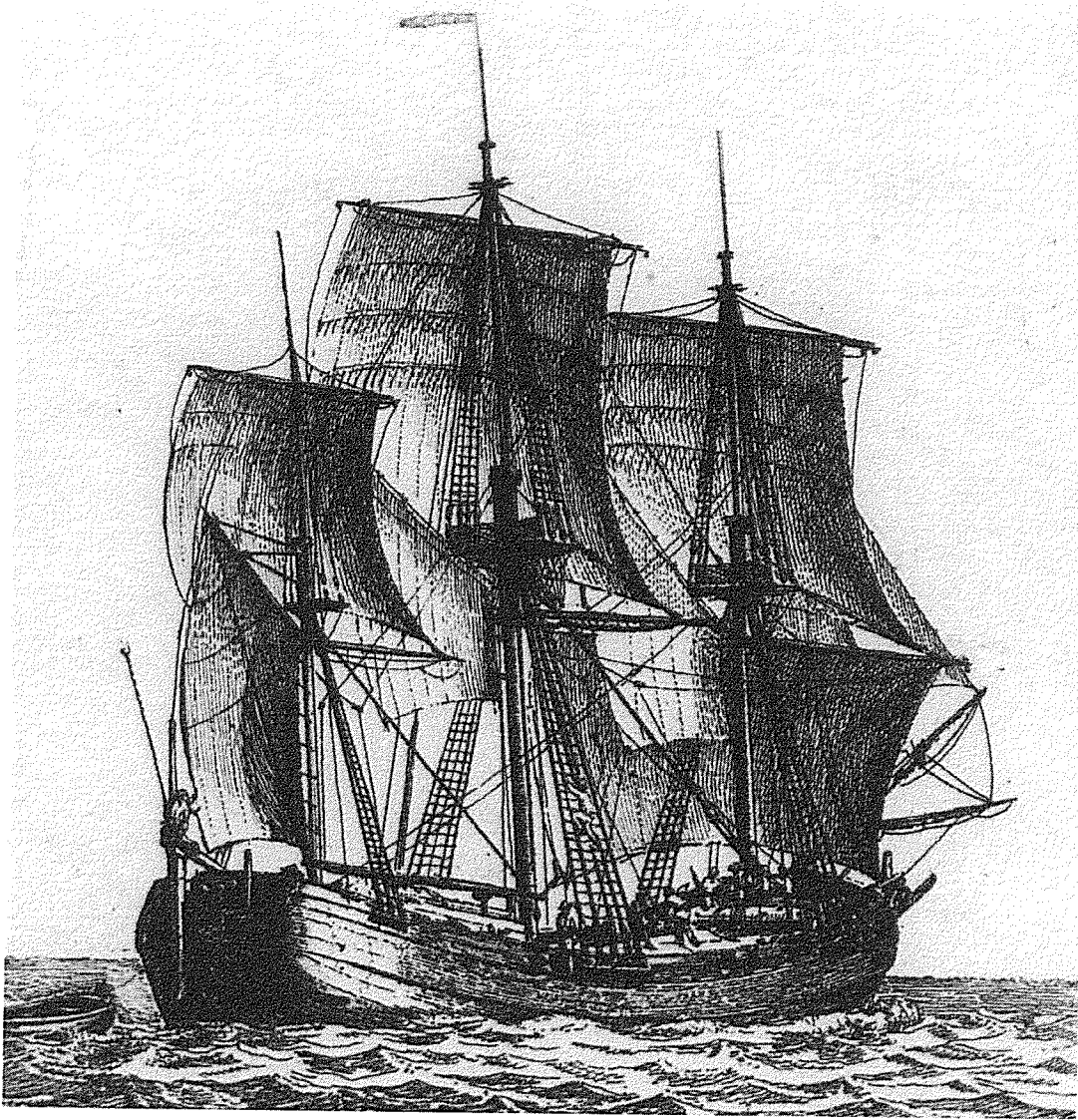
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APPENDICES



APPENDIX A

*Correspondence between Robert Morris and William Whipple, between
6 July and 25 August 1777*

WILLIAM WHIPPLE TO ROBERT MORRIS

Portsmouth 6th July 1777

Dear Sir

In my way through Connecticut I had an opportunity of seeing the *Trumbell*,¹ and am sorry to say that her situation is such that in my opinion, she can be of no use to the Public this Year, if ever, Cap^t Saltonstall² is doing every thing in his Power to get her out of the River,³ he has Lifted her with four sloops about two feet and says she must be raised one foot more, before she can be got over the Bar which is about four miles distant, from where she now lays, if she sho^d be so fortunate as to get over the Bar she must lay one day, & perhaps two or three in a defenceless situation exposed to the Enemies ships (which are continually Cruising in the Sound) before she can possibly be got ready to proceed to a place of safety she has now on bord about 100 men & if she was at New London I am in no doubt wo^d soon be ready for sea but I think the chance is at least 20 to one against her ever gitg there. I am much surprized that any Person knowg the situation of the Place sho^d advise the Building of ships there, But it seems another ship somthg larger, consequently of a greater d[r]aught of water is to [be] built in the same place,⁴ I know not what forwardness this ship is in, but even if she was half Built, was she my property, I wo^d go no farther but content myself with the first loss for sure I am that the Expence of geting such a ship from that place will be ~~more than~~ half the cost of the Hull and the risque while the Enemy have the Command of the Sound is more then Equal to the other half But if two Ships must be Built in Connecticut, the materials prepared for that which is ordered to be Built in River might be transported to New London or Norwich at less then a quarter of the Expence ~~that~~ then the Ship can be moov'd at, and the ~~whole~~ risque saved—as I passed through New London I had an opportunity of seeing the Brig:⁵ which is to be Commandd by Cap^t Chew⁶ & am confirmed in my opinion that if she would have answered the private views for which she was first intended the Public would not have had the offer of her,⁷ if she proves a fast Sailor I ~~shall am be very agreeably disappointed, if she is not a very Costly vessel I shall with great Pleasure acknowledge my mistake be exceedingly mistaken, as I shall also be, if she is not a very Costly Vessel~~ M^r Shaw⁸ ~~told me~~ says she may be got away in a very short time, I had some conversation with that Gentleman about the Money he has in the west Indies. he declined ~~making~~ entering into a perticular agreement with me, but says the Committee may have all he has ~~in the West Indies~~ there at the same Exchange they have given others and Promised to write you particularly ~~respecting it~~ on the Subject he has 3 or 4000 Sterling at Dominica but Knows not how much he has at Martinique,—

at Providence The *Warren*, *Providence*, & *Camden*⁹ are still Laying in Providence River nor do I see any Prospect of their geting from thence ~~while the Enemies ships remain there~~ at present, Cap^t Hopkins¹⁰ says he is determined to make a trial but I can not see a possibility of his escaping the Enemies ships while they remain in their Present scituation The *Alfred* is ready to sail waiting only for orders the Captain¹¹ tells me his last orders refers to others which was to be lodged with the agent, the first of July but have not been sent he has 150 men on Board which in my opinion is 30 more then he ought to have however they may be well disposed of for the other ships can find room for all he has to spare.—The *Raleigh* has her Guns on Board at last, 'tho 6 of them are 9 Pounders all she now waits for is men, she wo^d be compleatly maned in a very few days were it not for the Privateers of which there are a great number fiting out in this, and the Neighbouring Ports I hear 60 seamen have marched from hence for Newbury this day to go on Board Privateers however, I flatter myself the *Raleigh* will soon be got to sea & that the *Ranger* will shortly follow her. I saw Cap^t Jones¹² in Boston he Promised to follow me immedeately but is not yet arrived here, every possible means will be used for his dispatch

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1. Continental Navy frigate *Trumbull*.
2. Capt. Dudley Saltonstall.
3. Connecticut River.
4. Continental Navy frigate *Bourbon* (28 guns), which was building at Chatham on the Connecticut River and was never completed.
5. Continental Navy brigantine *Resistance* (10 guns).
6. Capt. Samuel Chew.
7. Whipple means that *Resistance* was not suited for a swift-sailing privateer.
8. Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., Continental Agent for Connecticut.
9. Continental Navy brigantine *Hampden*, Capt. Ezekiel Burroughs, commander.
10. Capt. John Burroughs Hopkins, commanding Continental Navy frigate *Warren*.
11. Capt. Elisha Hinman, commanding Continental Navy ship *Alfred*.
12. Capt. John Paul Jones, commanding Continental Navy ship *Ranger*.

WILLIAM WHIPPLE TO ROBERT MORRIS

Portsm^o 4th aug^t 1777

Dear Sir

~~The *Raleigh* remains much in the scituation as when I wrote you last she still wants a number of men The *Alfred* is come from Boston to join~~ Marine Matters, this way remain much as when I wrote you last,¹ The *Boston*, is at Casco Bay, no certain acco^t of the *Hancock*, but the Presumption is much against her,² not less then nine sail of the Enemies ships are Crusing between Cape Cod & Cape Sable ~~one of them of 32 Guns chased~~ a prize ship loaded chiefly with rum, was chas'd on shore by one of them of 32 Guns a few days ago about 7 miles from this town but as the tide was rising they soon ~~got her off~~ had her afloat and carried her off, The *Raliegh* still wants a considerable number of men, in every other respect she is ready ~~to go to-for~~ to go to sea, which Cap^t T——³ is very anxious for but I must confess I think is too hazaarious to go ~~to sea~~ out weakly mand when its almost certain he'll have to fight his way thro a number of the Enemies ships however as the *Alfred* has lately join'd him I believe they will try their fortunes very soon unless they have orders

to the contrary, I Heartily wish they had orders to Cross the Atlantic as I think the Probability is in favor of their making a much more advantage[ous] Cruise on the Coast of Europe then in these seas ~~for Havens sake let the Navy Board be put in motion~~ The *Ranger* I expect will be ready in two or three weeks The *Ranger* is about half man'd, & geting ready with all possible dispatch I expect she will be ready to sail in two or three weeks The Officers are not all appointed, when they are, I shall transmit their names, with the dates of their Commissions and warrants. those that are appointed are good men, the First Lieu^t in perticular, (as to Knowledge of Naval Matters,) has not many if any superiors in the service & I have ~~no reason to doubt his fighting faculties but believe he has never been Try'd I have heard nothing of the Boston Navy Board since I left Phila^a~~ For Havens sake let that Board be put in motion You cannot conceive how the service Suffers for want of in this department beyond description for want of ~~their being in motion~~ a navy Board which I have heard nothing of since I left Phi^a for Havens sake let that Board be put in motion—if ~~any more vessels are wanted by~~ the secret Committee ~~as they~~ want any more Vessels for Virginia or Carolina they may be either purchas'd or Chartered on much better terms this way, then with you if proper persons were applied to to procure them I ~~don't mean~~ wo^d not be understood by any means to insinuate any thing to the disadvantage of the Agents, but they have too much Business on their hands to ~~attend~~ do this to so good effect as some other persons who might be found in the different Maritime Towns I believe ~~some~~ two or three vessels may be purchas'd or charter'd on good terms, here ~~that wo^d do very well for Carolina,~~ but M^r Langdon⁵ tels me he has no orders to Charter any if they are wanted it will be well to give orders immediately least they shod be other ways dispos'd of—

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1. See William Whipple to Robert Morris, 6 July 1777, above.
2. Continental Navy frigate *Hancock* was captured by H.M. frigate *Rainbow* on 7 July 1777. See NDAR 9: 239, 272, 279–80, 280, 309, 349, 361, 989, 990–99.
3. Capt. Thomas Thompson, commanding Continental Navy frigate *Raleigh*.
4. Lt. Thomas Simpson.
5. John Langdon, Continental Agent for New Hampshire.

ROBERT MORRIS TO WILLIAM WHIPPLE

Philad^a. August 5th. 1777

My D^c Sir

I have had the pleasure to receive your obliging favours of the 8th^l & 21st July.² as I lately introduced a Motion in Congress to Authorize the Marine Committee to stop the building of such of the Ships of War ordered by Congress as they shou'd think improper to be carried on at the present [period.] I read that part of your first letter relative to the Ships in Connecticut River.³ The Gentⁿ of that Country did not seem to relish it much but the motion was carried and I suppose we shall soon put a stop to the building the Ship now on the Stocks in that River.⁴ M^r Shaw⁵ as wrote respecting his Money and I shall reply but wish you had made a bargain with him for it. I fancy he wants a high advance on it. I note what you say of Cap Chews⁶ intended Brig^t⁷ and doubt not one word of it. I hope the *Alfred* is gone on a Cruise the orders he waited for were those intended for the first

Expedition which being totally baffled by one accident or other, they were never sent, & the Eastern Navy board will I hope Send all the Ships Cruizing when there is not special orders for other purposes. I like well your Idea of sending the *Ranger* & *Raliegh* to Europe you know it has always been my opinion that our Ships shou'd go where the Enemy are Weak & not Cruise on our own Coasts to expose our Weakness and them to be constantly taken from us. Jones⁸ has orders to go for Europe I will try for similar orders for the *Raliegh* and send them to You but in the mean time pray let Cap^t Thompson⁹ go & take some prizes out of the Jamaica Fleet. Gen^l Howe with 230 Sail of Ships appeared at our Capes a few days ago, but suddenly they put about & steered a N.N.E. Course with a fair [*wind*] went out of sight and we have neither seen or heard of them since, pray take care of yourselves they meditate a heavy blow somewhere. with much esteem & regard I remain D^r Sir [*&c.*]

Rob^t Morris

My Comp^{ts} to Cap^t Jones &
Cap^t Thompson & wish them
much sucess—

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1. See William Whipple to Robert Morris, 6 July 1777, above.

2. Not found.

3. Continental Navy frigates *Trumbull* and *Bourbon*.

4. Continental Navy frigate *Bourbon* (28 guns). See NDAR 7: 1028, 1221–22, 1222n, 1228, 1244, 1244n; 8: 21.

5. Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., Continental Agent for Connecticut.

6. Capt. Samuel Chew.

7. Continental Navy brigantine *Resistance*.

8. Capt. John Paul Jones.

9. Capt. Thomas Thompson.

WILLIAM WHIPPLE TO ROBERT MORRIS.

Portsm^o 25th aug^t 1777

My D^r Sir/

Your highly Esteem'd favor of 5th Augth was handed me late last Evening ~~of~~ I am sorry the Connecticut Gentⁿ ~~are~~ sho^d be displeased at my representation of the ships in their River² ~~I cannot help it,~~ sure no one can say it is inconsistent with truth, and surely it cannot be suppos'd I had any thing in view but the public good, for I do most sincerely wish we had as many ships Afloat as can possibly be fitted for sea, but what purpose can it answer to build ships in places from whence they can not be got to sea—I sho^d have made a bargain with M^r Shaw³ for his money in the west Indies had it been in my power but he totally declin'd till he had time to consider the matter I therefore could do no otherwise then desire him to make his proposals to you when he had made up his mind on the ~~matter~~ subject—The *Raliegh* after waiting a fortnig^t for a wind sail'd the 22^d ~~with a fine wind~~ accompanied by the *Alfred*. she seem'd to go very fast through the water & I have been inform'd by some Fisherman that saw her 7 or 8 Leagues off that she could spare the *Alfred* her small sails & some of her Courses—Cap^t Thompson⁴ was greatly at loss what to do, his ship Barely man'd for defence and no probability of ~~getting more~~ increasing the Number, the Enemies ships so exceeding thick on the Coast that

there is the greatest chance of faling in with a number of them on the other hand the time spending and the ~~People~~ crews of both ships growing uneasy, being this scituated and no one here authorized to direct him what to do he had a consultation with the Officers of the two ships, the result he transmitted to the President⁵ and I hope it will be approv'd of, for tho' I did not presume to advise him I must confess I fully approv'd in my own mind, his determination as the best method in his scituation that could be persued for the Public Good, ~~while the Alfred lay here I had an opportunity of some acquaintance with Cap^t Hinman⁶ from which I have form'd very favorable sentiments of this Officer I was [invited and entertained?] on board his ship so well as I was able to judge from those vissits he appears to be a very industrious Officer an excellant disciplenarian & seems to be have the intire Confidence & even the affections of his Officers & Crew. I never had an opportunity of knowing Cap^t Hinman 'till he came here and as had form'd an opinion of him not the most favorable and that without any just cause or indeed any cause except the general Prejudice I had taken to Commo^{dre} Hopkins's⁷ officers) judicious I think myself in justice bound at the same time ~~tho I have a very good opinion of some of the Officers who have heretofore commanded the Alfred perticularly one,~~⁸ ~~I am fully convinced she was never better Commanded then at this time~~ I most sincerely congratulate you on the signal advantage gain'd over the Enemy at or near Bennington.~~

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1. See Robert Morris to William Whipple, 5 Aug. 1777, above.
2. Connecticut River. See William Whipple to Robert Morris, 6 July 1777, above.
3. Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., Continental Agent for Connecticut.
4. Capt. Thomas Thompson, commanding Continental Navy frigate *Raleigh*.
5. John Hancock, President of Congress.
6. Capt. Elisha Hinman.
7. Commodore Esek Hopkins.
8. Capt. John Paul Jones, who commanded *Alfred* from 22 Oct. 1776 until 14 Jan. 1777.

APPENDIX B

VIRGINIA NAVY BOARD JOURNAL

EXCERPTS, OCTOBER 1–DECEMBER 31, 1777

[*Williamsburg*] Wednesday 1st October 1777.—

Ordered that M^r William Holt deliver to Cap^t George Elliott four Barrells of Pork, two Barrells Beef, four Barrells Bread, two Barrells Flour, for the use of the *Safeguard* Galley.—

Cap^t Celey Saunders of the *Lewis* Galley received orders to repair with his Vessel the first fair wind or as soon as he conveniently can to the mouth of Rappahanock River, there to Remain for the protection of the Trade and Inhabitants against the Depredations of the Enemies Tenders and other armed Vessels which he may be able to repel and to be careful and Vigilant in discharging this Duty as well as in preserving good Order and regularity among his officers & men.—

Ordered that a Warrant Issue to Cap^t Celey Saunders for Forty pounds upon Account to furnish Necessaries for the use of the *Lewis* Galley.—

Lieutenant Joseph Speake received Orders to proceed with the Boat *Nicholson* to Petersburg, there wait on M^r John Holloway who will deliver him fifteen saws which he is to take on Board, from thence to proceed to the Rope-Walk at Warwick and apply to Cap^t Thomas who will deliver him such Cordage as he may want for the use of the *Nicholson* and also what he has ready for the use of the Navy which he is to take on Board and bring to James Town and when he arrives there wait on the Board for further Orders.—

Thursday 2^d Oct^r 1777.—

Ordered that the keeper of the Public Store deliver three hundred Pump tacks to Lieutenant Jones for the use of the *Protector* Galley.—

Tuesday 7th Oct^r 1777.—

Ordered that M^r William Holt deliver to Lieutenant Tompkins five Barrells Pork, three Barrells Bread, five Barrells Flour, five Barrells Bread and two Barrells Spirits for the use of the *Henry* Galley.—

Ordered that M^r William Holt deliver to Lieutenant Sturdivant two Barrells of Spirits & one Box of Candles for the use of the *Manley* Galley.—

Ordered that the keeper of the Public Store deliver to Lieutenant Sturdivant fifty Flints for the use of the *Manley* Galley.—

Ordered that a Warrant Issue to M^r William Holt for One thousand pounds, upon Account, to furnish Necessaries for the use of the Navy.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store deliver ten Yards of Sheeting, twenty one and a half Yards Linen, four & a half Yards Cloth & four Hatts for the use of the Sailors on Board the *Manley* Galley.—

Ordered that M^r William Holt deliver one Bushell of Salt to Lieutenant Jones for the use of the *Protector* Galley.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Magazine, deliver four square feet of Sheet Lead to Lieutenant Jones for the use of the *Protector* Galley.—

Ordered that M^r Southall deliver six fathom Match Rope to Lieutenant Jones for the use of the *Protector* Galley.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store two hundred Scupper and five hundred Pump Nails for the use of the *Henry* Galley Cap^t Tompkins.—

A Bond from Mess^{rs}. Hewes, Smith & Curry to the Commissioners of the Navy in the Penalty of Ten thousand Pounds Conditioned for due discharging of an Agreement made by the said Hughes & Smith with James Maxwell on behalf of this Board, To supply the Ship *Casewell* with Provisions & was returned to the Board and Ordered to be filed.—

Wednesday 8th Oct^r 1777.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store deliver to M^r Richard Herbert for the use of the Chickahomany Shipyard seventy five pounds of Twine.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Magazine deliver to M^r Richard Herbert for the use of the Chickahomany Shipyard fifty pounds of Lead.—

Ordered that M^r William Holt deliver to Cap^t Richardson Henley six Barrells of Spirits for the use of the Chickahomany Shipyard.—

Thursday October 9th 1777.—

Ordered that Doct^r M^cClurg be desired to furnish Doct^r Brown of the *Dragon* Galley with such Medicines as he may think necessary for the use of the said Galley.—

John Lurty is recommended to his excellency the Governor and the honourable the Council as a proper person to be appointed first Lieutenant of the *Dragon* Captain Callender.—

Captain Eliezer Callender is recommended to his excellency the Governor and the honourable the Council as a proper person to take the Command of the Ship *Dragon*.—

Friday October 10th 1777.—

The Complaint exhibited by Jesse Muse a Midshipman on Board the *Page* Galley against Lieutenant Henry Lightburn of the said Galley set for hearing on the thirtieth of last Month was this day heard & fully enquired into, the Witnesses on both sides being sworn & examined. On Considering the same It is the Opinion of the Board that the said Complaint is trifling & frivolous being wholly unsupported by Evidence, but it appearing in the course of this enquiry that the Captain & officers of the *Page* Galley have been greatly remiss in keeping proper Watches on Board and otherwise Guilty of exceptionable Conduct, the preceding member is Ordered to reprimand them for the same.—

Ordered that M^r William Holt deliver to Cap^t Markham for the use of the *Page* Galley, five Barrells Pork, one Barrell Brandy & one Box of Candles.—

Ordered that the keeper of the Public Store deliver to Cap^t Markham six pounds of twine & twenty Yards of Canvas for the use of the *Page* Galley.—

Saturday October 11th 1777.—

Orders Issued to the Commanding Officer on Board the *Protector* Galley to proceed with the said Galley on a station to great Wicomico till further Orders (see Letter Book).—

Same Orders as above. Issued to Captain Markham of the *Page* Galley to proceed on the same Station, (see Letter Book).—

Doctor M^cClurg is desired to furnish Captain Markham of the *Page* Galley with such medicines as he may think necessary for the said Galley.—

M^r John Herbert is desired to furnish eight good hands, Corkers and Carpenters with a Quarter man, to finish Captain Taylors Ship. A Letter Written the said Herbert accordingly.—

Ordered that M^r William Holt deliver to Lieutenant Joseph Speake, six Barrells Brandy for the use of the Chickahomany Shipyard.—

Lieutenant Joseph Speake received Orders to proceed with the Boat *Nicholson* to the Chickahomany Shipyard and deliver fifteen Saws and six Barrels of Brandy to M^r John Herbert at that place; then to return to the mouth of the College Creek and wait on the Board for further Orders.—

Ordered that a Warrant Issue to Lieutenant John Barrett for Thirty pounds, upon Account, for the purpose of furnishing Necessaries for his Family.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store deliver to M^r John Richards twenty one Yards of Flannell, six Shirts and two & an half Yards Cloth for the Sailors on Board the *Page* Galley on paying for the same.—

Thursday October 16th 1777.—

William Underhill is recommended to his excellency the Governor and the honourable the Council as a proper Person to be appointed to the Command of the *Accomack* Galley.—

Robert Millen is recommended to his excellency the Governor and the honourable the Council as a proper person to be appointed first Lieutenant of the *Accomack* Galley.—

Ishmael Andrews is recommended to his excellency the Governor and the honourable the Council as a proper person to be appointed second Lieutenant of the *Accomack* Galley.—

Johannes Watson is recommended to his excellency the Governor & the honourable the Council as a proper person to be appointed to the Command of the *Diligence* Galley. Richard Parker first Lieutenant & Jesse Cannon second Lieuts of the said Galley.—

Ordered that M^r William Holt deliver to Cap^t Thomas Lilly for the use of the Ship *Gloucester*, as much Iron as he may want, four Barrells of Flour, ten Barrells of Bread, One hundred and fifty pounds of Bacon, four Bolts of Canvas, twelve Gallons Linseed Oil & sixty Gallons Brandy.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store deliver to Cap^t Thomas Lilly for the use of the Ship *Gloucester* three thousand ten penny nails, three thousand twenty penny Ditto, two thousand Brads, three thousand Scupper Nails & two thousand Pump Nails.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store deliver to Lieutenant Joseph Speake twenty Yards of Coarse cloth for the use of the people on Board the Boat *Nicholson*.—

Ordered that M^r William Holt deliver Lieutenant Joseph Speake twenty Barrells of Bread, six Barrells of Spirits and one Box of Candles for the use of the Gallies at present stationed at Hampton.—

Friday October 17th 1777.—

Ordered that M^r John Herbert deliver to Lieutenant Joseph Speake five hundred weight of flat Barr Iron for the use of the Gallies Building on the Eastern Shore.—

Monday 20th Oct^r 1777.—

Ordered that M^r William Holt deliver unto Cap^t Taylor the Cordage which hath been lodged with him for the use of the *Tarter*, also an Anchor, a Barrell of Brandy and such Pikes, Pole Axes and Iron Crows as he may want for the use of the said Ship.—

Ordered that the keeper of the Public Store deliver to Cap^t Taylor thirty pounds Sail Twine and eighteen sail Needles for the use of the *Tarter*.—

Ordered that M^r Reubin Herbert Master Workman at the South Quay Shipyard be allowed ten shillings per day for working in the said yard.—

Tuesday 21st day of October 1777.—

Ordered that Mr Pierce the purchasing Commissary for this State provide and lay in for the use of the Navy the following provisions VIZ one thousand two hundred Barrels of pork two hundred Barrels of Beef and one hundred thousand weight of Bacon, which said provisions are to be delivered at Cobham and Cabin Point.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the public Store deliver to Captain Richard Taylor for the use of the people on Board the *Tartar* twenty seven Jackets, thirty yards of Linen one shirt & Cloth to make a pair of Breeches upon his paying for the same.—

Ordered that Mr William Holt deliver to Maximilian Etheridge and Minor Dison carpenters at the Chickahominy shipyard one Bushel of salt each upon their paying two pounds a Bushel for it.—

Wednesday 22nd day of October 1777.—

Ordered that a warrant issue to Captain Christopher Calvert for three hundred pounds on account for the purpose of furnishing Necessaries for the use of the Shipyard at South Quay.—

Ordered that Colo William Aylett deliver to Captain Christopher Calvert five Bushels of Salt for the Use of the Shipyard at South Quay.—

Ordered that a warrant issue to Mr James Davis for two hundred pounds on Account For the purpose of furnishing Necessaries for Building the *Gloucester*.—

Thursday 23rd day of October 1777.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the public Store, deliver to Captain James Barron for the use of the people belonging to the Boat *Liberty* sixteen Sailors Jackets, thirty pair of Stockings, and one peice of Fearnought Cloth upon his paying for the same.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the public store deliver to Cap James Barron five hundred pump Nails for the Use of the Boat *Liberty*.—

Ordered that Mr Charles Taliaferro deliver to Colo William Finnie two of the flat-bottom'd Boats in his possession belonging to the Country with such oars as he may want for them.—

Ordered that Mr William Holt deliver to Mr Caleb Herbert for the use of the Chickahominy shipyard thirty eight and a quarter yards of blue Coating, seven-teen yards blue Stroud, four peices napt blue Penniston, three peices of Kendal Cotton, two Gross coat Buttons one ditto Vest two and quarter ditto horn, a quarter pound coloured Thread five pair men's Shoes upon his paying for the same.—

Friday the 24th day of October 1777.—

Ordered that a Warrant issue to Abraham Smith for the use of William Savage for one thousand pounds upon account For necessities furnished the *Casewell* Galley by Mess^{rs} Hews and Smith as will appear by their Draft on the Board in favour of the said Savage.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the public Store deliver to Captⁿ Johannes Watson thirty pound Twine four dozen sail Needles, one thousand pump Nails, twelve palm Irons, two hammers and two Bolts sail Cloth for the use of the Gallies building on the Eastern Shore.—

Ordered that Mr William Holt deliver to Captⁿ James Barron two dozen Tongues for the use of the Boat *Liberty* and two dozen for the use of the Boat *Patriot*.—

Ordered that Mr Charles Taliaferro deliver to Captⁿ Johannes Watson two Cables for the use of the Gallies building on the Eastern Shore.—

Ordered that Mr William Holt deliver to Captⁿ Johannes Watson Eighteen Bolts of Canvas for the Use of the Gallies building on the Eastern Shore.—

Ordered that Mr Benjamin Powell deliver to John Jones one thousand scupper Nails for the Use of the Gallies building on the Eastern Shore.—

Saturday the 25th day of October 1777.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the public Store deliver to Captⁿ Francis Bright seven Sailors Jackets, thirty pair stockings, four and quarter yards white Cloth, twelve hanks Thread some Twist nineteen yards half thick, two yards Shalloon, one peice Linen, fifty yards brown Honleys and fifteen and half yards flannel for the use of the people on Board the Brigantine *Northampton*.—

Wednesday the 29th day of October 1777.—

Captain Richard Barron received orders to proceed immediately to the eastern shore, and when he arrives there, to deliver the Letters which he has from this Board to Cap^t James Barron, and Lieutenant Joseph Speake, and also to deliver such Letters or Instructions as he may receive from Colo: William Aylett to the said Barron and Speake, and then to return to his Station at Hampton as soon as possible.—

Friday the 31st Day of October 1777.—

Mr Richardson Henley is appointed Clerk and paymaster to the Chickahominy Shipyard, who appear'd and engaged to perform the duties thereof by disbursing all sums of money he may receive for the service of the said Yard, to purchase fresh Provisions and issue the same with all other provisions to the Workmen and others, to receive expend and account for any other Articles that may come to his hands respecting his Business as Clerk as aforesaid, to muster the People twice a day and keep regular Accounts of his Disbursements and Expenditures in the service of the said yard, and to execute any Orders or Instructions of this Board from time to time concerning the same; for which services he is allowed six shillings pr day.

Whereupon the said Henley entered into and acknowledged his Bond with Security for his faithfully complying with this agreement and performing the Duties thereof.—

Ordered that Mr William Holt deliver to Lieutenant Christopher Tompkins ten Barrels of Pork, six Barrels of Bread, six Barrels of Flour, two Barrels of Spirits and one Box of Candles for the Use of the *Henry Galley*.—

Saturday the 1st day of November 1777.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the public Store, deliver to Lieutenant Christopher Tompkins for the Use of the Officers and Sailors on Board the *Henry Galley* the following Articles VIZ for Custis Harman one and three quarter yards Cloth with trimings one pair shoes and seven yards of Stripes. for John Fitzhugh three quarter of a yard of Cloth with trimings, one pair shoes and one pair stockings. for Aires Darby three quarters of a yard Cloth with Trimmings, one pair shoes and seven yards of Stripes—for William Brumby three yards of Cloth with trimmings; for Frederick Byrd one and three quarter yards Cloth with trimmings; for Richard Saunders three quarters of a yard Cloth with trimmings Francis Hern one yard of Cloth, William Williams one pair of shoes, James Minter one and quarter yards of Cloth and one Cap; Francis Moss one and half yards Linen, one and half yards Cloth, and one pair Shoes John Bander one and three quarter yards of Cloth, with trimmings one cap and seven yards of Oznabrigs. Newcomb Dodd three and half yards of Stripes, seven yards of Linen, one Hat, and one pair hose, Henry Donohoo one and quarter yards Cloth with trimings one pair shoes and a Cap. Stephen Wilkinson twelve yards of Oxnabrigs. Nicholas Scarborough one pair of Shoes one cap one yard Cloth and two shirts. Samuel Caverone one yard of Cloth & trimings one pair shoes, two and half yards oznabrigs and one Cap. James Williams one pair stockings.— two and half yards of Oznabrigs and three and half yards of stripes. Jn^o. Wilson one yard of Cloth and trimmings and one Cap. Spencer Hall one yard of Cloth and trimings and a Cap. Philip Brumby one Cap. James Peters one Cap. Dunford Moore one Cap. William Popen three yards of Cloth and trimmings and one pair of Shoes. Robert Dobson six yards of flannel. Starkey Moss one pair of stockings. Hugh Bingham seven yards Stripes and one pair shoes. Michael Danover two and yards Oznabrigs, three and half yards Checks, three quarters of a yard Cloth and one Hat.—Jeremiah Malone one and a quarter yards cloth, one Hat, and one pair of stockings. Jn^o. Clarke three and half yards of Stripes, one pair of shoes and a waistcoat. Robert Tompkins three and quarter yards Cloth and one piece of Stripes. Christopher Tompkins two and half yds. Coating one peice stripes and for James Peters one and three quarters of a yard Cloth, seven yards of oznabrigs one pair shoes and one pair of Stockings on his paying for the same.—

This Board doth recommend to his Excellency the Governour and the Honourable the Council Mr John Ross as a proper person to be appointed second Lieutenant of the *Norfolk Revenge*.—

Monday the 3rd day of November 1777.—

Ordered that a warrant issue to William Drew for the use of Thomas Whiting esq^r for seventy three pounds five shillings, for the use of Jn^o. Hutchings esqr. for forty

six pounds fifteen shillings for the Use of Champion Travis esqr. for ninety three pounds, for the use of Edward Archer esqr. for sixty six pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence; and for the Use of Warner Lewis esqr. twenty three pounds two shillings and sixpence for their Attendance as Members of the Navy Board from the third day of August to the second day of November inclusive.—

Tuesday the 4th day of November 1777.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public store deliver to Captain Philip Chamberlyne for the Use of the People on Board of the *Hero* Galley the following Articles VIZ, to John Kautzman a Jacket or as much Cloth as will make one, two pair of stockings seven and half yards Linen and one pair shoes to Christopher Morris, Michael Jennings, William Tarpley Thomas Tarpley each the same Articles to Jn^o. Salkie one Jacket or as much Cloth as will make one, two pair Stockings seven & half yards coarse Linen one pair shoes and as much coarse Cloth as will make a pair of Trousers.—to John M^cCroudy, Timothy Hough, Rowland Lewis, Charles Hay, John Williams, John Gurton, Meredith Williams, Charles M^cIntire, Jn^o. Walker, Jn^o. Bassford Jn^o. Jackson, John Pend, Joseph Brown, Michael Hart, Jn^o. Fleming, Jn^o. Mason, William Cornelius, James Nicholas, Richard Nichols, Thomas Purcley, James Webb, Nathan Nichols, Nathan Sprigs, Jn^o. Hill, Zedick Davis, Jn^o. Tapore, Earl Dockett, negro Pluto, Jack, Bachus, Boston, Will, and George, each the same articles; and to Philip Chamberlyne three and half yards blue and white Cloth and twenty Blankets on his paying for the same.—

Ordered that a warrant issue to Captain Philip Chamberlyne for One hundred Pounds upon Account for the purpose of furnishing Necessaries for the Use of the *Hero* Galley.—

Ordered that Mr William Holt deliver to Captain William Saunders six Barrels of Bread—four ditto flour, nine ditto Pork one ditto Spirits, one Box Candles, and two Bushels of Salt for the Use of the *Manley* Galley.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the public Store, deliver to Captain Thomas Lilly for the use of the people on Board the ship *Gloucester* the following articles VIZ. for Anthony Morrison one outside Jacket one inside ditto, two shirts, one pair of drawers, two pair of trousers, two pair of stockings, one pair of shoes, one Hat, and a Blanket, also the same Articles for the following men Edward Nicken, James Nicken, James Bateman, Peter Hawes, Robert Jones, Samuel George, Lawrence Dorney, Thomas Gill, Samuel Partridge, John Dowling, Hezekiah Nicken, William Hawes & James Hubbard, on their paying for the same.—

Friday the 7th day of November 1777.—

Ordered that Mr William Holt deliver to Captain William Saunders, one shroud hawser 4½ Inch forty fathom long for shrouds, one Coil of two and half Inch Rope for takle falls, one ditto two inch for gun Takles, one ditto fifteen thread for Brails, one ditto twelve thread for ditto, two ditto nine thread, and one Barrel of tar for the use of the *Manley* Galley.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public store deliver to Cap^t. William Saunders for the use of the people on Board the *Manley* Galley the following articles VIZ. for Jn^o. Harford one and half yards of coarse Cloth, for William Maynes, John Burton, Isaac Pomeroy, Jn^o. Jett, William Smith, and John Scott each one and half yards coarse Cloth on his paying for the same.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public store deliver to Captain William Saunders ten pounds of Twine for the use of the *Manley* Galley.—

Ordered that a warrant issue to Mr William Holt for one thousand pounds upon account for the purpose of furnishing necessaries for the use of the navy.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public store deliver to Captain William Saunders five hundred tenpenny nails for the use of the *Manley* Galley.—

Ordered that a warrant issue to Captain William Saunders for one hundred pounds upon Account for the purpose of furnishing necessaries for the use of the *Manley* Galley.—

Monday the 10th day of November 1777.—

Ordered that Doct. James M^cClurg deliver to Doct. Thomas Kempe, Ung: Merc: IV Pulv-Ipecac oz ditto Jallap ozij and some Manna and Salts for the use of the *Hero* Galley.—

Tuesday the 11th day of November 1777.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store deliver to Captain Charles Thomas as much proper wollens as will make Cloths for thirty negroes belonging to the Public Rope Walk at Warwick.—

Ordered that a warrant issue to Captain Charles Thomas for one thousand pounds upon account for the purpose of furnishing necessaries and Building Houses at the Public Rope Walk at Warwick—

Wednesday the 12th day of November 1777.—

Ordered that Mr William Holt deliver to Captain Wright Westcott one Coil of 2½ Inch Cordage, 1 ditto two inch, 1 ditto 1½ inch, 1 ditto 12 thread Ratline, 1 ditto 2½ inch bolt Rope, 15 Barrels of Bread, 5 Barrels of flour, 10 Barrels of Pork; 2 Barrels of Spirits, 1 Box Candles and 5 Bolts sail Cloth for the use of the *Norfolk Revenge*.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the public Store, deliver to Captⁿ. Wright Westcott 500 pump nails—18 sail Needles 6 palm Irons, 500-10^d. Nails, 250-20^d. ditto, 2 augers, 2 Chisells, 6 Gimblets, one Gouge, 2 hammers and 40 yards of Bunting for the Use of the *Norfolk Revenge* Galley—

Ordered that Mr Benjamin Powell deliver to Capt. Wright Westcott two hundred and fifty scupper Nails for the use of the *Norfolk Revenge* Galley.—

Thursday the 13th day of November 1777.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the public Magazine, deliver to Captain Wright Westcott one hundred pounds of Gunpowder for the use of the *Norfolk Revenge* Galley.—

Friday the 14th day of November 1777.—

Ordered that Messieurs Frazier and Roane, sell at public Sale for ready Money the Bacon in their Possession belonging to the Navy and which they received from Messieurs Smith and Roane.—

Ordered that a Warrant issue to Messieurs Frazier and Roane for One thousand Pounds upon Account for the purpose of furnishing Necessaries for the Use of the Navy.—

Ordered that Colo Richard Adams deliver to Messieurs Frazier and Roane twenty Barrels of Irish Pork for the use of the Navy.—

Ordered that a Warrant issue to Captain Wright Westcott for fifty pounds upon account for the Purpose of furnishing Necessaries for the use of the *Norfolk Revenge* Galley.—

Ordered that Doct. James M^cClurg deliver to Doct. Christie 2 lb Glaub salts, Sal Tart, 4 Oz.[,] Gum Opii 2 Oz., 1 lb Ung^e Basilicon, 1 lb Lapid Calin, and 2 doz Phials and Gallipots for the use of the ship *Gloucester*.—

Tuesday the 18th day of November 1777.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store, deliver to Captain James Barron for the use of the sailors on Board the Boats *Liberty* and *Patriot* twenty four shirts on his paying for them.—

Ordered that Mr William Holt deliver to Captain James Barron ten Barrels of Pork, ten ditto Bread, and one hundred pounds of Tallow for the use of the Boats *Liberty* and *Patriot*.—

Ordered that Mr William Holt deliver to Lieutenant Joseph Speake two Barrels of Pork, two ditto Bread, twenty pounds of tallow and ten gallons Spirits for the use of the Boat *Nicholson*.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the public Store deliver to Lieutenant Joseph Speake eight ready made shirts for the use of the People on Board the Boat *Nicholson* on his paying for the same.—

Wednesday the 19th day of November 1777.—

Ordered that a Warrant issue to John Jones for twenty three pounds fifteen shillings on acco^t for his allowance as doorkeeper to the Board from the 15th of July last to this day.—

Thursday the 20th day of November 1777.—

Ordered that Ephraim Hall and William Willson who enlisted as Marines in the Naval service of this Commonwealth, be discharged from the same, they being infirm and unable to do duty.—

Ordered that a Warrant issue to Mr James Davis for two hundred and fifty pounds upon Account for the purpose of furnishing Necessaries and Building the Ship *Gloucester*.—

Friday the 21st day of November 1777.—

Ordered that Mr Caleb Herbert be appointed Master Builder at the Chickahominy shipyard, & that he be allowed fifteen shillings per diem in full for his Services and Expences.—

Saturday the 22nd day of November 1777.—

An Estimate of the probable Expence of the Navy for the ensuing Year agreeable to a Resolution of the House of Delegates being prepared, Ordered that the same be inclosed to the Speaker to be laid before the House.—

Thursday the 27th day of November 1777.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store, deliver to Captain Richard Taylor for the use of the Ship *Tartar* sixty five yards of Red and white Bunting, six yards of blue ditto, half pound Thread, six Knots of Logline, one thousand five hundred tenpeny nails and 112 lb of Roping Twine.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store, deliver to Cap^t Richard Taylor for the Use of the Men on Board the *Tartar* the following articles to wit thirteen pair of stockings, sixty seven yards of cloth, forty nine yards of Linnen, sixty three shirts, six hats and twelve pair of shoes upon his paying for the same.—

Friday the 28th day of November 1777.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store, deliver to Lieutenant John Thomas for the Use of the men on Board the *Protector* Galley the following articles VIZ one hundred and forty three and half yds Linnen, one hundred and fifty seven and quarter yards of Cloth, fifteen pair of Shoes, twenty eight pair of stockings thirty three Hats and fifteen shirts upon his paying for the same.—

Ordered that a Warrant issue to Lieutenant John Thomas for fifty pounds upon Account for the disbursements on Board the *Protector* Galley.—

Ordered that a Warrant issue to Captain James Markham for Fifty Pounds upon account for the disbursements on Board the *Page* Galley.—

Ordered that a Warrant issue to Captain James Markham for the Use of Captain Celey Saunders for Fifty Pounds upon Account for disbursements on Board the *Lewis* Galley.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store, deliver to Captain James Markham for the use of the people on Board the *Page Galley* one hundred and twenty six yards of Linen, one hundred and three yards of Cloth twenty four hats, twelve pair of Stockings, fourteen pair of shoes and twenty one shirts upon his paying for the same.—

Ordered that Mr William Holt, deliver to Captain Richard Taylor or order the Camboose on Board the Sloop *Scorpion*, for the Use of the ship *Tartar*.—

Ordered that Mr William Holt deliver to Mr Charles Smallwood five Tons of Iron for the use of the Chickahominy shipyard.—

Ordered that Mr Charles Taliaferro, deliver to Captain James Baron a Cable for the Use of the Boat *Liberty*.—

Ordered that Mr William Holt deliver to Captain James Barron one Box of Candles for the Use of the Boats *Liberty* and *Patriot*.—

Ordered that Mr William Holt deliver to Lieutenant Joshua Singleton ten Barrels of Pork, six ditto flour, eight ditto Bread, two ditto Spirits, one Box Candles and one Barrel of tar for the use of the *Henry Galley*.—

Ordered that Mr William Holt, deliver to Captain Elliot, six Barrels of Pork, six ditto of Bread, three ditto of flour and two Barrels of Spirits for the use of the *Safe Guard Galley*.—

Saturday the 29th day of November 1777.—

Ordered that Doct M^cClurg, deliver to Lieutenant Singleton the following articles Cort Peru: lbss. Sal: Nitre lbj, Ol Olivar lbij, Melt Opt lbij, Sal Tart ozj: Sperma Ceti lbi, Sal Diuretic ozere and two Lancets for the use of the *Henry Galley*.—

Mr Isaac Mercer of the Boat *Nicholson* received Orders to apply to Mr W^m. Holt for two hundred Bushl of salt which he is to take on Board the said Boat and proceed with the same up James River to the Public Rope walk at Warwick where he is to deliver his Salt to Cap^t Charles Thomas and take on Board such Coal and cordage as may be delivered him by the said Thomas and bring the same down to James Town, and when he arrives there, to wait on the Board for further Orders.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store, deliver to Lieutenant Singleton forty five yards of Cloth, thirty five yards Linen, six shirts, two pair of stockings, and two hats for the use of the people on Board the *Henry Galley* upon his paying for the same.—

Monday the 1st day of December 1777.—

Ordered that Mr Charles Smallwood deliver to Mr Isaac Mercer three Tons of bar Iron for the Use of the Shipyard at South Quay.—

Wednesday the 3rd day of December 1777.

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store, deliver to Captain George Elliot for the use of the People on Board the *Safe Guard* Galley the following Articles VIZ five and three quarters yards of coarse Cloth, twenty hats, twenty eight pair shoes, One yard Linnen, thirty two pair stockings, fifty one shirts, seventeen pair of trowsers, fifteen yards and half of Flannel, and forty two Jackets on his paying for the same.—

Ordered that Doct. McClurg deliver to Doct. Joseph Simon Pell such Medicines as may be Necessary for the Use of the People on Board the *Norfolk Revenge* Galley.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store, deliver to Doct Joseph Simon Pell for the People on Board the *Norfolk Revenge* Galley the following Articles VIZ ninety five yards Linen, sixty shirts, thirty four pair of Shoes, four pair of Stockings and Cloth sufficient to make thirty nine Waistcoats & Breeches, upon his Paying for the same.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store, deliver to Doct Joseph S. Pell five Bolts Sail Duck N^o 1, two ditto light Duck, six pound of Roping Twine, one and half pound of Brimstone, five hundred double ten Nails, two axes one Lanthorn, one frying Pan and one speaking Trumpet for the Use of the *Norfolk Revenge* Galley.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Magazine, deliver to D^r Joseph S. Pell, twelve quire Cartridge paper, for Cannon and six ditto of Musket for the use of the *Norfolk Revenge* Galley.—

Lieutenant James Gray received Orders to proceed to Mr Roanes in Essex, and there examine the provisions he hath belonging to the Navy, marking such as may be good, and direct Mr Roane to sell what he refuses. On his way down, to call on Mr William Frazier and inform him of the Quantity who is to send up for the same.—

Thursday the 4th day of December 1777.—

Ordered that a Warrant issue to Colo: Fielding Lewis for two thousand Pounds upon Account for the Purpose of furnishing Necessaries for the Use of the Ship *Dragon*.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store, deliver to David Henderson for the Use of the People on Board the Ship *Dragon*, sixty six Hats or Caps, fifty Eight Pair of Shoes, one hundred and sixteen pair of Trowsers, sixty five Pair of stockings, sixty under Jackets and one hundred and thirty six shirts or Linen sufficient to make them upon his paying for the same.—

Mr James Maxwell personally appeared before the Board, and agreed to live at the Chickahominy Ship Yard, and superintend it, and the other Yards belonging to the Navy, also the Building Rigging and Equipping for Sea the Vessels belonging to the same, to inspect into such Vessells that may from Time to Time be repaired, to inform the Board the State and situation of the said Vessells and other Matters

belonging to the Navy under his direction, and to follow such Instructions as he may receive from time to time from the Board respecting the Navy. For all which services and expences the Board doth agree to give the said Maxwell the sum of five hundred pounds per annum, to be paid him in quarterly Payments, and allow him to draw one Ration per diem.—

Friday the 5th day of December 1777.—

Captain Philip Chamberlyne of the *Hero* Galley personally appeared before the Board and resigned his Commission.—

Lieutenant James Gray received Orders to proceed to Hampton and take the Command of the *Hero* Galley during the Absence of Lieutenant Stratton, and furnish such Provisions as may be wanting for the said Galley with the Money put into his Hands.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store, deliver to Captain Richard Taylor for the Use of the Officers and Sailors on Board the ship *Tartar* the following Articles VIZ thirty nine pair of stockings, thirty one yards of Cloth, fifteen Jackets, nineteen shirts, fourteen and half Yards Linnen, forty one Blankets, seven Hats, seven and half yards Blue Cloth, one and three quarters of a yard Buff ditto, three yds brown ditto, three quarters of a yard Red ditto, one and half yard of white ditto, thirty six yards of white Linen, three Hats and five yards Flannel, on his Paying for the same.—

the forty one Blankets are for the Use of the People, as belonging to Navy & not their private propty.—

Saturday the 6th day of December 1777.—

Ordered that a Warrant issue to Colo Isaac Lane for two thousand Pounds upon Account for the purpose of furnishing Military Stores for the Use of the Navy.—

Ordered that Colo Isaac Lane send to Williamsburg six pipe Stoves for the use of the Navy.—

Wednesday the 10th day of December 1777—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store, deliver to Lieutenant Christopher Tompkins six Gimblets, one drawing knife, two pounds of Brimstone, twenty five Blankets and sixty yards Canvas for Hammacks for the Use of the *Henry* Galley.—

Captain George Elliot this day produced to the Board Orders from his Excellency the Governour and the Honble the Council directing him to proceed with the *Safeguard* Galley up Potowmack River in order to protect and defend the Inhabitants in that Part of the Country, and to take with him of Y^e *Protector* Galley L^d [John] Thomas Commander to aid and assist him if necessity required it.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store, deliver to Lieutenant Robert Bolling for the Use of the People on Board the *Manley* Galley forty nine yards Linen, twen-

ty four pair of Shoes. 24 hats—126 yds Chex, 51 yds Cloth, 10 yds Corderoy, 4 yds muslin, and 11 handkerchiefs upon his paying for the same.—

Thursday the 11th day of December 1777.—

Richard Simmons appeared before the Board and agreed to work as a Carver in the Naval Service for six months at the Rate of six shillings and sixpence per day sun-days and to receive Rations and other Advantage as the Carpenters do, he also further agrees that if he should at the expiration of the six months be about Carving a Piece of Work on any Vessel that he will not quit the Service until he finishes what he is about.—

Friday the 12th day of December 1777.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Magazine, deliver to Lieutenant Robert Bolling one hundred Pounds of Powder for the use of the *Manley* Galley.—

This Board doth recommend to his excellency the Governour and the Honourable the Council, Lieutenant John Barret as a proper Person to be appointed Captain to the *Hero* Galley.—

Ordered that Mr Jonathan Prosser deliver to Mr Hobday one of the Anchors and Cables belonging to the flat bottomed Boats.—

Tuesday the 16th day of December 1777.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Magazine, deliver to Lieutenant John Thomas twelve pound of Bar Lead, one hundred pounds of Gunpowder, and twelve pound Buck Shot for the Use of the *Protector* Galley.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the public Store deliver to Mr Dawes one hundred Pump Tacks for the Use of the Schooner *Peace and Plenty*.—

Wednesday the 17th day of December 1777.—

Lieutenant Thomas Pollard of the *Norfolk Revenge* Galley resigned his Commission as will appear by his Letter to this Board bearing date the 10th instant inclosing the said Commission.—

Friday the 19th day of December 1777.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the public Store, deliver to Captain Francis Bright for the use of the people on Board the Brigantine *Northampton* the following articles VIZ sixty five yards of Linen, thirty five Jackets, three pieces of stript Stuff, twenty five pair of shoes, three yards brown Cloth, one and half yards of scarlet ditto and ten pair of stockings upon his paying for them.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the public Store, deliver to Captain Richard Barron for the use of the people on Board the Boat *Patriot* sixteen Jackets, sixteen pair Shoes, sixteen shirts, one piece Fearnought & sixteen pair of stockings, upon his paying for them.—

Ordered that Mr Hunter be desired to send two Anchors of five hundred weight each to Chesanessex or Anancock directed to the Care of Colo: Southy Simpson on the Eastern Shore for the Use of the Gallies Building there under the direction of the said Simpson, and that he acquaint the Board thereof as soon as he has sent them, and that he be also desired to sell all the provisions in his Possession belonging to the Navy to the highest Bidder for ready Money, and send down by the first convenient opportunity such dry Goods as he has in his possession belonging to the Navy.—

Saturday the 20th day of December 1777.—

Ordered that Mr Isaac Mercer deliver to Captain Richard Barron one Coil of three inch Rope, one ditto two inch, one ditto one and half inch, for the use of the Boat *Patriot*.—

Ordered that Mr Charles Taliaferro deliver to Captain Richard Barron forty fathom of four inch Cable for the use of the Boat *Patriot*.—

Mr Isaac Mercer of the Boat *Nicolson* received Orders after delivering Captain Richard Barron the Cordage he has an order for, and landed the Remainder he has on Board with Mr W. Holt to proceed immediately with his Vessel to the Chickahominy shipyard and apply to Mr Richard Herbert for three tuns of bar Iron which he is to take on Board and come down to James Town, there to apply to Colo. Travis for a parcel of Junk which he is also to take on Board and then proceed to Suffolk and Land his Cargo in the care of Mr Wills Cowper.—

Wednesday the 31st day of December 1777.—

Ordered that the Keeper of the public store, deliver for the use of the ship *Dragon* thirty four Blankets, two, two hour Glasses and two half hour ditto.—

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APPENDIX C

JOURNAL OF MARINE CAPTAIN JOHN TREVETT NOVEMBER–DECEMBER 1777

[*Sloop Providence, Bedford in Dartmouth, Mass.*]
[November–December 1777]

Now beginen to Recrute for a New Cruse with the same Commander John Peck Rathbun Esq^r Now itt is Nov^m. 1777. All Redy for Sailing, intending for a Short Cruse, we Anker a Way Standing for Block Island, a Light Wind At North East, Att Night began to Snow, the Next Day Blowing A Gale Sprung our Bolsplit,¹ Hove Tew, one Night Bloing Hard, the Next Day put Away Standing to the S. West, intending for South Carolina, Nothing Material Hapening, untill we Arrived of[*f*] Charlestown Bar, we Run in for the Bar, & Goot near to itt in fife [*five*] Farthum Warter, Night Coming on, Saw no Pilot boat of[*f*], we Staning of[*f*] and on, Waiting for Day Light, our Guns All in, and Ports All Secured, a Very Plesent Mone Light Night, About Tew Aclock in the Morning, Saw a Sail in Shore, we took her to be a Droger, Going from Charlestown to Georgetown, but Shortly Arfter, one of our Officer's Came Down and Informd Cap^t Rothbon that She was Standing for us, and Very Neair, Cap^t Rathbun & My Self went on Deck, and She Shortly Arfter Hailed us, and orderd the Dam Yanke Buggers to Hall Down the Cullers. You must [*k*]now We had a foule Wether Jack att Masthead, She in a few Minets Run under our Lee Quarter, and Gave us a Broard Side, and Run a head of us, Cap^t Rothbun informd the Botswen² to Call and Gett All Hands to Quarters, as Still as he Could, and Not Make any use of His Coale,³ as this Privatear Bore Away, and Coming up Again, As He informed us Arfter wards, he was Sune A Long Side, we ware All Redey, as Sune as he Made the first flash we Gave him A handsome Brard Side he up helm And Run to the Eastward we never had a Singal Man hert of Any Conequence we Made Sail Arfter her our Riggins Sailes was So Much Cutt Away itt was Sume Time before we could Gett under full Sail She Emeadetly Histed a Lanthon att Mast head but Such a buteful Mone Light Morning itt Coul[*d*] not be Seen any Consederebel Distance but by thare Heving out that Signel we [*k*]new thare Must be an Enemy not A Grate Distance of[*f*] we fired no More of our Cannon att Her and found we Ganed A Littel Every Hour Day Made her Apperence the Man Crys out a Large Ship under the Land Standing Close on a Wind to the Souttward & East Ward the Wind Being S. West About Sun Rise we Neard the Privatear So as thare Lieu^t Goot on thare Round House and fired Severul Times All the Balls went a Long way bee End us I informd Cap^t Rathbun we had I Did not dout as Good Muskets as tha had I Spoke to M^r Mickel Molton⁴ and one M^r Baylee of Boston and Dezired them to go forward With My Self and take a Shot Att him as he was a fine Mark to Shute att he Standing on thare Round House You Must note this Vesel Steard With a Wheal we had not fired More then thre Shot before we Saw him fall & Emeadetly the Privatear Gott in the Wind an[*d*] we ware A Long Side in

a few Minets When we Boarded her we found itt was the Lieu^t we had Shot and he fell on the Man Stering with the Wheail This Lieu^t was a Man belonged in the State of Virginea and he Expect^d to be punished If he was taken by the Americans and he was Determind to fight as Long as he could he had a pair of Hansom pistels to his Side As he Lay Dead on Deck tha found 5 Hands bad Woun^d on board of her 3 of them ware Blacks our Short went into one Quarter & threw the Other and we Shaterd her well we found this Ship we Saw to Windard was a Freget that tha was on Board the Day before and tha ware to Meait her the Next Day of [f] Charlestown Bar we Got So far to the Eastward that we Stered for Georgetown we had taken 6 Negros that tha had Taken the Day before that ware out of Charleston a fishing Come to Examen the Blacks we found tha ware Pilots belonging to Some of the Citersens of Charlestown The Cap^t officers and Crew All as one Consented to Deliver them up to Mrs^{rs} Harcott and Tucker Merch^t att Geortown to be Sent to thare oners Cleair of Expençe a Day or Tew Arfter we Arrived att George Town we put All the Priseners in Gaile but the Cap^t I Escorted him to Charlestown an [d] Delev^d him to the Commisare of Prisners . . . ⁵ and thare I Saw My Old frind Commadore Biddel⁶ he Had Thre Ships⁷ under his Command All Redey for Sea Att that time thare was an Embarg[o] threw the State of South Carolina Commadore Beddel Perswaded Me Very hard to Go with him I informed him that I had Made An a Grement with Cap^t Rothbun to go and Take New Providence as one Cap^t Newton⁸ had Lately Arrivd from New Providence and Gave us an Acct of the Ship *Marry*⁹ from Jamaca had put into New Providence in Distres and Cap^t Newton Said we Could Gett thare before She would be Redey for See and as this Ship had Kiled our Sailing Master About Six Month before of [f] New York M^r George Sinkens and Gave us a go[o]d Ban[g]ing we ware now Determind to Take Fort Nassaw and then we Could Have Command of the Town and Harber and take What we Pleased Cap^t Rathbun was Present att the Corfea House Att Charlestown Commadore & My Self went from M^r Dorshes¹⁰ than Continental Agent to the Corfea House as I Said If Cap^t Rathbun would Consent I would go with him and All this Time telling Me that itt Was Presumiton to Make Such an Atemt And A Luded to the Scot[c]h Ship¹¹ that was taken from Lieu^t Macdugel¹² & My Self but finery I told him tha ware all well Landed Att Virginea he Pled Likewise with Cap^t Rathbun but Anserd no Perperse for Sase Cap^t Rothbun I have Made the Agrement with Cap^t Trevett I will not Give itt up So this Ended All this Conversation we Shuk Hands and the Comadore Says I am Very Sorre for I never Shall See You More; Cap^t Rathbun & My Self Sett out Emeadetly for Georgetown in South Carolina So End this Short Cruse——

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1. Bowsprit.

2. James Kennedy.

3. Boatswain's call.

4. Lt. Michael Moulton, Continental Marines.

5. Ellipsis in manuscript.

6. Capt. Nicholas Biddle, commanding the Continental Navy frigate *Randolph*.

7. South Carolina Navy brigantine *Notre Dame* and South Carolina letter of marque ships *General Moultrie* and *Volunteer* and brigantines *Fair American* and *Polly*.

8. Capt. Downham Newton, commanding the South Carolina letter of marque sloop *Vixen*.

9. Jamaica letter of marque ship *Mary*, Henry Johnson, master.

10. John Dorsius, Continental Agent for South Carolina.

11. British transport ship *Oxford*, John Stewart, master, carrying a company of the 42d Foot (Royal Highland Regiment), which was captured by the Continental Navy brigantine *Andrew Doria*, retaken by the Scottish soldiers and crew and later recaptured by the Virginia Navy boats *Liberty* and *Patriot*. See NDAR 5: 293, 294, 294n, 564, 565n, 585n, 586n, 670, 671n, 686, 686n, 687–88, 699, 1085, 1085n, 1195, 1195n; 6: 79n, 166, 539, 540n, 601, 626.

12. Lt. John McDougall, Continental Navy, formerly third lieutenant of the brigantine *Andrew Doria* and presently second lieutenant of the frigate *Randolph*. Trevett served as lieutenant of marines with McDougall on the brigantine *Andrew Doria* from May to September 1776.

APPENDIX D

Captain Nicholas Biddle and Continental Navy Frigate Randolph

CAPTAIN NICHOLAS BIDDLE TO JAMES BIDDLE

Charles Town November the 22nd 1777

My Dear Brother

If you could form any Idea of the unhappiness I feel at not haveing a single line from home during the Many months that I have staid here You will I am sure favoir me with on[e.]

If an express or Gentleman comes in from Pennsylvania My friends here tell me they hope all my Friends at home are well. And I am sick of Repeating that I do not get a line from any one there. They Naturally conclude I am a Person very little Esteem'd or some one or other would surely take notice of me - These considerations together with an ardent desire I have of doing My duty made me on the first of Sep^r when the Pilot wishd Me joy on being safe over the Bar of Charles Town burst into tears and cry God Bless You, Altho we struck twice in going over and (as I have since found) knocked off 11½ feet of the false keel.

On the fourth We came up with two Ships two Brigs and a small armed Sloop - They fired on us for about an Hour as we run down before the wind upon them one Ship had 20¹ the other 8 Guns² - Both Ships and one Brig Struck³ after giving them a few Broad sides. The other Brig and Sloop steerd different Courses. The Brig I Chased and took⁴ - but the Sloop got off - One of the Brigs was a Frenchman I let Her go - But they Came here under My Convoy - The Eighth of Sep^r I got My Prizes safe in Port - Their was not a Man Kild on either side and but three or four wounded - My Ship being very full of Barnacles and oysters which grow Amazingly fast here in the Sunshine thrive on Vessels Bottoms - I came in to Clean I wrote to Neddy⁵ but find the letter was mislaid and not sent by express

The Prizes altogether sold for about [torn]ty⁶ Thousand Pounds Sterling - Agents⁷ Commission and expences attending the Sales will amount to 12 or 15 thousand sterling The half of the rest will be divided among My self officers & Crew - I think it a dam'd Shame that an Agent should have nearly as much as Myself and all the Commisⁿ officers on Board for doing no Business and Running no Risk either of Property or Person For he employs a Gentleman who for one and half per C^t does the Business, Runs all Risks of bad debts Bad money &c -

Since I wrote the foregoing I have received a letter from You by Major Butler.⁸ It is the only one from any of the Family (Nancy & C Biddle,⁹ excepted) Since I left You I have had a very narrow escape from a Fever that laid Violent hands on me soon after I came in to Port. - And to Comfort Me in my distress the *Randolph* was Sunk in Careening and lay under water two Weeks before they could get Her up. I need not tell you that I felt much more concern on account of the Ship than for My own Safety - I am now well and hope Soon to Sail - But as it [torn] on getting Men in

place of those wh[*torn*] while the Ship was Sunk I cannot certainly say how soon it May be. -

Andrew Robeson has My Power of Atorney I wish it could be instrumental in getting You What Prize Money May be due to Me from the Northward - I wish You to get it and Make use of it for the Family

I will write to Neddy by the next oppertunity - Give my Love to the Family and believe me to be Most Affectionatly Yours

Nicholas Biddle

Typescript, Captain Nicholas Biddle Papers, 1771-1778, on loan to PHi, 1948-1993. Private Collection, Nicholas Biddle, Jr., Narberth, Pa., 1996. Addressed: "To James Biddle Esq^r/To the care of the Hon^{ble}/Robert Morris Esq^r" Endorsed by James Biddle: "Lre/Bro^r Nicholas/Cha^s Town Nov. 1777."

1. Ship *True Briton* (20 guns), Thomas Venture, commander, from Jamaica to New York City, with rum.
2. Ship *Severn* (8 guns), James Henderson, master, from Jamaica to London, 200 tons burthen, built in Newfoundland and rebuilt in 1773, owned by McTaggart of Bristol. *Lloyd's Register of Ships*, 1777-1778.
3. French brig *Assumption*, Andrew Laffont, master, from Martinique to Charleston, with salt.
4. Brigantine *Charming Peggy*, Philip Lyon, master, from Jamaica to New York City, with rum.
5. Edward Biddle, elder brother of Nicholas Biddle.
6. Probably about £60,000. See John Dorsius to Continental Marine Committee, 12 Sept. 1777. NDAR 9: 920.
7. John Dorsius and Levinus Clarkson, Joint Continental Agents for South Carolina.
8. Maj. Pierce Butler, South Carolina Militia.
9. Nancy Biddle, cousin, and Charles Biddle, younger brother of Nicholas Biddle.

CAPTAIN NICHOLAS BIDDLE TO ROBERT MORRIS

Charles Town November the 23rd 1777

Sir

I enclose to You a letter I have received from the Navy Board.¹ and My Answer,² for your Perusal—

As the Answer contains the intelligence I should have sent to You, a Repetition I suppose needless.

I have not Received any instructions from the Hon^{ble}: the Marine Committee Since My Cruize altho the Board of Commerce³ writes M^r Dorsius⁴ word, that letters have been sent to me⁵—

The *Randolph* is Rigged, with Her Guns & most of Her Stores on Board. I have Recruiting Parties out and A Prospect of getting from Here in two or three weeks. I am Sir with the greatest Respect [&c.]

Nicholas Biddle

To the Hon^{ble}:

Robert Morris Esq^r

L, NHpR, Correspondence Regarding Naval-Maritime Matters, 1775-1783, no. 59. Addressed: "The Honorable/Robert Morris Esq^r" Docketed: "Charles Town/23^d Nov^r. 1777/Nich^s Biddle Esq^r/390."

1. Continental Navy Board of the Middle Dept.
2. Both letters not found.
3. Continental Committee of Commerce.
4. John Dorsius, Continental Agent for South Carolina.
5. See Continental Marine Committee to Captain Nicholas Biddle, 24 Oct. 1777. NDAR 10: 266.

EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN CONTINENTAL NAVY
FRIGATE *RANDOLPH* AND H.M.S. *YARMOUTH*

"I, John Davis, at present keeper of the Red Springs, Botetourt County, Virginia, do hereby certify, that in February, 1778, I sailed in the ship *General Moultrie*¹ from Charleston in company with the *Randolph*, Captain Biddle.² That, on the 7th of March following, at one P.M., we discovered a sail standing for us, when the *Randolph* made a signal to heave to. About four P.M., Captain Biddle hove out a signal to make sail. We then spoke him, and Captain Biddle told us that one of his crew had deserted from the British ship *Yarmouth* of 74 guns, and he knew the ship to windward to be her—and from her appearance he had no doubt it was her; notwithstanding which, Sullivan³ did not make sail, and the *Randolph* was obliged to engage the *Yarmouth* or sacrifice our ship. The *Yarmouth* hailed us as he passed. We answered, "the *Polly*, from Charleston," and that our convoy was ahead. They then hailed the *Randolph*; and immediately after engaged. The *Randolph* appeared to fire four or five broadsides to the *Yarmouth*'s one, until she blew up,⁴ when Sullivan hauled down his colors, and we should have been taken but for Captain Blake,⁵ who commanded the marines. He insisted upon our making sail, and such was the confusion on board the *Yarmouth*, or she was so much injured during the engagement, that they took no note of us. To the truth of the above I am ready at any time to make oath.

(Signed) J. Davis

We, the subscribers, lodgers in the house of Mr. Davis, heard him declare the above account of the engagement between the *Randolph* and the *Yarmouth*, and of the conduct of Sullivan, to be true.

(Signed) Richard Myncreeff,
Robert C. Latimer.

Aug. 21, 1801."

Autobiography of Charles Biddle, Vice-President of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania. 1745–1821. (Philadelphia: E. Claxton and Company, 1883), 108–9.

1. South Carolina privateer *General Moultrie*.

2. Capt. Nicholas Biddle, commanding Continental Navy frigate *Randolph*.

3. Capt. Philip Sullivan, commanding South Carolina privateer *General Moultrie*.

4. Five days after the battle, H.M.S. *Yarmouth* rescued four seamen who survived *Randolph*'s explosion. See *Journal of H.M.S. Yarmouth*, 12 Mar., and Captain Nicholas Vincent, R.N., to Vice Admiral James Young, 17 Mar., above. One of the men gave the following account to Charles Biddle, brother of Nicholas Biddle: "He told me he was stationed at one of the quarter-deck guns near Capt. Biddle, who early in the action was wounded in the thigh. He fell, but immediately sitting up again, and encouraging his crew, told them it was only a slight touch he had received. He ordered a chair, and one of the surgeon's mates was dressing him at the time of the explosion. None of the men saved could tell by what means the accident happened." *Ibid.*, 107–8.

5. Capt. John Blake, Second South Carolina Continental Regiment. See *Order Book of 1st South Carolina Continental Regiment*, 27 Jan., above.

ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN CONTINENTAL NAVY FRIGATE *RANDOLPH*
AND H.M.S. *YARMOUTH*

A remarkable instance of the lives of four
men being providentially saved.

On the 7th of March, 1778, between five and six o'clock in the afternoon, his Majesty's ship *Yarmouth* (Captain, now Admiral Vincent¹) being in the latitude of

the island of Barbadoes, and about sixty leagues to the eastward of it, the man at the mast-head called out that he saw several sail to leeward, near each other. Soon after, there were discovered from the quarter-deck six sail—two ships, three brigs and a schooner,² on the starboard tack, all sails set, and close to the wind, then about N.E. The captain and officers of the *Yarmouth* had not the least doubt of their being American privateers. For even a single merchant-ship, which had not a letter of marque, was, perhaps, never seen upon a wind in the latitude of Barbadoes, and forty or fifty leagues to the eastward of it, and the wind easterly. The *Yarmouth* accordingly bore down upon them, and about nine o'clock got very near to the largest of the two ships, which begun to fire on the *Yarmouth*, before the *Yarmouth* did on her.³ In about a quarter of an hour she blew up; being then on the *Yarmouth's* lee-beam, and not above three or four ship's length distant. The rest of their squadron immediately dispersed.⁴ The damage the *Yarmouth* received in her masts, sails and rigging was prodigious, and she had five men killed and twelve wounded. A great variety of articles were thrown into her—one, an entire American ensign, which was not even singed or torn.⁵

This happened between nine and ten o'clock Saturday night. On the Thursday following, the *Yarmouth* being in chace of a ship, steering about West, (the wind in the N.E. quarter), the man at the mast-head called down to the officer on the quarter-deck, that he saw something on the water, abaft the beam (the starboard), but could not tell what to make of it. A question immediately arose, what was to be done? If the *Yarmouth* hauled up to see what it was, there would be little or no chance of coming up with her before dark. Humanity, however pleaded for it and prevailed. Accordingly she hauled her wind, and by the help of a spy-glass, discovered four men, that seemed to be standing on the water; for what supported them was not at first visible. In two or three hours she got up to the little float on which they stood, and brought them on board. The captain and officers were greatly surprised to find they belonged to the ship that was blown up the preceding Saturday. So that, they had been five whole nights, and nearly as many days, floating on the waves, and buried alive, as it were, under the vault of heaven. Being young and hardy, they did not appear much discomposed when they came upon the quarter-deck. They said they were not hungry, although they had not eaten any thing, but thirsty and very sleepy. A bason of tea, however, and a hammock to each, perfectly restored them in a few hours. When they arose, the only complaint they had, was that of their feet being greatly swoln, by having been so long in the water.

The account they gave of themselves was only this—that they were quartered in the captain's cabin, and thrown into the water without receiving any hurt. But they could give no account by what accident the ship blew up.

Being good swimmers, they got hold of some spars and rope, with which they made the raft, on which they were found. And, providentially for them, they picked up a blanket, which served them as a reservoir of water; for during the time they were on the raft, there fell a few showers of rain, which they saved as much as they could in their blanket, sucking it from time to time; which, no doubt preserved all their lives. On the arrival of the *Yarmouth* two days after, at Barbadoes, proper officers came on board, in order to take the depositions of those four men, respecting the blowing up of the ship, &c. and particularly, as to the number of men on board her when the action began. For without a certificate to this purpose, the Treasurer

of the navy has no authority to pay the head-money, allowed by Government, which is five pounds a head; and which, on this occasion, came to five hundred and seventy-five pounds.⁶ Thus this little act of humanity seems to have been rewarded. §

They deposed, that the ship which blew up was called the *Randolph*, of thirty-six guns, twenty-six of which were twelve-pounders, and her complement of men three hundred and fifteen. The other ship was called the *General Moutray*,⁷ but the number of her guns, or her complement of men, or of the force of the three brigs,⁸ Admiral Vincent told the writer of this account, he could not precisely ascertain. The schooner was a prize.

The captain of the *Randolph* was the commodore of this little squadron which had sailed just a month from Charles-town, South Carolina, where it was fitted out, with the design of attacking the island of Tobago, for which they were steering when they first saw the *Yarmouth*.

§ No prize was lost. The ship the *Yarmouth* hauled off from, was a West-India merchant-man, bound to Barbadoes. The master of her came on board the *Yarmouth* after her arrival there: she had a letter of marque, and was upon a wind when the *Yarmouth* first saw her.

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1. Capt. Nicholas Vincent was promoted to Rear Adm. of the White on 19 Mar. 1779.

2. Continental Navy frigate *Randolph*, South Carolina privateer ship *General Moultrie*, South Carolina Navy brigantine *Notre Dame*, South Carolina privateer brigantine *Polly*, South Carolina privateer brigantine *Fair American*, and a prize schooner.

3. Continental Navy frigate *Randolph*, Capt. Nicholas Biddle, commander.

4. For other accounts of the action and its aftermath, see Journal of H.M.S. *Yarmouth*, 7 and 8 Mar., "Extract of a Letter from on board the State Brig *Notre Dame*, dated Lat. 13 Long. 57, March 9, 1778," Captain Nicholas Vincent, R.N., to Vice Admiral James Young, 17 Mar., and President Rawlins Lowndes of South Carolina to President of Congress, 30 Mar., all above.

5. For the damage received by *Yarmouth*, see Journal of H.M.S. *Yarmouth*, 7 and 8 Mar., and Captain Nicholas Vincent, R.N., to Vice Admiral James Young, 17 Mar., all above.

6. See Deposition of Alexander Robinson, Hans Workman and John Carew, 16 Mar., above.

7. South Carolina privateer ship *General Moultrie* mounted 18 to 20 guns and had a crew of 118 men.

8. South Carolina Navy brigantine *Notre Dame* mounted 18 guns, South Carolina privateer brigantine *Fair American* mounted 14 guns, and South Carolina privateer brigantine *Polly* mounted 14 guns.

APPENDIX E

LOG OF THE CONTINENTAL NAVY SHIP *RANGER*, CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES

Thursday JANU'RY
FIRST 1778.

this Morning fair and pleasant Employ'd Clearing Up the Decks Got on board 30 pigs of Lead Run out the small Bower astarn & Got up the the Strum Anchor Run the Strim Cable ashore for an In Shore fast. Got of from the Shore two planks for the Shot Locker.

Friday 2nd

this Morning fair and pleasant one of our Craft Came alongside Took from on board her 283 pigs of Lead Landed all the Dirt out of the Ship Got in the Small Hasser. the Cooper Employ'd Triming the Water Cask Got of from the Shore Sum Brums Sum of the people Employ'd Making pointes. Capt. Riches¹ a prisoner Run away In the Night.

Saturday 3rd
Discharged the
first Craft.

The Morning fair and pleasant Employ'd Giting Things out of the Craft. Took on board 50 Water Cask & 14 Barels of Beef & three tarces and Six Ships Oars and 87 pigs of Lead one Spair Topsail Yard, one Jebb Boom, one Lou Steering Sail Boom, one Four top Gallant Yard, one Spare Topmast Steering Sail Boom, one Royal Yard, one top Gallant Staring Sail Boom, one Boats Windless, one Spare Lower Yard and 29 Sails and 2 Arnings, the four Castle men & top men Employ'd in Macking points, John Shannon Enterd. On Board Delivered the Craft.

Sunday 4th

This Morning fogey Dirty Weather Employ's Cleaning the Decks All the people Came on Board but one that Run away and two prisoners which Escapt^d. from the Ship.

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SHIP *RANGER* JANUARY

Monday 5th

This Morning fogy Dirty Weather the Second Craft came alongside Employ'd giting the Things out of her 13 punchions 2 Gin Casks and 67 Barls of Beef & 5 Barels of Pork and Sum fire Wood, 23 Boats Oars 3 top gallant Steering Sails Booms 15 yards for the Small Sails, one Lower Stering Boom and 4 topmast Stering Sail Booms, 2 Spare Lower do. 10 Ships Oars one Mn. Top Gallant

Yard, 2 top gallant masts, 1 Cask of heading, 2 Barels of Tar and 2 Barels of Turpentine, one Cask of Sluck, 56 Coils of Riggan Employ'd stowing the hole, the Latter part of the Day fogey and Dirty Weather.

RIVER LOIRE

Tuesday 6th

This Morning fair & Cold the people Employ'd gitting the things out of the Craft. Took from in board of her 2 top Chanes, one Coile of large Rope, sum Iron hoops, two Winter Top Gallant Mast, one Ships Fitter Driver Boom, two Barrels of Coal, 18 Coils of Riggan Shacks 13 Bundles put on board the Craft, 81 Cask to be filled with Fresh Water. Sent the Craft from along Side the Carpenters² Employ'd Altering the Sail Room and Boarding the Quarters.

Wednesday 7th

The Morning Fair & Cold the Carpenters Employ'd Boarding the Quarters and filling it with Cork the people Employ'd about Sundry Things hawld. of further. The Carpenters finishd the Sail Room Took the Sails out of the Cabin and Stowed them in the Sail Room. Got of from the Shore two Coard of fire Wood, the Cooper employ' in setting up the Shuck Cask, one of the french men Run away.

Thursday 8th

This Morning Fair & Cold the Carpenters Employ'd Calking the Decks and boarding up the Quarters. the people Employ'd making points Quiled the Cables in the hole, the Latter part of the Day Cloudy & Cold a Grate Deal of Ice Came Down the River.

1778

RIVER LOIRE JANUARY

Friday 9th

This Morning fair & Very Cold the Carpenters Employ'd Boarding up the Quarters Got of from the Shore 4 Bundles of hoops for preventing the Ice from Cutting the Cables Got up on the Cables the two top Chanes, one forward and the other aft to Braik of the Ice from the Ship the Brig *Independance*³ Came Along Side Cared away the four tye and the four yard Came Down on our four Castle and Badly Wounded one of our people in the head, three or 4 Ships run Ashore out of the way of the Ice. Run a 7 Inch Harser ashore ahead.

Saturday 10th

this Morning Cloudy the River full of Ice the Carpenters Employ'd about Boarding the Quarters & Calking under the four Castle, the people Employ'd

About Overhauling Blocks Got of from the Shore Sum Boards for Cabin Sides Betwixt Decks & Sum Sheet Lead for the Carpenters and Sum small Nails Sent on Shore three topsails and four Sail & Main Sail and four topmast Staysail to Be midle Sticht, one of our hands very Bad.

Sunday 11th This Morning Cloudy Dark Weather Employ'd Cleaning Ship. The River full of Ice, the Later Part of the Day Cloudy with Spits of Small Rain. One of Our Hands Very Bad.

Monday 12th This Morning fair & pleasant Sum of the people Employ'd About Blacking Yard & Mast the Carpenters Employ'd About the Quarters & Calking the Deck, the plumer Came on board With the head pump, the people Came aboard from the prize at Boadaux. Charls Ward, Edward Shapley, Amos Abbot, John Wheller, Saml. hole-bruke⁴ Brought of from the Shore three Planks for the Quarters. One of our Hands Very Bad. Dirty Weather all Night. The Sailmaker to work ashore about the Ts

Tuesday 13th This Morning Fair & Pleasant Got from the Brigtn. *Independance* 2 Buts And two Gin Casks, the Carpenter Employ'd about the Quarters & the people Employ'd Making Points. The Later Part of this Day Cloudy, in the Evening Small Rain. One of Our Hands Very Bad. The Sail Maker to work ashore about the Sails.

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SHIP RANGER JANUARY

Wednesday 14th This Morning Squarly With Rain the Sail Maker to work ashore upon the Sails, the people Employ'd about Making points the Carpenters Employ'd about the Quarters. The Latter part of the Day Squarly With Showers of Rain. In the Evening Clear'd up, the Wind at West one of Our Hands very Bad. The Sail Maker to work ashore about the Sails.

Thursday 15th This Morning Squarls of Winds and Rain the people Employ'd about making Points, the Carpenters Employ'd about the Quarters Got off from the Shore one Coard of fire Wood In the afternoon Sent the Armour⁵ ashore with 18 Crane Irons to be altered for the Quarters, the Latter part of the Day Squarly With Rain. One of our hands Very Bad. Sent 8 of our people up the River after fresh Water. Joel Huchins John Recher, Edward Shapley, John Varney, Wm. Smith, Mark Staples,

paul Recker, Ruben Recker, the Sail Maker to work ashore on the Sails.

Friday 16th

This Morning fair & pleasant the Carpenters Employ'd about the Quarters, the people Employ'd about Sundry things, the Latter part of this Day fair and pleasant. Several Vesals arived hear finished our head pump, one of our hands Very Bad, the Sail Maker to Work ashore about the Sails.

Saturday 17th

This Morning Fair & pleasant, the Carpenters finishd the Quarters. The people Employ'd about Sundry Things A boat Came along side from Nantes with some Slops & 15 hoghd. of Brandy and four Barrels of Old Brandey and three Barrels of Flower, one tarce of Rice Got of from the Shore a hoghd. of Brandy, one of our hands Very Bad. Took on board 1 Barrel of Tobacco. Blowing hard and full of Rain. the Sail Maker to Work ashore on the Sails.

Sunday 18th

This Morning Blowing hard & full of Rain. at 12 o'clock the Craft Came Along Side With Water, the Latter Part of the Day Blowing Very Hard and full of Rain. In the Evening Cleard up. One of our hands Very Bad.

1778

SHIP *RANGER* - JANUARY

Monday 19th

This Morning fair & pleasant Weather. The people Employ'd Discharging the Craft of Water: Took out of the Craft 55 Casks Large & Small Started it in the hole filled 30 Buts and 10 punchions, the Latter part of the Day Cloudy Weather: Put the Emtey Cask on board the Craft: One of Our Hands Very Bad. The Sail Maker to work ashore on the Sails.

Tuesday 20th

This Morning fair & Pleasant. Employ'd about Getting out the Cask out of the Craft: Took out of the Craft 25 Cask, Grate & Small, filled up In the hole 16 Cask, Set up the Lower Riggan, put on Board the Craft the Emty Water Cask and sent her away for Water. James Smith, Abraham Nights, David Woodhouse, the Cooper, Mr Recker, paul Recker, Wm. English, Mark Staples Got from the Shore three Cord of Fire Wood. The Sail Maker to work ashore about the Sails.

Wednesday 21st

This Morning C'oudy Got of from the Rope Makers 1 Coil 2 Inch, Do. 2 1/2, one Do. 1 3/4, two Do. 12 thred,

two Do. 9 thread, two Do 6 Thred, 36 fathom 5 1/2 inch, 45 fathom 3 1/4, the whole 11 Coils Containing 706 pound. Rove new Top Ropes. Blowing hard with Hard Showers of Rain. Got of from the Shore one Cord of fire Wood, One of our Hands Very Bad. The Sail Maker to work ashore on the Sails.

Thursday 22nd

This Morning Blowing Very hard. The Wind at WbN: the people Employ'd about Sundry Things. Fixtd. the Starn Netting. Rove the Mizen topsail Riggan: the Latter Part of this Day Blowing Very Strong. One of our Hands Very Bad.

Friday 23rd

RIVER LOIRE

This Morning Begins With Little Wind and Small Rain Got up Yards & topmast. Rove the Runing Riggan In the Afternoon the Craft Came Alongside With the Water & all the people in her that went away In her, the latter Part of the Day Blowing hard & full of Rain. Sent the Mizen Staysail & mizen topmast Staysail ashore for the Sail Maker to Alter In the Eveing 1 of our Prisners Run away with the Small Boat that Belong to the Craft along Side Capt. Bulflinch⁶ sent the Cutter after him, found the Boat Brought her Along Side. One of our hands Very Bad. Blowing Hard and full of Rain all night.

Saturday 24th

This Morning Cloudy with Small Rain Employ'd Gitting out the Water Out of the Craft Along Side Took onboard of her 45 Casks Grate & Small. The Latter Part of this Day Raining Very fast. Took on board Sum Sliding Shot & Sum Star Shot & Sum Round Shot and Swevil Shot Got of from the Shore one Cord of Fire Wood. One of our Hands Very Bad. Joseph Trepethen deserted from the Cutter.

Sunday 25th

Discharged the first Craft we had in pay, having been Employ'd from 10th Decem. till this day, 46 days.

This Morning Begins Cloudy with Shour of Rain Employ'd Discharging the Craft of Water Got all the Water out of the Craft two Boats Came alongside With Shot and 11 Barrels of Pork finishd. Stowing the Cask in the hole the Latter Part of the day Cloudy Weather. One of our Hands Very Bad. took on board one Both of thin Canvis Att 8 In the Evening the Wind Came to the Nothward and Blow'd Very hard all Night.

Monday 26th

This Morning Begins With a Hard Gail At NE & Squarls of Snow a Ship a starn of us part her head Cable and Whint Ashore. We got down Yards and topmasts At 2

P.M. the Ship got foul of our InShore Cable aStarn. Brought home Our of Shore Anchor and Sent us ashore Got All the Guns on one Side to List our Ship in Shore: the Later part of the Day Blowing Very Hard. At low Water the Ship Was almost Drye, at 8 in the Evening two of our hands run away from the Ship sent one midshipman and the Boatswains Mate⁷ ashore after the people. Got one Thoms. Low and Brought him on Board. Put him in Irones. The Other John Shannon Got of Clear. Joseph Trefethen ret'd. on board.

Tuesday 27th

This Morning fair & moderate Employ'd in Giting Ready for heav'g. of the Ship Got on the 7 Inch Harsor & Bent it to the Stream Anchor Car'd it out astarn at 2 P.M. hove her off from the Shore & moard. him, the Later Part of the Day Cloudy, One of our Hands Very Bad.

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RIVER LOIRE - JANUARY

Wednesday 28th

This Morning fair & Cold the Piolat & 2 Men Came of With a Anchor Boat hove up the Starn Anchor Boat & Cared it further Out Got up the Stream Anchor Unbent the harsor and Haul'd it in. The Capt. Came from Nantes. A Boat Cam alongside With Slops & 6 Bundles of Hoops Iron Employ'd painting the Quarter & Yards: The Sail Maker to work Ashore. Got of from the Shore the Mizen & Four Top mast Staysail & Bent them.

Thursday 29th

SHIP *RANGER* - JANUARY

This Morning fair & pleasant Employ'd about Giting Ready for hauling out In the Rode the piolat Came on board With two Boats & 3 Hands Got up the Anchor Car'ed out the Stream Anchor the whole length of the Cable at two hove of In the Stream Moard With the two Bowers the Latter part of this day fair and Pleasant Employ'd Clearing up the Decks. Several Vesals Came up the River.

Frieday 30th

This Morning Cloudy and full of Fogg the people Employ'd About Sundry things Got up the top Gallant Mast, Set up the topmast Riggan and top Gallant Riggan the Cooper Shuck four Water Casks 91 - 64, 91, 118:63 Galns. The Latter part of this Day Cloudy & full of Fogg Run out the Guns Got from on Board the *Independance* a Cask of Rum.

Saturday 31st

This Morning Cloudy Weather and full of Foog Got up the Arm Chests In the tops Got off from the Shore one

Cord of Fire Wood: the latter part of the day Cloudy and full of Fogg Got over the Starn Laders. One of our hands Very Bad.

Sunday
February the first.

This Morning Cloudy & full of fogg Employ'd Cleaning Ship In the afternoon the Captn. Whent to Nantze. In the Cutter The Latter part of the Day Cloudy & full of Fogg fir'd thirten Minet Guns for Death of Mr Moris, the Continantal Agent,^s one of Our Hands Very Bad.

1778

SHIP *RANGER* - FEBRUARY

Monday 2nd

This Morning Cloudy Weather & full fogg the People Employ'd About Sundry Things. Got up the Steering Sail Booms the Carpenters Employ'd About Shorting the Oars for the Ship In the Night one of Our people Run away, John Vance.

Tuesday 3rd

This Morning Cloudy and full of Fogg the people Employ'd About Sundry Things. Set up the Top mast Riggan and top Gallant Rigan Got of from the Shore half a Cord of fire Wood & 3 Swiffels and 40 pound of twine and 100 of Sowing Nedles, half a dozen of marking Nedles and 32 Barls of Powder and two Cags of Powder and 5 Chests of Carterages of powder and four Sids of Pump Leather Sent the Boat after 13 Cask of Water.

Wednesday 4th

This Morning Cloudy and full of Fog Employ' about Sundry Things Got of from the Shore for the Use of the Ship Sum Boards and Sheet Lead and Sum Nails and Brums Took on Board 4 Cord and a half of fire Wood The Latter part of this Day Clear.

Thursday 5th

This Morning fair & pleasant Got of from the Shore 3 Cord of Fire Wood & 6 Irons for the Starn Netings 2 Rims of Carterage paper, 3 Bundls. of Match Stuf and Sum Thumbles. Got up the Cables, Got of from the Shore 4000 pound of Ship Bread and a Driver Boom the Later part of the Day fair and pleasant Quil'd the Cables in the hole.

Friday 6th

This Morning Cloudy with Small Rain Got of from the Shore the Sails Bent the Courses and Topsails & Staysails. Got of from the Shore 6 Log Lines and 6 Cod Lines and 40 pound of Marline, 300 pound of Spurnyarn and 115 pound of Rope and a Shot of Deep Sey Line the Later part of this Day Cloudy Weather with small Rain. Sent the Sick Man ashore.

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RIVER LOIRE - FEBUARY - SHIP *RANGER*

Saturday 7th

This Morning fair and pleasant Loos'd Sails to Dry In the Afternoon handed them painted the Insides of Quarters In the Eveing a Boat Came Alongside With Sundry Things for the Ships Use Sum Grate Coats Sum Shoes and Boots and 50 Bushels of Patotoes and 1000 pounds of Chese a hogHd. of Wine and a Barrel of Wine the Whole

200 pairs of Shoes

30 pair Boot

6 hampers Chese

1 Bbb of Table Oil

5 hampers Bourdea Wine

1 Cask Do

6 Baskets of Potatoes

3 Dozen of Plats

2 Dozen Tumblers

2 Small Basketts of Cups & Sausers

2 Bbb of Sugar

4 Pr Light Canvas

5 pr. of Topsl. Duck

20 pound Sail Twine

3 Coils of Boat Rope

1 English, 1 Duch, 1 French Ensign

2 Babbn Powder

100 Great Coats

200 Small Bottles

100 Common do.

60 pound of Buckshot

18 Cases of Candles

6 jairs of Figgs

2 pots of Butter

40 Loafs of Sugar

4 Cannisters of Tea

1 Cask of Wine

1 paquet of table Clouths

1 Do. Towels

6 Blunderbusses

20 pairs of Pistoles

30 Cutlasses

3 dozen Chest Locks

1 Bundle Coffe

1 Do of Peper

2 Candlesticks

1 Small Box of Instruments

1 Boatswains Call

1 Baskett Medicines

1 Cask do.

Sunday 8th

This Morning Cloudy Employ'd Stowing the the Things away and Clearing our Decks. The Latter part of the Day Blowing hard from the Southward. The Capt. Came from Nantze and a french Barber.

Monday 9th

This Morning Fair Loosed Sails to Dry Employ'd about Sundry Things. In the After Noon sent a Craft after 11 Casks of Water Handed the Sails had Company on board from the Shore the Later Part of the Day Fair The Wind att NE Sent Sum Emtey hampers ashore.

Tuesday 10th

This Morning Cloudy all hands Employed on the Ships duty hoisted out the Small Boat Capt. Jenkns arived hear from Nantucket after 35 days pasage.⁹ Mr Simpson

& Mr Cullum¹⁰ set out for Nantz Resived on Board 11 Casks water & 5 dozen fowles fixed our Driver boom The latter part of this Day Cloudey.

RIVER LOIRE - FEBUARY - SHIP *RANGER*

Wednesday 11

This day Cloudy the wind at NNe the Carpenters Employ'd in Cutting out Bowports took on board 2 Caskes of pees too Bags & one hamper two casks of Ginn 2 casks of Buckwheat Mr Williams¹¹ came down from Nantz & paid of the prize mony for the Brige *mary*¹² the small Boat arived from nantz the Sail Maker Cut out a Driver an finished the top

Thursday 12th

Brocht a Cask of
Water in the
hole.
No. 100 - 111
Galns.

this Morning fair and a fine Brize from the NE the people Employ'd about Sundry Things the Carpenters Employ'd about Cuting out Bowports In the Four noon Mr Simpson & Mr Cullam Came on board at 3 oclock the piolat Came on board Got up one of Anchors two of our people run away Richard Nolan Wm. hart.

Friday 13th

Brocht a Cash of
Water Galns.
No. 112 - 113

This Morning fair & pleasant at 5 in the morning hove up and Came to Sail for Cuibroone Bay¹³ at 4 In the afternoon saw the Ships in the Bay the Brigtn *Independance* was about 2 Leagues ahead. at 7 P.M. Came to Anchor in Caburoon Bay In 12 fathom Water Sent the Cuter on board the *Lion* fregat.¹⁴ Capt. Young Came on board a Light are of Wind from the SW at 8 in the Evening the Cuter Came along side Bell Isle bears SW by the Compass and Caburoon town NW.

QUIBERON - FEBUARY - 1778 - SHIP *RANGER*

Saturday 14th

Brocht 2 Barls of
Beef Brocht Cask
of Water Gn.
No. 49 - 80

This Morning Blowing hard Got down the top Gallant Yards Employ'd about Sundry things Mr Williams Whent ashore at 3 in the afternoon hove up and Whint further in the Bay The Wind Being at NW at 6 Came under the Admirals Stern Fir'd a salute of thirteen Guns the Admiral¹⁵ Return'd 9 Guns at 7 Came to Anchor in 12 fathom Water & the Brigtn. *Independance* Boat Capt. Young Came on Board Blowing hard histed his Boat In Got all clear for Stricking Yards and topmast att half past One Blowing very hard In Squarls found our Ship to Drift Let Go the Sheet Anchor Gave her Bouth the Cables out all to 4 sacks Struck the lower yards histed in the Cuter Blowing Very Hard and a Sea a going the Wind hawled in to the Nothward the Cooper Shuck 8 punchions.

QUIBERON - FEBURY 1778 - SHIP *RANGER*

Sunday 15th

Brocht a Cask of
Water Gal.
No. 106 - 66

This Morning Blowing hard & Squarly at 8 in the Morning hove up the Sheet Anchor. Att 9 histed Out Capt. Youngs Boat and our Cuter the Capt. Whent on board the *Independence* at One hove Short the Capt. Came on board hove Up and Came to Sail to Beat further on the Bay at half past 5 Came to Anchor In 8 fathom Water With Our Sheet Anchor Gave the Ship 70 fathom of Cable Bel Isle Boar SW Dist. three Leagues and Hautbon Boar ESE Dist. 8 mils.

Monday 16th

Brocht a Cask of
Water
No. 102 - 118
Gals.

This Morning Blowing hard from the Nothward Lowered Down the Lower Yards the Carpenters Employ'd About Sundry things took all the Sails out of the Sail Room and Stow'd them In the Boatswains Stoar Room the Latter part of the Day Cloudy & full of Snow. Blowing hard and Squarly all Night. Condemned 8 Water Casks.

Tuesday 17th

Brocht a Cask
of Water
No 46 - 120
Gallons

This Morning Blowing hard the Wind at NNE Sent the Cuter on board the *Dean* With three Coils of Riggan, at half past 10 had Company Came on Board at half past 12 the Compny Whent from on board Swaid up the Lower yards At Sunset Down Lower Yards Blowing hard in Squarls and Sum Snow. Histed in the Cuter Blowing hard all Night With Snow.

Wednesday 18th

Brocht a Cask
of Water
No. 43 - 112
Galns.

This Morning Blowing Hard The Carpenter Employ'd mending the Cuter Swaid up the Lower Yards histed Out the Cuter Loosed the Sails to Dry In the Afternoon handed the Sails the Later part of this Day Blowing hard the Wind at NNE. a fresh Brize all Night and Cloudy.

Thursday 19th

Brocht a of Cask
Water.

This Morning Blowing Fresh & Snowing at 7 Cleard up the Brigtn. *Independance* hove up and Whent Up in the Head of the Bay In the Afternoon the Officers of the Admirall Came on Board Man'd Ship the Latter part of the Day the Wind at NNE. Cold weather a fresh Brize all Night.

QUIBERON - FEBURY 1778 SHIP *RANGER*

Friday 20th

Brocht a Cask of
Water
No. 94 - 112

This Morning very little Wind at WSW hove up and shifted our Birth further in the Bay at 9 Came to Anchor Quiberon Boar W 1/4 N the Latter part of the Day dirty Weather. at Sundown struck the Lower Yards Got top Rope Rove on the top gallant mast

Gallons.	Looking Dirty to the SW At 8 the Wind Came in at NWBN a Light Brize all Night.
Saturday 21st	This Morning Cloudy Employ'd about Sundry things the Wind at NNE. At 11 had Compny Came on Board from the Admarall Maned ship at 12 the Compny Whent away the Compny part of the Day Employ'd making Nipers Got from on board the <i>Deane</i> Sum Oak Planks
Brocht 2 Cask of Water No. 88 - 63 Galln. 107 - 69 "	
Sunday 22nd	This Morning fair and pleasant Got up the Lower yards Get the top Galn. Yards a Crost the Admaral fired a Gun and Loosd his four topsail. In the afternoon the Brig <i>Independance</i> Came from Crack took out of her two Oxen and three Calfs at 4 In the afternoon Saw a schooner of In Chase of another hove short the Capt. Whent on board the Adaremall the Schooner fired Severall Guns and then hawl'd of from the Shore Veared away the Cable to the Servis Got up the Cables Upon Deck and took out 5 Cask out of the Ground tear Ready for taking In 05 Tons of Lead at Half past 10 the Craft Came alongSide took from on board of her 614 pigs of Lead Stowed them In the Body of the Ship Stowd away Sum of the Water Cask on the Lead.
Brocht a Cask of Water No 48 - 60 Gallns.	
Monday 23rd	This Morning Cloudy with Small Rain the Wind at West A Ship arived hear and a snow Employ'd giting Down Our Booms on the Cros part of the Bits Stowed all the Large Oars Stowed the Small Oars In the hole the Carpenters Employ'd about Sundry things kill'd a bulock and a Calf Quil'd a harser In the hole.
Brocht a Cask of Water No. 97 - 118 Galns.	
Tuesday 24th	This Morning Blowing hard & Squarly with hail the people Employ'd Putting the Booms on the Gallos and Bellfrea put all the Large Oars On the Seids put the Spare Steering Sail Booms In the Chans the Latter part of the day Squarly with hail The Cooper Shuck 4 punchins and 3 Gan Cask Condemned one hoghd. Blowing hard Lowered Down the Lower Yards.
Brocht a Cask of Water No. 111 - 66 Gallons 59 - 63	
Wednesday 25th	This Morning Blowing hard at Noth the Admaral hove out a Signall for giting Under way all the fleet hove up and Came to Sail at half past 10 We hove up took of Reefs in the topsail Blowing very hard at half past
Brocht a HogHd. Water two	

QUIBERON - FEBY.- SHIP OF WAR *RANGER* 1778

No 28 - 122
Gallons.

11 Got clear of the Rocks Hawl'd to the Westward
thinking to Weather Bell Isle the Wind Blowing so hard
and a large Sea a-going we was obligd to Close Rif the
topsail handed the four topsail Got Close in with Bell
Isle fired a Gun for a Piolat None Came of.

H	K	F	Courses	Winds	Var	LWay	THURSDAY FEBY. 26, 1778
1				NBE			This 24 Hours Begins with a
2							Strong gail at 3 p.m. handd.
3							the topsails fired a Gun for a
4							piolat at 4 Tkt. Ship to the
5							Estward Blowing very hard
6							in Squarls at 5 wore too
7							Under the four Sail at 6
8							Made Sail Could not Git a
9							Piolat of from Bell Isle at 7
10							the South end of Bell Isle Boar
11							SSW at 8 hawl'd Close up
12							Under the Land att 10 Tkt
1				Noth			to the Estward at half past
2							one Ship Stood to the Westwd
3							at Daylight Set Close Ref top-
4							sails at 7 Tkt. Ship to the
5							Estward Saw Severall Sail
6							at 10 Tkt to the Westward
7							Blowing Very Hard In Squarls
8							the Latter part of the Day
9							Squarly with hail. Brocht a
10							Hoghd. of Water No. 91—114
11							Gallons and a Butt No. 46—
12							120

H	K	F	Courses	Winds	Varition	Lway	FRIEDAY 27th of FEBUARY
1							This 24 hours Begins with a
2				Noth			Strong Gail at 2 p.m. more
3							Modrate Lett one Rif out of
4							the topsails Set Mn. Top
5							mast Stay Sail at 3 Blowing
6							hard in Squarls hand the
7							mizen topsail And Staysails
8							at 8 Came to Anchor in
9							Quberon Bay In 9 fathom
10				Verable			Quberon town Bears WBN
11							and the Rocks SWbW
12							Several small vessels Sailed
1							from hear to-day At 10 in the
2							Forenoon the Wind Came to

3	the Southwd. And Began to
4	Rain and Blow hard Lower'd
5	Down the Lower Yards
6	pointed the Lower topsail
7	Yard to the Wind Veared
8	away the Cable all but two
9	shacks to freshening harser
10	at 5 In the Afternoon Got a
11	piolat of from the Shore hist-
12	ed in the Cuter and Stow'd her
	Down on the Gratens kill'd an
	Ox and a Calf the Carpenter
	Employ'd leathering the
	Scuppers Cut up our Spare
	Mn top Mast Brocht a Cask of
	Water No. 71—119 Gallons.

H	K	F	Courses	Winds	LWay	Vari	SATURDAY 28th, 1778 -
							QUBERON BAY
1							This Morning Cloudy with
2							Small Rain and Blowing hard
3							at WNW Employ'd about
4							Sundry things Shortned all
5							our Ship's Oars Swaid up the
6							Lower Yards a Ship and a
7							Snow arived hear the Latter
8							part of this Day Blowing hard
9							with Small Rain Brocht a
10							Cask of Water No. 94—119
11							Gallons Blowing a fresh to
12							the WSW

QUIBERON BAY - MARCH. SHIP *RANGER*

SUNDAY FIRST	This Morning Cloudy with Rain Got out the Boats
1778	Got up the Cables and part of the Ground tear of Water
Brocht a Hoghd	so as to Stow the Lead Close Down to Sein In the after-
No. 34 - 121 G.	noon Stow'd the Ground tear and the fire Wood
Ye Whole of ye	Stow'd the Cables and Harsors upon it Got in the Boats
Water Expend'd	the Latter part of the Day fresh Brize and Fine Weather
till to-day 1915	the Wind at WBN two Vesals arived hear and two Sail'd
Gallons.	from hear Bound to Nantze.

MONDAY 2nd	This Morning Light Breeze at NWBN histed out the
	Small Boat and whint on board a Snow Bound to Nantz
Brocht a Cask of	The People Employ'd about fixing a Splinter Neting on
Water	the Ensid of the Quarters Tared the Sides the Sail

No. 19 - 116
105 - 116

Maker Employ'd about making a Driver In the afternoon hove up our Anchor and run further In Shore the Wind Veirable at 4 Came to Anchor h'd. the Sails Histed in the Small Boat at 8 Gave the Ship Cable to the Servis A Light Breze all night.

QUIBERON BAY - MARCH. SHIP *RANGER*

TUESDAY 3rd

Brocht a Cask of
Water.

This Morning fair and pleasant the Wind at ESE at half past 6 this morning hove up and Came to Sail at half past 7 hawl'd Round the Rocks Hawl'd up NW Got up the top gallant Yards Set Top Gallant Sails at 10 Set the Topmast Stearing Sails and Top Gallant do at 4 in the afternoon got of a Piolat from Gloyland at 6 Came to Anchor in Benodett In 7 fathom hand'd all Our Sails the Wind at NE a fresh Breze the River mouth Boar NEbN Dist 4 mils

WEDNESDAY 4th

Brocht a Cask of
Water
No. 103 - 118

This Morning Blowing hard the Wind at NEbN histed out the Small Boat and the ft. Leutenant¹⁶ Whent ashore after a piolat at 2 in the Afternoon the Boat Came alongside Got no Piolat at 3 sent the boat ashore to Other town to the Westward at 7 the Boat Came alongside with a piolat histed in the Boats Little wind all night.

THURSDAY 5th

Joseph Rackley¹⁷ put
on Shore at Pont
Laibbe under the
care of Mons. Le Roy.

This Morning fair and almost Calm at 6 a breze Sprung up at SEbS hove Short one of our hands broek out with Smallpox Histed out the Cutter sent him ashore Bent the New Driver the Sail Maker Employ'd about altering the Staysails. at 6 the Boat Came along side histed in the Boats the Wind at ESE.

FRIEDAY 6th

This Morning fair and pleasant at 3 O'clk this Morning hove up and Came to Sail from Benodett the Wind at NNE Several sails in sight. At Noon Taikd Ship Stood in for the Land.

SATURDAY 7th

Brocht a Cask of
Water
No. 36 - 127 g.
3 of our hands
taken Down With
the Small pox.
John Brown.

This 24 hours Begins with a fresh Brez 7 fine Weather at 3 p.m. Taik'd Ship to the Nothward at half past 5 tack'd Ship to the Estward the Wind at NE the Nothermost point of Land that we could se boar N1/2W Dist 3 Leagues. at half past 7 Tack'd Ship to the Nothward the Wind at EbN at 10 was well in with the Land at 11 Hawl'd up the Mn Course hawl'd down the Staysails at 12 Hawl'd up the four Course tack'd Ship to the Estward. At 2 Tack'd to the Nothward At Daylight Set the Staysails and four Sail at Sunrise the

Saints Boar N1/2W Dist. 2 or 3 Leagues. Sett the top gallant Sails & Stay sails at 8 A.M. was in the pasage Du Ras the Wind Blowing fresh at Est at 12 was off Brest Saw a Large Ship Standing after us.

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TRANSACTIONS ON BOARD THE SHIP *RANGER* from BENODETT to BREST

- SUNDAY March 8th
1778.
- This 24 hours begins with a fresh Gail & Squarly Weather at 2 p.m. H'd. the top Gallant Sail at 4 Blowing hard in Squarls and the Wind Verable Could not Beat up to Brest at 7 Came to Anchor In Boldavid's Bay in 4 fathoms at 6 in the Morning hove up and Came to Sail att 12 Noon Came to Anchor In Camarit Bay Close in with Brest In 10 fathoms Severall Vesals Beating In to Brest.
- The Wind at EbN.
Brocht a Cask of Water.
No. 76 - 126
- MONDAY 9th
- This Morning Cloudy the Wind at EbN the people Employ'd about Sundry things the Sail Maker Employ'd about Making hammaks hist'd out the Cuter a Boat Came from the Shore Mr Simpson and a Piolat When up to Brest at 8 In the Eveing Mr. Simpson Came on Board Soloman Huchins taken Down with the Small pox.
- Brocht a Cask of Water
No. 45 - 122
- TUESDAY 10th
- This Morning Fair & pleasant Mr Simson Whint up to Brest in the Cutter hist'd out the Boat and put the piolats on Shore at in the Evening the Cuter Came Alongside with a small Cask of Sugar and a Barell of Rice & sum Nails for the Carpenter and 11 Scrubing Brushes and 8 Quarters of Beef and two Calfs at 10 o'clock 8 of our people run away with the Cuter Wm. Jones, Edward Mires, Edmund Boyention Thoms. Low, Peter Sangrate, Leplants, Charles Goodro, Joseph Methew hist'd out the Small Boat and Whint ashore after them. Brought the Cuter of Could not find the people the Small Boat Came of hist'd In Bouth Boats.
- Brocht 2 Cask of Water
No. 93 - 110
No. 98 - 76
- WEDNESDAY 11th
- This Morning fair and pleasant Employ'd about Sundry things hist'd out the Small Boat Mr Gran & Mr Windell¹⁸ Whent after the people that Run away Cleaned our Botm the Capt. Whent to Brest at 7 o'clock the Capt. Came on board histed in the Small Boat a Light Brize all night.
- Brocht a Cask of Water
No. 22 - 116
Gals.

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TRANSACTIONS ON BOARD THE SHIP *RANGER* from BENODETT to BREST

THURSDAY 12th

Brocht two Cask
of Water
No. 20 - 130 Gals.
No. 80 - 130

This Morning fair the Wind at ENE Shifted our yard took the four Yard for a Main Yard and four topsail Yard for a Mn. topsail Yard. The Carpenter Employ'd altering the Mn. Topsail Yard for a four topsail Yard Sent the Mn Yard ashore the Sail Maker Employ'd altering the Mn Topsail Cut of the Main yard 12 ft. and made a four Yard Cut of the Topsl. Yard 6 foot 4 inches took out of the Mn. Sail 18 yards of Canvis and out of the Mn. Topsail 12 Yards and a half and Out of the T.S. 15 Yards and the four TopSail 11 yds.

FRIEDAY 13th

Brocht a Cask of
Water
No. 26 - 129 G.

This Morning fair the Wind at ESE the Carpenter Employ'd about altering the Yard Mr Green Returned on board, Bent the Mn. Sail and Mn Topsail Got up the four Topsail Yard and Black'd it, the Capt. Whent to Brest at 2 o'clock Seven of the people was Brought on board that Deserted Edward Miers, Thos. Low, Edmund Boyenton, peter Sangrate, Charls Goodrew, Joseph Methew, Wm. Jones Got of from the Shore 398 Gallons of Water. Put the Desarters in Irons.

SATURDAY 14th

	Yds.
Out ye Mn Sail	18
Mn	12
Four Sail	15
F	11
Four Top G.S.	6
Mn do	7

This Morning fair and pleasant the Wind at ESE the Carpenters Employ'd Making of our Yard the Captn. and Mr Simpson Whent to Brest In the Cutter the Sailmaker finished the Sails Bent the Mn top Gallant Sail In the Afternoon Got the four Yard of from the Shore Got it aCrost Got of from the Shore 4 Hoghd. of Water took out of the four top Galant Sail 6 yards and out of the Mn. one 7 Yards.

Yards Total 69

TRANSACTIONS ON BOARD THE SHIP OF WAR *RANGER*, Camant Bay

SUNDAY 15th

This Morning fair the Wind at ENE the Carpenter Employ'd Making a four top Gallant Yard the Cutter Whent to Brest. Black'd the four yard the Carpenter finished the top gallant Yard Black'd it the Latter part of the Day fair and pleasant. At 7 the Cutter Came from Brest.

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TRANSACTIONS ON BOARD THE SHIP OF WAR *RANGER* - CAMARIT BAY.

MARCH

Monday 16th This Morning fair the Wind at SE the Cutter Whent to Brest Brought of from the Shore five Cask of Water Bent the four topsail, the Later part of the Day the Wind Verable In the Evening the Cutter Came from Brest with 8 Quarters of Beef and 20 pound of twine 5 1/2 Dozen of Brums and 4 Dark Lanthorns and 5 Bolts of Small Canvis.

TUESDAY 17th This Morning fair and pleasant the Sail Maker Employ'd fixing the New Sails fixed the Courses Bent the four sail, the Later part of the Day fair the Wind at SBW In the Eveing the Captn. Came from Brest.

WEDNESDAY 18th This Morning fair, one of our hands died after three Weeks Sickness, Wm Redden of Portsmouth at 11 O'clock Cared him ashore to be Buri'd Got up the top Gallant Yards Got of from the Shore three Cask of Water, the Later part of the Day fair and pleasant the Sailmaker Employ'd Making Top Gallant Steering Sails the fleet arived hear from Quiberon.

THURSDAY 19th This Morning fair and pleasant the Wind at SE the Sailmaker Employ'd Making top gallant Steering Sails the people Employ'd about Sundry things the Latter part of the Day Cloudy. The Cutter Whent to Brest and Mr Simpson In her at 9 O'clock In the Evening Mr Simpson Came from Brest.

FRIEDAY 20th This Morning fair and Pleasant the people Came on board hove Short the Wind at WSW the Sailmaker Employ'd Making top Gallant Steering Sails at 4 In the afternoon Saw Nothing of the frigate that Was Bound out with Us Veared out the Cable to the Servis. The People Employ'd about Sundry things the topman Employ'd Exsercising the fire Graplins Got out the Cutter Mr Simpson Whent to Brest at 12 M'night Mr Simpson Came on board.

Got in the Boats.

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TRANSACTIONS ON BOARD THE SHIP OF WAR *RANGER* - CAMARIT BAY.

MARCH

SATURDAY 21 This Morning the Wind at SSW Blowing hard and full of Rain Got Down the top Gallant Yards the Later part of the Day Blowing hard a full of Rain Got In the Cutter.

- SUNDAY 22nd This Morning Blowing fresh at SW and full of Rain Got up the top Gallant Yards the Later part of the Day Blowing Hard and Dirty Weather all Night. Got down top G. Yard.
- MONDAY 23rd This Morning Blowing Very hard the Wind at SW Got Down Ye Top Gallant Mast Lower'd Down the fore and Main Yard at 8 the Wind Came to the NW Veared the Cable to the Long Servis at 10 Got out the Cuters Mr Simpson Whint to Brest Got up the Lower Yard More Moderate In the Afternoon Got up the top Gallant Mast at 3 hove up and Whent up to Brest Seluted the Admerall With 13 Guns he Returned the Compliment At 6 Came to Anchor in 6 fathom Water Several Boats Came alongside.

TRANSACTIONS ON BOARD THE SHIP OF WAR *RANGER* - BREST

- TUESDAY 24th¹⁹ This Morning Blowing Very hard at 3 this Morning Lowered Down the four & Main Yard Gave the Ship More Cable at 10 a Very heavy Squarl Drag'd the Anchor Let Go the Other Anchor. More Moderate Got up the Lower Yards and hove up the small at 2 had a very heavy Squarl Let Got the Small Anchor Struck topmast at 4 a boat Came of from Brest with a Harser Made to one of the Moaring Boys Got up Yards and topmast On the harser Got up the Small Anchor the Cuter Came With Eight Quarters of Beef and 200 lbs of Candle at 9 Got Down the TGMn Struck topmast the Carpenters About Cutting a hole 6 feet further aft to Set the Mizen.

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TRANSACTIONS ON BOARD THE SHIP OF WAR *RANGER* - BREST

- WEDNESDAY 25th
MARCH This Morning Blowing hard in Squarls With Showers of Rain. Unbent the Mn Sail Got the Mn Yard four and aft Stript the Mizn Mast and histed it out Set it 5 foot 9 Inch further aft Got the Rigan over head Got the Mn Yard a Crost Bent the Mn Sail Unstowed the Run to Step the Mzn mast. In the Afternoon Stowed it again two Man of War Came In the Rode. Moderate all NIGHT.
- THURSDAY 26th This Morning fair and pleasant Got up the Mizen top mast the Carpenters Employ'd about sundry things two ships of War Came out in the Rode Loosed Sails to

Dry hove up our Anchor and rode by the Moarings
In the afternoon Batted Down the Mizen Shroud handed
the Sails the Sailmaker Employ'd Altering and
Making Top Gallant Steiring Sables.

FRIEDAY 27th

This Morning fair and pleasant Moared Ship with the
two Bowers The Carpenters Employ'd planking the
Quarter Deck where the Mizen mast Came out the
Sailmaker Employ'd altering the Mizen Staysail the
Later part of this Day fair and pleasant the piolat Came
and took the harsers ashore that Was made fast to the
Moaring Chane.

SATURDAY 28th

This Morning Cloudy the Wind at SSW the people
Employ'd about sundry things The Carpenters
Employ'd about the Decks the Latter part of this Day
Cloudy. Cloudy Weather all Night.

SUNDAY 29th

This Morning Cloudy the Carpenter Employ'd
Caulking the Cabin Deck the Latter part of this Day
Cloudy took off the shore 10 bags of hard Bread and 15
Bushels of peas Cloudy all night.

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TRANSACTIONS ON BOARD THE SHIP OF WAR *RANGER* - BREST

MONDAY 30th March

This Morning Cloudy and full of fog Took of from the
Shore in one of the Water Boats Belonging to the King
4,018 Gallons of fresh Water. Got up the four Top mast
and four top gallant Mast Unrig'd the Mn. top mast
the Carpenter put on the after Crost tree Rig'd the Mn.
Top M. Got up the Mn. top mast and Lower Yards took
of the Shore 27 Bags of Bread and four Cord of Fire
Wood. Cloudy and full of Fog all Night.

TUESDAY 31st March

This Morning Cloudy and full of fogg the Carpenters
Employ'd to work in the Cabin the people Employ'd
Cleaning Ship too[k] of the Shore 8 Quarters of Beef
and 8 Bags of Bread the whole of the Bread 4500
pound and 4 Barrels of pork and three Cord of Fire
Wood and Sum Red Cloth to Cover the Side the Later
part of the Day Cloudy and full of fog all Night.

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1. Thomas Riches, master of brigantine *Mary*, *Ranger's* prize.
2. Thomas Walden, Carpenter, and Edward Gale, Carpenter's Mate.
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4. The prize crew of brigantine *George*, Richard Bulfinch, master. See *NDAR* 10: 1169.

5. Jonathan Young, Armorer.
6. Richard Bulfinch, master of brigantine *George*, *Ranger's* prize.
7. Either Edward Myer or William Evers, Boatswain's Mates.
8. Thomas Morris, Continental Commercial Agent at Nantes, died on 31 Jan.
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10. Lts. Thomas Simpson and David Cullam.
11. Jonathan Williams, Jr., Continental Navy Agent at Nantes.
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16. Thomas Simpson, first lieutenant in *Ranger*.
17. Joseph Ratcliff.
18. Midshipmen Joseph Green and Daniel Wentworth Wendell.
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