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INTRODUCTION

On Saturday, September 21, 1776, the General Assembly "Ordered That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for appointing Commissioners to superintend and direct the Naval Affairs of this State And that the Honourable Mr Edwards Captain Roger Smith Mr Corbett Mr Neufville and Mr. Ward be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same".

On September 26th Col. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney and Attorney General Moultrie were added to this committee.

On September 27th Mr. Edwards presented the bill to the House and it was received and read the first time and ordered to a second reading.

On October 1st the House proceeded to ballot for commissioners to superintend and direct the naval affairs of South Carolina, and, having selected Edward Blake, Thomas Savage, Josiah Smith, Jr., Thomas Corbett, Roger Smith, George Abbott Hall, and Thomas Shubrick, the bill was given a second reading, the names of these commissioners were inserted, and the bill was sent to the Legislative Council.

On October 3rd the bill was returned from the Legislative Council, where it had received two readings and had been amended by striking out the name of Thomas Shubrick and inserting another name.

On October 4th the bill came up in the House for its third reading. It appearing on the reading of the first clause that the name of Thomas Shubrick, one of the commissioners named by the House, had been stricken out by the Legislative Council, the House proceeded to ballot for another commissioner, and George Smith being selected his name was inserted, and the bill was given a third reading; its title ordered changed to that of an Act, and it was ordered that Mr. Thomas Waring and Mr. Keating Simons carry it to the Legislative Council for concurrence, which they did and so reported to the House a few minutes later.

On October 8th the House appointed Mr. Heyward and Mr. Young to join with a member of the Legislative Council to examine and compare the engrossed bill. A short time thereafter they reported that they had examined it and found it correct. Later in the day the Speaker and House "attended His Excellency in the
Council Chamber” and presented it (with other Acts) to President Rutledge, who signed it.

On October 9th the commissioners met and organized for business. Their journal from that date to March 23, 1780, when the close investment of the American lines at Charles Town put an end to their activities, an engrossed copy of the portion thereof to March 1, 1779, and a volume of accounts kept by the commissioners, were among the manuscripts in the State Library of New York when the New York State capitol at Albany was partially destroyed by fire, March 29, 1911, and they were considerably damaged thereby. How these records came to be in Albany has not been ascertained, but the records of the State department of New York show that in 1818, when J. V. N. Yates became Secretary of State of New York, he found these volumes in the State archives thereof. At the time of the fire in 1911 a bill for the returning of these volumes to South Carolina was pending before the General Assembly of New York. This bill subsequently became a law and the damaged records were returned to South Carolina.

In copying for publication the text of the original journal was used, save where the mutilation or destruction necessitated the use of the engrossed copy. It has often been found necessary to piece together the copy from scraps of the pages of each volume, and often after the copying has been done the paper, burned to charcoal, has crumbled to pieces. The words taken from the engrossed copy are put in italics. That part of this journal which covered the latter part of 1776 was printed in volumes II (Washington, 1851) and III (Washington, 1853) of the fifth series of Force’s American Archives. Such words as have been burned from both copies of the manuscript journal, or rendered illegible by the fire, have been supplied from the Archives and are set in black type.
Charlestown, South-Carolina, Wednesday, 9th October 1776

In pursuance of an act of the General Assembly, passed the 4th October 1776 The following Commissioners Edw Blake &c to Superintend and direct the Naval affairs of this State, met and previous to their forming a board, took the following Oath of Qualification viz:.

I Do Swear that I will well & truly Execute the duties of my Office, as a Commissioner of the Navy Board to the best of my skill and Judgment. So help me God...... The Commissioners then proceeded to the election of the First Commissioner, and Edward Blake Esq. was by a majority of votes chosen First Commissioner of the Navy, and took his seat accordingly—

Resolved That the following Advertisement, for a Clerk of the Board, be published viz:.

The Commissioners of the Navy Board, give this public Notice that they are in want of a Clerk, whose duty and Business will be, to keep Regular Accot. and Journals of all Transactions, Relating to the said Board, also, when required, to go on Board the Vessels of War in the service of this State, & take exact accounts of the Officers & Seamen on board, to pay off the wages due them Respectively, & to make proper returns thereof to the said Board, on Oath, The Salary allowed for such Business will be Fourteen Hundred pounds per Annum. Any person willing to engage will apply before Nine OClock on Saturday morning, the 12th Instant by letter directed to, Edward Blake, First Commissioner.

The Board upon enquiry into the state of the Navy, found that there was a vacancy for a Captain to command the brigantine-of-war Comet.

Ordered That the Following Letter be sent to the General Assembly then sitting. Viz:.. To the Honble James Parsons Esq., Speaker, & Gentlemen of the General Assembly—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board on Enquiry find that a Captain is wanted for the Brig Comet They recommend Captain Stephen Seymour, & Captain Edward
Allen, as fit Persons for the Legislature to make choice of—
Adjourn'd to next Saturday morning nine o'clock.

Navy Board Saturday 12th Octr. 1776—
The Board met according to adjournment.
Present. Edward Blake first Commissr—
Thomas Savage, Josiah Smith Jun Geo Abbot Hall, Thomas Corbett, Roger Smith, George Smith—
Read several applications to the Board for the Clerk's office & then proceeded to choose a Clerk—
Mr. John Calvert was declared unanimously Elected to be Clerk of this Board & he took the following Oath of qualification viz.:

I John Calvert do swear that I will well & truly execute the duties of my Office as Clerk of the Navy Board to the best of my skill & Judgement & that I will faithfully keep secret the Business of the said Board, when requir'd

So help me God

Received a Muster Roll of the Brig... Defence
do... a Muster Roll of the Brig... Comet

The following Letter was sent to Cap... Thomas Pickering
Cap... Thomas Pickering

You are hereby required to use the utmost diligence in Manning the Brig... Defence under your Command & getting her ready for Sea, in particular we recommend that you take the most effectual means, for recovering the Seamen who have deserted from your Vessel as speedily as possible if they are to be found in Town & make a return to the Navy Board of your Compliment of Men by Tuesday next at Nine OClock in the Morning
A similar Letter was also sent to Cap... Edward Allen Commander of the Brig... Comet:

Adjourned to next Tuesday Morning Nine OClock

1See Journal of the General Assembly of South Carolina, September 17, 1776-October 20, 1776, for Wednesday, October 9, 1776, page 99. The same journal for the next day shows that Capt. Allen was selected.
Tuesday 13th... October 1776.
The Board met according to Adjournment
Present: Edward Blake Esq: First Commissioner
Geo: Abbott Hall, Josiah Smith
Tho: . Savage Thomas Corbett
George Smith Esquires
Read the Minutes of the last Meeting
Ordered, That the following Advertisement be inserted in the Gazette & that three Hundred Handbills be struck off & dispersed in the Country

The Commissioners of the Navy are in want of a quantity of Salted beef and Pork in barrels. Any persons inclined to furnish them therewith are desired to send proposals in writing to the subscriber, mentioning the quantity of salt required for each barrel of Beef and Pork, (which the Commissioners will supply the contractors with upon their entering into contract with them,) and the price they will deliver the Beef and Pork at in Charlestown, the same being properly cured and packed in tight barrels, weighing two hundred pounds neat weight. They are also in want of a quantity of Ship Bread and Flour, for which they will give the market price, or enter into contract with any person inclined to supply them.

Edward Blake, First Commissioner.
Returns were received from the officers of the Brigantine Comet and the Brigantine Defence.
Orders were given to Captain Edward Allen to get his Water, Provisions, and other necessaries on board, ready to proceed to sea as soon as possible, and to report when he is ready.
Orders were given to Captain Thomas Pickering to apply to the Commissary to furnish him with such Sails as are wanting for the Brigantine Defence, and other Necessaries to get her ready for Sea.
Alexander Horn the Public Boat keeper was ordered to attend the next Meeting.
Adjourned to next Thursday Morning 9 OClock
Navy Board Thursday 17th... October 1776.
The Board met according to Adjournment

Present
Edward Blake Esq: First Commissioner
Thomas Savage, Thomas Corbett
Geo: Abbott Hall Josiah Smith Esq:
George Smith, Roger Smith

Read the Minutes of last Meeting

The following Letter was agreed to be sent to Mr. Anthony Bonneau, at George Town.

Navy Office Charlestown, October 17, 1776.
Mr. Anthony Bonneau

Sir

Cap't... Seymour having represented to the Commissioners of the Navy, the Necessity of having a proper person at Georgetown to furnish Provisions &c. for the armed Schooner Rattlesnake stationed there, they will be glad if it should suit your Convenience, to transact that business; and in order that you may be acquainted with the Nature of it, you will find enclosed an indent of such provisions as the Seamen in the Navy are allowed daily; also a form of a Return to be made & signed by the Purser monthly, when your accounts ought to be made out and transmitted to this Board, for the amount of which they will pay your order, upon the account being separately certified by the Purser and yourself. Captain Seymour is to send to you for provisions as they are wanted; for which purpose the Board recommend that you buy a good canoe and oars for the schooner, to be used only as a harbour boat; and whenever she may be ordered to sea, the canoe to be left in your or some other person's custody, to be taken care of until her return. The Commissioners will be glad to know on what terms you will transact the above business, to which they will give you an immediate answer.

By order of the Board:

Edward Blake, First Commissioner.

The following Letter was wrote to Captain John Copithorn:

Captain John Copithorn:

Sir: The Commissioners of the Navy request that you do imme-
diately make use of your utmost endeavours to procure as many Schooners as you can hire for the service of the publick, & inform me as soon as possible of your success

I am Sir your h'ble Serv't.

Edward Blake, First Commissioner
The following Letter was wrote to Alexander Horn
Navy Board Charlie town 17th Oct... 1776
Mr. Alexander Horn

You are hereby required to hire a sufficient number of Negroes to cleanse the entrance at the Flood Gate, of the stones & rubbish now lying there, in order to make it convenient to receive the Boats belonging to the Public, & you are likewise required to have them moved immediately there, as the place is made convenient, & where, after being at any time employ'd they are to be put until a more convenient place for their reception is fixed upon. You are also to take particular care that all the Boats are kept in good order & constantly supplyed with Oars, Rudders, & Tills.

By order of the Board.

Edward Blake, first Commissioner

The following Letter was wrote to Edward Darrell Esq.

Edward Darrell Esq.

Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy Board require that you will, with all possible dispatch, Furnish Capt. Edw. Allen of the brigantine Comet, and Captain Thos. Pickering of the Brig. Defence, with all such stores as are necessary to complete said Vessels for Sea.

I am
Your h'ble Serv... 

Edward Blake first Commissioner

October 17, 1776.

The following Letter was wrote to Captain Stephen Seymour:

Navy Board, Charles Town 17th Octob. 1776

Captain Stephen Seymour:

Sir

An Act having passed the General Assembly the 9th April Last, For the more effectual prevention of the Desertion of the Soldiers & Sailors in the service of this state, The Commissioners of the Navy now Furnish you, with some Copies of the same, for your guide, at the station where your Vessell is, & you are hereby required to give your utmost assistance, for the apprehending, securing, & sending to their respective Vessells, or Regiments, such Deserters as may be taken at or about George Town, & that you Furnish the Keeper of the George Town Ferry, with one Of the Acts, that he may be assisting therein, Also that you desire the attention of the Majistrates & others to the same,— The Com-
missioners have wrote a Letter to Mr. Bonneau, desiring him to furnish you with the necessary Provissions for the Rattle Snake, and in Order that there may be proper regulations observed, Mr. Bonneau is desired to purchase a Canoe, for the purpose of carrying the Provissions, which you are to send for as often as they are wanted, The Daily allowance of which for each man is inclosed with a Form for your purser or other Officer appointed for that purpose, who is to give an Acco\textsuperscript{t} to the Commissioners what time the provisions are wanted, when they are to be punctually sent for; & your self, your Purser, or person appointed for the purpose, are to make a Monthly Return upon Oath, of the provissions, which shall be received, & the Expenditure thereof, which you are to Transmit to us, that the Commissary's Accos. may be Examined—
You will also direct your Boatswain, Carpenter & Gunner, to make a quarterly return of their Stores to you, which you are to sign & forward to this Board

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake—first Commissioner

The following Letter was wrote to Cap\textsuperscript{t} Edward Allen:

Cap\textsuperscript{t}. Edward Allen

Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy have thought fit to appoint, Nathaniel Havens to be Purser of the Brig\textsuperscript{t} Comet, & desire that you will receive him to Act in that station, & put all such stores as are now on board belonging to his Department into his Charge —

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Oct\textsuperscript{r}. 17\textsuperscript{th}. 1776

The following Advertisement was Ordered to be given to Mr. Samuel Prioleau Jun\textsuperscript{r}—

To be sold at Auction on Thursday the 24\textsuperscript{th} Instant, before the Exchange, Two Schooners One Lying at Col\textsuperscript{o} Gadsdens wharf, the other in the Marsh near thereto, with their furniture and Tackle as they now Lye,—By Order of the Commissioners of the Navy

Oct\textsuperscript{r}. 17\textsuperscript{th}. 1776—

Samuel Prioleau Jun\textsuperscript{r} & Co—

Then the Board adjourned to next Saturday Morning 9 OClock—
Navy Board Saturday 19th. . October 1776

The Board met according to Adjournment

Present
Edward Blake Esq* first Commissioner
George Abbot Hall Josiah Smith
George Smith Thomas Corbett

Read the Minutes of last Meeting—

Received a Letter from Arch'd Brown & Co: with proposals to contract for Pork & Bread.

Received a Letter from William Hopkins with proposals to Contract for 20 Barrels Flour—
An Order was sent to Edward Darrell Esq* viz†.

Sir/
You are Desired by the Commissioners of the Navy Board to procure the within mentioned Instrument for the use of the Brigg*. Defence—

Edward Blake first Comisr

October 19th. 1776—To Edward Darrell Esq*. Commissary

The following Letter was sent to Mr*. Anthv. Bonneau

Cha's Town 19th Octobr. 1776

Mr. Anthony Bonneau

Sir The Commissioners of the Navy are in want of 100 Bbls hard Pitch 100 Bbls Tarr & 20 Bbls good Clean Turpentine, the Casks to be very good, Also any quantity of Tallow that can be Procured; they will be glad that you will Purchase and ship them by any good Opportunity for Charles Town, & as Speedily as possible the above Articles for the Amo*, of which Your Order on the Commissioners of the Navy will be punctually paid— The Commissioners are informed that you have a Quantity of Cordage by you such as the Public are at Present in want of— They will be glad to have it sent round to Charles Town at the same time as the Naval stores are shipped; also any other Cordage, and sail-duck that you can purchase at George Town, for which your order will be paid.

By order of the Board:
Edward Blake First Commissioner.

P S.
The Price of Cordage in Charles Town
is £15. ¶ 100* which the Commissioners
are willing to Allow you at George Town

Capt. Stephen Seymour applyed to the Board to know what Number of Men would be allowed for the Schooner Rattle Snake—
And the Board Resolved to allow the said Vessell Fifty men as her full Complement.—

Then the Board adjourned to next Monday Evening 5. OClock—

Navy Board Monday 21st. Octobr. 1776—
Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 5. oClock.

Navy Board Tuesday 22d Octobr. 1776—
Adjourned to Thursday Evening 5 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 24th Octobr. 1776—
The Board Met according to Adjournment Present.
Edward Blake Esqr. first Commissioner
Thomas Savage Geo Abbot Hall } Esqr—
Roger Smith — — — — — — —
Read the Minutes of the last meeting—
A Letter was wrote to Messrs— Arch'd Brown & Co— vizt.
Navy Board Cha't Town 24th Oct. 1776—

Gentlemen

*Your proposals to Contract* with this Board for Two Hundred Barrels of good Pork, at Fifteen pounds ¢r Barrel,— (allowing you one Bushel of Salt for Each,) they agree to, and are ready to Enter into Contract with you for that Quantity, to be delivered in Charles Town, as speedily as possible—

*The Bread* they will Treat with you for, as it comes to Market.

By order to the Board
Edward Blake

One Thousand Certificates were Ordered to be struck of Immediately in the following words vizt.

South Carolina

Know all Men that I have entered, and I do hereby Certify, that I have Voluntarily entered, into the Navy of the state aforesaid, on board the

And I do hereby engage to be true and faithfull in the said Service, untill I shall be discharged by Public
authority, and also to be bound by, and to Obey, all and every Rule, Resolve, Order, and Regulation, made, or to be made, by the Legislature of the state aforesaid, or by the Commissioners of the Navy, And I do hereby Acknowledge the Receipt of

Witness my hand this—

A Letter was sent to Capt. John Turner

Capt. John Turner

You are hereby required to attend the Commissioners of the Navy at the Board to morrow Evening.—

By order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Navy Board

Octo' 24th. 1776—

Adjourned to tomorrow Evening 5 oClock

Navy Board

Friday 25th October, 1776.

The Board met according to adjournment

Present—

Edward Blake Esq' first Commissioner
Roger Smith George Smith Geo Ab Hall

Read The Minutes of Last Meeting—

Agreed to take Mr. Wm Hopkins's 20 Barrels of Flour @ £8.10— ¶

Ct. to be delivered to Edwd Darrell Esq' Commissary

A Letter was wrote to Capt. Edwd Allen.

Capt. Edward Allen

Sir/ The Commissioners of the Navy desire you will take out of the Brigt Comet, Four of the Carriage Guns, as they think the Number now on Board rather Hurtfull than of Service—

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commissr

Resolved that the following Sparrs be provided for the use of the Navy of this state, & that Mr First Commissioner do give directions for the same—

20 Sparrs from 50 to 70 feet Long & from 16 to 30 Inches Diamiter
10 Sparrs from 30 to 40 D. & from 16 to 22 Inches D
50 Sparrs from 30 to 40 D. & from 10 to 16 Inches D
40 Sparrs from 36 to 46 D & from 10 to 15 Inches D

in the Middle
100 Sparrs from 24 to 38 D° & from 6. to 10 Inches— D°—
in the Middle
100 Sparrs from 20 to 35 D° & from 5 to 9 Inches— D°—

The following Letter was received from His Excellency the President, in consequence of an application having been made to him by the first Commissioner, for his Opinion; whether the Commissioners of the Navy, have not full power to Order the Vessels belonging to this State upon a Cruize, when they shall think proper? His Excellency [break]

I proposed to the Council your Query; whether the Commissioners of the Navy have Authority to order the armed Vessells, in the service of this State, to Sea, or on a Cruize? And the Board was unanimously of Opinion that they have not.—

I shall be glad, that the Vessels may, as soon as possible be in Readiness to proceed to Sea, on the shortest notice, and, from time to time, to have the earliest Intimation, whenever they are so, & of what Destinations, the Commissioners think proper, to Recommend, as, much Attention will be had to their Recommendations—

"I am Sir
Your very Hbl. Serv.

October 25th. 1776— J. Rutledge

Resolved That this Board are unanimously of Opinion That by the Act establishing the Board of Commissioners, Full powers are vested in them to superintend & direct all Matters relative to the Navy, except Contracting for Building Ships & Materials for the same, Erecting Public Rope Walks, & ship Yards, altering or making void any Contracts heretofore made, by the President and Privy Council, Or the appointment of Officers of the Navy—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 OClock——

Navy Board Saturday 26th Octobr 1776——
Adjourned to Monday 28th at 6 oClock Even*
Navy Board Monday 28th October

The Board met according to Adjournment.

Present — — — — Edward Blake Esq, first Commissioner.
Thomas Savage Geo Abbott Hall
Roger Smith George Smith
Thomas Corbett — — —

{Esqs.}

Read The Minutes of Last Meeting

Resolved that the Commissary of the Navy Department be directed to purchase such a Quantity of Flour as there is Immediate Accasion for at the lowest price;

Also to purchase Two or Three Tons of Iron

The following Message was agreed to be sent to his Exc
the Prest viz:

Navy Board Charles Town 28th October 1776

Sir,

The Commissioners of the Navy on enquiry, find, that no Contract has yet been made, for any of the Gallies, and agreeable to the Act; appointing that Board, the Commissioners have no authority to Enter into any Contract, for Building, without the Concurrence of the President and Privy Council, The Commissioners Therefore, desire your Excellency will (if it is judged necessary) give directions to Enter into Contract with such persons, as are willing to undertake the Building of Gallies, and to provide Necessaries for the same—

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissioner

The first Commissioner was desired to wait upon the President, & Acquaint him, That the Board were of opinion it would be for the service of this State, that the Armed Vessels Comet, & Defence, should proceed directly, to One of the French Islands in the West Indies in order to procure Seamen where (by information they have received) there are good Grounds to believe may be readily obtained, & that they Could carry Indico to the value of £500. Sterling each, to defray their Expenses & purchase such necessaries as may be wanting

Adjourned to Wednesday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Wednesday 30th October 1776—
Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 5 oClock—
Navy Board, Thursday 31st October 1776—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present . . . . . . Edward Blake Esq\(^{1}\), first Commissioner
 Geo Abbott Hall Thomas Savage\(\{\) Esq\(\}^{2}\)
 Thomas Corbett Roger Smith
Read The Minutes of Last Meeting
Ordered Cap\(^{3}\). Pickering to drop the Brig\(^{4}\). Defence down
to Rebellion Road tomorrow—
Agreed that a Letter of Instructions be drawn up for Cap\(^{5}\)—
Pickering of the Defence Brig\(^{4}\). of Warr to proceed on a Cruize and
Mr. Hall was desired to prepare and report the same tomorrow
Evening—
Adjourned to tomorrow Evening 5. OClock—

Navy Board Fryday 1st. November 1776—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present. — — — — — — Edward Blake Esq\(^{1}\) first Commissioner
 Thomas Corbett Geo A Hall Roger Smith Esq\(\{\) —
Read the Minutes of last meeting—
Agreed; that application be made to the President for Eight Hun-
dred Bushells of Salt; to be delivered to the Commissioners of the
Navy for salting provisions for the use of the Navy.
Agreed. . That the first Commissioner do write to James Black,
Stone & Russel, Paul Pritchard & Clement Lempriere, to know on
what terms they will undertake to Build, the Row Gallies, by what
time they will have them finished, and what quantity of Iron will be
requisite for Each Galley.
Adjourned to tomorrow Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Saturday 2\(^{d}\) November 1776
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present . . . . . Edward Blake Esq\(^{1}\), first Commissioner
 George A. Hall Tho\(^{a}\) Corbett Roger Smith Esq\(\{\) —
Read &c\(\) —
A Letter was wrote to Clement Lempriere Esq\(^{7}\)—
South Carolina November 1\(^{st}\) 1776
Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy having been Informed,
that you have Engaged with his Excellency, the President to Build
a Row Galley for this State, They desire that you will as soon as Possible, Acquaint them by Letter on what Terms you are to Build the said Galley, the Particular Dimensions, when she is to be finished, and what Quantity of Iron will be wanted to Compleat her— — — — — — — — I am Sir
Your Most Hble Serv’t.
Edward Blake 1st Commiss’—

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

Received the following Order from the President:

The Commissioners for buying Salt for the Public to dispose of eight hundred Bushels of it, to the Commissioners of the Navy, (sign’d) J Rutledge
2d Novem’r. 1776—

A Letter was received from His Excellency the President—viz’t.

Gentlemen—
I desire that you will be pleased to ship a Thousand pounds Sterl’s worth of Indigo, on Board the Defence, and Order Cap’t. Pickering to proceed to Cape Francois, there to dispose of it, And with the Proceeds to procure for our service, as many good seamen as the Vessell can bring, Arms, Sail Duck, & such other Articles, as you think usefull for this State, & if Mr. Provaux, whom he will probably meet there, has Obtained any Heavy Cannon for us, to bring two pieces of it, if he can Conveniently,— You will also order him, to sweep the Coast to the Southward both going & Coming, Wind permitting, Be pleased to have the Verbal Contracts, which I made with Lempliere, Black, & Pritchard, for building Row Gallies reduced into writing & Executed, And lay in, Spars, Yards, Oakum, Iron, & such other articles as you think Necessary for the Vessells belonging to this State, & for those Row Gallies,—

I am Gent—
Yr. very hble Serv’t.
(signed) J. Rutledge
Chas Town. Oct’r 31st 1776

The Commrs. of the Navy—
The following Letter, containing Orders for Cap’t. . . Pickering was reported to the Board by Mr. . . Hall, the same being read was agreed to.
Captain Thomas Pickering

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

The Defence having her Guns, Amunition, stores and Provi- sions on board & being every way equipped for a Cruize You are hereby directed to embrace the first favorable Opertunity of pro- ceeding to sea, And after you are over the Barr, Steer along the Coast untill you arrive off St. Augustine keeping a good look out for a Sloop Commanded by one Osborne which has been fitted out from thence & is said to be Cruizing upon this Coast which you are to use every Possible means to take— After you have been off St. Augus- tine You are to proceed to Cape Francois in Hispaniola, where there is the greatest reason to Think that you may procure Seamen, which is in the most particular manner recommended to you, & that you use every endeavour to ship as many as your Vessel can Conveni- ently bring, for which purpose there is put on board the Defence 16 Casks of Indigo Amo^t to £7032...10... Currency which upon your arrival, You will put into the hands of Mr. Duraseau, or the most capital Merchant there to sell for Cash, that You may be enabled to pay the Bounty to the Seamen you may Ship, & purchase such pro- visions & necessaries as you may want, after which You are to pro- cure a quantity of stores necessary for the Navy, that is, such which cannot be procured here, for Instance, Canvas, Twine, Quadrants, Paint, Oil, Compasses, sand Glasses, Slops for Seamen, 6 & 4th shot, & Grape Shott, the remainder of the money to be invested in good
Muskets with Bayonets, which you are carefully to examine, as some which are not proof have been sent out to the French West Indies, You will bring with you proper accot of the sale of the Indigo, & Vouchers for the Monies Laid out— If You should Meet Mr. Provoaux at Cape Francois, & he has purchased any heavy Cannon for the use of this State, You are to take two of them in the Defences hold & shott for them, if it can be done without any detriment or disadvantage to the Vessell,— In case of Your Death the command is to devolve to Your first Lieutenant & should he fall the 2d: Lieutenant succeeds, & so in rotation— You have Liberty to cruise for three Months from the time of your sailing, during which You are to sink, burn, Take, or distroy any ship, or Vessel, belonging to the King of Great Britain, or the subjects of Great Britain, Ireland, the British West India Islands, East & West Florida, Halifax, Quebec, or Newfoundland, observing that any Prizes which you may take, a Carefull good Officer is to be put on board as Prize Master, Together with a Sufficient Number of Men to Navigate them to Charles Town or any convenient inlet in the State of South Carolina where all Your prizes are to be sent; should it happen that you are fortunate enough to take a prize, or prizes, early in Your Cruize near the Islands, it is recommended to You, to send her forward, and go into any French or Dutch Port that may be most Convenient, & supply Your Vessel with more Men, Continuing your Cruise till the Time Limited, unless You think it necessary to convoy any Prize you may take to this Coast, in which case it is left to your own Discretion, so that you do not Exceed the Limit of your Cruize, allowing for usual Passage from Your Cruizing Ground which is Left to Yourself to chuse & to return by the way of S' Augustine, & scour the Coast from thence to this Port.— You are to Treat any Prisoners you may take, with the greatest Humanity & Tenderness, & upon no Consideration, suffer the Honour of the American Arms to be stained by any Act of Cruelty or Inhumanity, if any Seamen that you take are Inclined to enter into the Service, give them the Bounty, & allow them the same wages as Your other Men receive, from the time they sign the Attestation— You are to take every Opportunity that may offer, to advise the Commissioners of the Navy where you are, & of Every Transaction that may happen, worth Communicating to them— Your Letters are to be directed, To Edward Blake Esq'. First Commissioner of the Navy Board Charles Town S Carolina—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock
Navy Board Monday 4th... November 1776.
The Board met according to Adjournment

Present
Edward Blake Esq., first Commissioner
George Smith Josiah Smith Esqs—
Geo A Hall Thomas Corbett

Read the Minutes of last meeting—

The Board agreed to take from Mr Robert Gibbes fifty Barrels of Beef well Cured, a £14 7/8 Barrel, and to be delivered in good tight Barrels in Cha's Town— allowing him One Bushel of Salt for Each Barrel,—

The following Letter was

wrote to Capt. Pickering { Navy Board Cha's Town S Carolina
Capt'n. Thomas Pickering 4th Nove. 1776—

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

The following Letter was wrote to the Committee of Sunbury

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

By Order of the Navy Board
Edward Blake first Commissioner.

Ordered That The Pilot Boat Hibernia be this day discharged from the Public Service—

Adjourned to tomorrow Evening 6 O'Clock
Navy Board Tuesday 5th. November 1776
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present — — — — — Edward Blake Esq first Commissioner
George Smith  Josiah Smith  
George A Hall  Thomas Corbett

Read the Minutes &c—

It having appeared to the Board that the Present Public boat Keeper Alexander Horn has not done the duty required of him in having the boats repaired & removed to the place appointed for them with in the Flood gate he is Ordered to attend the Board at their next Meeting to answer for his Neglect

Ordered That— The first Commissioner do Draw the Three following Orders on the Commissioners of the Treasury for Sixteen Casks of Indigo shipp’d on board the Brigt. of war Defence— vizt.

No 1 One Order in favour of Thomas Corbett for . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .  £1790.17.6
2 One Order in favour of Edward & John Blake for Amount of Five Casks of Indigo — — — 2438.17.6
3 One Order in favour of William Parker for Amount of Seven Casks of Indigo — — — 2802.15—

£7032.10—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 7th . November 1776.
The Board met according to Adjournment.

Present.
Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Thomas Corbett Geo Abbot Hall
Josiah Smith

Read the Minutes &c:
Alexander Horn having attended the Board was reprimanded & Engaged that all the Public boats under his Care should be in good order in Ten days—

Resolved that the Guns & stores be removed from on board the Pilot boat Hibernia and that Capt. Edward Darrell do Cause the same to be removed—
The Following Letter was Received from Mr. Thomas Wade
directed to Edward Blake Charles-Town
George Town 29th October 1776—
Sir/ As by the advertisement signed by your names I understand
you are One of the Commissioners to Contract for Pork and Beef
for the Public, and Navy of this Province, and as I have for sale a
Quantity of that Article, should gladly supply you with any quantity
of Pork, under four or five Hundred Barrels, but if you Engage
to do it, you must supply me with \( \frac{1}{2} \) a bushel of Salt to Cure each
Barrel, and any Ingagement that may be made by the Bearer, Mr.
John Packrow, of George Town, I will abide by, and Comply with,
and your Letter of the Price you and he may agree on, will Oblige,
Your Humble Servt.
(signed) Thomas Wade

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

Gent:
I have received Intelligence that two Armed Vessells, from
St. Augustine, infest the Southern part of Georgia, & will probably
come on this Coast, a Detachment from the Second Regiment is
therefore Ordered on board of the Brig¹ Comet, You will be pleased
to give Cap¹ Allen Orders, to proceed with them in her, with the
utmost Dispatch, on a Cruize, for a Fortnight, scouring the Coast
from this Port to St. Augustine and in so doing, Acting in Conjunc-
tion with the Defence, if they should meet.,
Your Most Obedt Servt.

The Commrs.: of the Navy
of South Carolina—
(signed) J. Rutledge
The following Instructions were sent to Cap¹. Allen—
Navy Board Cha² Town 7th Novr 1776

Cap¹. Edward Allen
The Comet Brigg of Warr, whereof you are
Commissioned as Captain, being now ready for sea, You will receive
a Commission for Your 2d Lieutenant & warrants for the other
officers, which are to be read to Your ships Company that each officer
may be properly Obeyed, You will also receive Rules of Decipline
& good Government to be Observed in the Navy of this State—
Instructions for the Captain,— Lieutenants, the Master, the Purser—
& the Carpenter— also Directions for the Gunner & Armourer Boat-
swain & Sailmaker, which you are to have Entered in a Book for
that Purpose, & then delivered to each Officer Respectively— You are to embrace the very first Opportunity to proceed to sea, & as Your Vessell is not Compleatly manned, a detachment of a Lieutenant, Serjeant, two Corporals & Twenty Eight Privates, of the Second Regiment, are under orders to go on board your Vessell, whom you are to send boats for early tomorrow Morning, & by all means during your Cruize, keep up the Strictest harmony both by Yourself; Officers, & Men, with the Officers & Men of the Land Service, that the General Good may not suffer by Private Animosity or Quarrels, & they are to be allowed in every respect the same Rations as Your Seamen receive— Immediately as you get over the Barr Proceed with the greatest dispatch to the Southward, & endeavour to fall in near Sunbury, where if the weather will permit, or no boat should be off, send your own boat on shore, to enquire for Captain Pickering of the Defence, who you will by all means endeavour to Join; & shew him the Orders now given to You, which are that under his Command, you are to Act in Conjunction, & endeavour to fall in with, and take, or destroy, Two small armed Vessels belonging to the King or Subjects of Great Britain, which are said to be Cruizing on the Southward part of this Coast, also any Merchant Men, that you may fall in with belonging to Great Britain, Ireland, the British West Indies, East & West Florida, Hallifax, Quebebeck, or New Foundland, Your Cruise is to be Continued for a Fortnight or Three weeks, between S* Augustine & this Port, during which should you be fortunate enough to take any Prizes, You are to man & send them into this Port; or any Convenient Inlet in this State, And to use Your Prisoners with the greatest humanity & Tenderness, that no Reflection may be cast on the Honour of the American Arms through your means, If any Opportunity should offer, Advise the Commissioners of the Navy, Any Transactions worth Communicating, directed to Edward Blake, Esq., 1st Commissioner of the Navy, Upon your return you are to send Your boat on shore at Sullivan's Island, that the Officer there may examine whether you have the Small Pox or other infectious Distemper on board, in which Case your vessel must perform Quarantine—

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake 1st Commissioner

In Consequence of Cap' Thomas Wades Letter Mr. John Packrow Agreed to Supply the Board with Pork a £18. 39 Barrel which was Rejected.—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board . . Monday 11th November 1776
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present . . . . Edward Blake Esq'. 1st Commissr
George A Hall, George Smith Josiah Smith Esqrs—
Read the minutes &c—
   Received a Note from Mr. Charles Burkmier to Contract for 30
Barrels of Beef a £16 3/4 Barrel— Rejected
   Agreed to furnish Mr. Willm Hest with 200 Bushels of salt to
Enable him to procure Hemp from the Back Country for the use of
the Navy—
   Received a Letter from Captn. Thomas Pickering
     Off Sunbury Thursday Noon—
Mr'., Blake Sir/
   We left Charles Town Barr Yesterday about Ten
OClock & having a fine Breese stood a Longshore all Night, & this
Morning fell in with a sloop, after giving chase all day, we came up
with her about Two oClock, she proved to be a French Sloop from
the Cape bound for Charles Town Mr'. Aberdie Master, he is the
Gentleman who delivers You this. I Received several Articles from
him before we parted, As he complained of being a stranger to the
Place & People, I have taken the liberty to give him these few lines
to you; any services you can render him, will infinitely Oblige me;
the wind at Present is small and off the Land, am much afraid we
shall be puzzled to make Sunbury, however shall do my Endeavours
to discharge the trust reposed in me, the People upon Deck Call out
a sail and as we are preparing to give Chace I must Conclude— I
Remain, Sir,

(signed) Thos Pickerin

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 11th November 1776—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present.
   Thomas Corbett Josiah Smith Geo Abi Hall Esqrs—
Read the Minutes &c.
Received A Letter from Zackriah Nettles offering to Contract for
160 Bbls Pork at £ 15 3/4 bl— which was agreed to—

1A clerical error. It should have been 14th.
A Letter was also rec'd from Jacob Willaman offering to supply 200 bbls Beef & the same quantity of Pork

—Rejected—

The Pilot boat Hibernia being Out of repair, & at the request of the proprietors discharged the service. The Board are of Opinion that there is an Absolute necessity for Two Pilot Boats to attend the Bar, as they find that one Boat is not Adequate to the service, being frequently Obliged to be Cleaned—Therefore Resolved— that application be made to the President, Acquainting him of the Necessity of having Two Boats, Constantly to Attend the Bar & harbour of Charles Town, and that he will be pleased to give directions for the Purchasing, Building, or Hireing, another Boat, for that Purpose,— Agreed that the first Commissioner do wait on the President to Inform him of the above resolution—

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following sums— in favour of

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Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Monday 18th Novem'. . 1776—

Adjourned to Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Thursday 21st November 1776.

The Board Met According to Adjournment Present.

Edward Blake Esq\(\) first Commissioner

Roger Smith Geo Abbott Hall—\(\) Esqr\(\) —

Josiah Smith Thomas Corbett —

Read the minutes &c.

Agreed in future to have all Letters received by this board Duly
Numbered & Entered in the Journals, from whom, & for what purpose rece'd and filed to be refer'd to—

The first Commissioner informed the Board that he had waited on the President concerning the purchase of another Pilot-Boat, who gave for answer; “The Commissioners of the Navy might do what they thought Necessary in this matter and they should be Justified for so doing”—

Resolved that Capt. Ammonette be offered Eight Hundred Continental Dollars for his Boat—

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the follow's— sums in favour of

No. 13 Thomas Richey for 8 Bbls. Flower 1816 w Net. a £5.10£99.17.7.
14 George Haker for 2 Bbls, ditto . .492w . .£5.10—27.1.2
Ditto . . . 5 Keggs Butter. . . .441w . a5/110.5.£237.3.9

Mr. . . James Black attended the Board, & agreed to Build a Galley, at the same price as Capt. . Lempriere agreed to Build for—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board — — — — —Friday 22d Novem'r. 1776—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. . . . Edward Blake Esq'r. first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith George Abb'r. Hall, Tho's Corbett Esq'rs—

Read the Minutes &c

Mr. Hall reported that he had agreeable to the Resolution of the Board last Night Purchased from Capt. Ammonette his Pilot Boat Called the Glory of America for the Sum of One Thousand Three Hundred Pounds currency, Together with her Stores &c. as Inventory No. 15.

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 O'Clock

Navy Board Monday 25th Novem'r. 1776

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner—

George Abbot Hall, Thomas Corbett, Josiah Smith Esquires—

Read the Minutes &c—

Mr. . . Alexander Horn having represented to the Board that the Multiplicity of Business he is engaged in prevents his paying due
attention to the Public Boats Committed to his care he therefore requests the Board will accept of his resignation—

The Board accordingly accepted Mr. Horns resignation—

Resolved That Mr. McCulley Righten be appointed Public Boat Keeper—

The following Letter was wrote to Mr. Alexr. Horn

Sir

You are desired by the Commissioners of the Navy to deliver to Mr. McCulley Righten all the Boats belonging to the Public of South Carolina in your Charge, together with the Oars, Rudders, &c., And as soon as possible bring in your account to the Commissioners

Edward Blake
November 25th 1776—

The Following Letter was wrote to Mr. McCulley Righten

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy have appointed you Boat Keeper in the Room of Mr. Alexr Horn and desire that you will have all the Public Boats put in good repair and Provided with good Oars, Rudders, and Tillers, as soon as possible. Also to have the Flood gate Cleared of stones &c. and all the Boats removed and kept within the Flood gate—

November 25th 1776 Edward Blake first Commissioner:

Resolved, that Mr... Righton be allowed 30/. £9 day as Boat Keeper—

The following Letter was wrote to Clement Lempriere Esq.

Navy Board 25th November 1776—

Sir.

The Board of Commissioners Accept your proposal for the Building of a Row Galley Viz to pay you Three pounds Ten Shillings Sterling £9 Ton, the Measurement to be the Length Multiplied by the Breadth and half Breadth & request you finish the same with all possible Dispatch I am &c—

Edward Blake first Commissioner
Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 o Clock—
Navy Board Thursday 28th November 1776—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq first Commissioner
George Smith, Josiah Smith, Thomas Savage Esq.

Read the Minutes.
Agreed That The following Order be sent to Mr. Righton

Sir
You are Desired by the Commissioners to Endeavour to
Engage Eight good Negroe Boat Men on the best Terms to be
Constantly Employed under your Direction and report to the Board
on Saturday Evening—

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Novem'r. 28th 1776—
Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . Saturday 30th November 1776
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Josiah Smith Esq'r. Chairman
Thomas Corbett, Geo Abbot Hall, Roger Smith, Esq'rs—

Read the Minutes &c.

No. 1 A Letter was received from Cap't. Edward Allen Commander of
the Brig't. Comet Dated St. Catharines Novem'r. 15th 1776—
Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board, Thursday 5 December, 1776.
The Board met According to Adjournment.
Present.

Thomas Corbett Esq'.. Chairman
Roger Smith, Geo: Abbott Hall
Thomas Savage, Esquires.

Cap't. Edward Allen attended the Board on his Arrivall with Two
Prizes, Viz. a Sloop called the George from Jamaica & Owned there
And a Schooner called the Maria from St. Vincents, & Owned in
Liverpool

Ordered that the Clerk do waite on his Excellency the Presi-
dent, to desire he will give a pass to the Forts, for the Little Pilot
Boat (Hawk) Lately purchased.

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock
Navy Board Saturday 7th December 1776
Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Monday 9th December 1776—
adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 10th December 1776—
The Board Met according to Adjournment
Present. Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Tho Corbett, Tho Savage, Geo Smith, Geo Abb Hall, Esqrs—
The Clerk reported that he waited on his Excellency the President according to Order And his Excellency gave an Order to the Forts, Johnson & Moultrie to pass the the said Pilot Boat (which he named the Hawk) on a proper Signal to be agreed on between the boat and the said Forts.—

Mr. Hezekiah Anthony applied as having a1 as first Lieutenant of the Brigg4 of Warr Comet dated the 10th Augt. 1776 he being then on the late Cruise, and now Claims his wages as first Lieut. from the 10th of Augt. the time of the date of his Commission—

Resolved that the Pilot Boat (Hawk) be sent to George Town under the Command of Mr. Stone or Mr. Philips for such Articles as the Board shall Order from thence—

Ordered that an Anchor from the Brigg4. Comet, and a Cable from the Floating Battery, be sent to Sullivants Island for the use of the works Carrying on there by Genl Gadsden by an application to this Board by him for that Purpose—

No 15. The Board Agreed to Draw on the Treasury for the sums following in favour of Capt. Edward Allen—

21 lw. Tallow a 5/10d £ tw. .................. 6.2.6.
5 boat. Oars 16 feet Each a 2/4 £ tw. .......... 9.6.8
334 lw. Beef. 1/2d £ tw. ...................... 19.9.8
1 Anchor wt. 542 lw. a £15. £ tw. Cw. .......... 81.6.116.4.10

No. 16 Floren Cha's Mey for 8000 wt. Iron a £12.10 C tw. 1000.—
Adjourned to meet Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

1The word "commission" was evidently omitted here.
Navy Board Thursday 12th December 1776—
   The Board Mett According to Adjournment.
Present. Thomas Corbett Esq. Chairman
   Thomas Savage, Josiah Smith, Geo Abt Hall, Esqrs.
N° 2 A Letter Received from Mr. Anthony Bonneau in George Town
dated the 6th of December 1776—
N° 3 A Letter from Genl Gadsden dated Fort Moultrie the 11th of
December 1776—
   Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Monday 16th December, 1776.
   The Board Mett according to adjournment.
Present Edward Blake Esq first Commissioner
   Roger Smith, Thos Corbett, Tho' Savage
   Josiah Smith, George Smith Esqrs
N° 4 A Letter Received from Cap't Stephen Seymour of the
Schooner Rattle Snake stationed at George Town dated the 12th
December 1776—
N° 5 A Letter Received from Lieut Wm. Seaward first Lieut. of the
Brigg Defence dated Cape Nichola Mole November 30th 1776—
   Agreed that the first Commissioner do furnish the Clerk with
Two Thousand Pounds in Order to proceed to George Town to pay
off the People belonging to the Rattle Snake Stationed there—
   Agreed that the first Commissioner do direct Mr Hezekiah
Anthony to Repair on board the Comet and Act as Second Lieut on
board the said Brigg in Case of Refusal to Act in that Station To
Order him on Board the Schooner Rattle Snake to Act as first Lieut
In Case of Refusal to demand his Commission and Dismiss him the
service—
   A Letter was wrote to Cap't Edward Allen
Cap't Edward Allen
   Sir/ The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will as
soon as possible Have the Brigg Comet ready to proceed on a Cruize
& that you will Lay before the Board an Indent of all such stores as
are wanting for the said Brigg as also a pay Bill made Out to the
27th Inst that the people may receive their wages to that time I
am Sir Your
   Hbl't Serv't.
   Edwd Blake first Commissr
   Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock
Navy Board Monday 23 December 1776.
Adjourned to tomorrow Evening 6 oClock——

Navy Board Tuesday 24th December 1776—
Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 28th December 1776—
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Monday 30th December 1776—
The Board met according to Adjournment—

Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
The Clerk Reported he had paid the armed Schooner Rattle Snake Stationed at Geo Town to the 20th Instant Inclusive Amounting to

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No. 17. The Board agreed to draw on the Treasury in favour of Hawkins Petrie & Co. for sundrys supplied by Capt. Darrell £1751.3.7

Agreed that Capt. Edward Allen should Open a Rendevous and to Advance a Months pay to Every man that will Inlist in the service of the state for six months

The first Commissioner is desired to write to Mr. Elder surgeon of the Comet and request that he will give his attendance on board the said Vessell Once Every day while in Harbour

Agreed that Mr. Stephen Duval do purchase a small Boat from Capt. Francis Morgan for the use of the Pilot Boat Eagle and that the first Commissioner do pay for the same

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for amo of the Comets Pay bill to the 27th Inst being 3 Months Amo, £2996.18—for the Detachment of Soldiers on board the said Brig 383 12

Adjourned to next Thursday Evens 6 oClock
Navy Board [break]
Adjoined to next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Monday [break]
The Board Mett according to adjournment—
Present Edw'd Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Geo Smith, Josiah Smith, Tho's Savage [break]
N° 18 Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the Following Sums In favour of Hannah Ferguson for Board Lodging & Attendance on Jn° Knowles Masters Mate of the Rattle Snake 18 days a 30/. £
N° 19 For 40 days of the said Knowles a /. £
N° 20 Agreed to pay Danl Connel foremast man on board the Commet 3 Months wages in the Hospital
N° 21 In favour of Ja's Wright for 11 Bbls Bread 1993 N°. a £11.
N° 22 In favour of Jn°. Tuke for 161w. Tallow a 5/. Cask 5/.

£27,—.—
£30.—.—
63.—.—
219. 5.—
40. 5.—
£379—10.—

N° 6 A Letter Rec'd from Cap't Thomas Pickerin dated St. Nicholo Mole Decem'r 14th 1776
A Letter was wrote to Cap't Allen
Cap't. Edward Allen Sir
The Commissioners of the Navy Desire that you will Immediatly Open a House of Rendevouz under the Direction of a proper Officer and that you do make use of your best Endeavours to Inlist as many Seamen as will Compleat the Number allowed to the Brig't Comet, and for their Encouragement, you are Authorized to Engage One Month pay Advance to Every Seaman that shall Enter into the Service of this state on board said Brigg for six Months
Edward Blake first Commissioner
To Edward Allen Esq'.
31st. Decem'r 1776
Cap't Edward Allen Charles Town January 5th 1777—
Cap't. Edward Allen, Sir.
The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you

1Thursday, January 2, 1777, was the day to which the Board had adjourned.
2Monday, January 6, 1777.
will immediately have the Brigg Comet moved from Charles Town into Rebellion Rhoad, and take care to keep your Men on board, and have the Brigg in Readiness to proceed to sea as soon as you possibly can, & when ready, to advise the Commissioners

Edwd Blake first Commissioner

A Letter receivd from Mr. Dupuy as follows—

Sir

At the Request of Captn Pickering Commander of the Brig Defence belonging to the State of Carolina, The Navy of which you have the Honor to preside over, I became Security for about four Hundred Pounds Sterling (the sum Cannot be Exactly Ascertained at this time, As the Authentic Accounts are not as yet Arrived from Jamaica) otherwise the Brigg would be detained here tho at very heavy Expences untill Security or some other Adequate Satisfaction could be Obtained, the Reason of this no doubt Captn Pickering has made you Acquainted with, I have not the least doubt but the State of Carolina will Reemburse me at a Convenient time and Confirm the very high Opinion I have of their Honor and Integrity

And am very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt. & Most Hblt Servt.

Mole 14th Decemt 1776

John Dupuy

To Edward Blake Esqr. first Commissioner of the Navy Belonging to the State of South Carolina Chas Town

Ordered that the first Commissioner do answer the above Letter by the Earliest Opertunity, And that he do buy and Ship on Acco. of the Public of this State as much Indigo as will amount to £400 Sterling to the address of the said Mr. Dupuy at Cape Nichola Mole

The following is an order of the Privy Council dated the 31st Decemt. 1776—

Ordered that the Schooner Consti [break] be forthwith sold under the direction of the Commissioners of the Navy—

By Order of the President [break]  
John Colcock, Secretary

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board  
Thursday 9th. January 1777

Adjourned to next Monday Evenings 6 oClock

3.—H. C.
Navy Board  

Monday 13th January 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq., first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, George Smith, Thos. Corbett, Thos. Savage

A Letter to Capt Edward Darrell

Capt Edward Darrell Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will apply to Mr. Clerkson for Fifteen Barrels of Irish Beef and Acquaint him, the Commissioners will allow the same price the rest of the Beef sells for at Vendue Youl also furnish Capt. Allen with a Barrel of Mollasses & Endeavour to furnish all the stores wanted for the Comet tomorrow Morn

Janr' 13th 1777— Edw'd Blake first Commissr

To Edw'd Darrell Esq' Comisary for Naval Departm—

Ordered that the following Acco's. be drawn for on the Treasury—

No 23 In favour of McCulley Righton Amo', to the 31st

Decem'

24 — Geo Monk repairing Public boats . . . 47.19.6—
25 — Ann Holmes mak' Colours for the Defence. 37—

{ — — Cap't Edward Allen Rendevous £366
26 { — — ditto a Silver Call for the Boatswain 10
     }— — ditto Advance wages paid by him 379-5 755.5.—

£1042.8.3

The following Letter was written by the first Commissioner to Mons'. Dupuy at Cape Nicholo Mole

Navy Board S° Carolina January 14th 1777—

Sir/

Your very Polite Letter of 14th Ultimo duly came to hand and is now before us. We are Extreamly Obliged to You for the assistance afforded Capt'n. Pickerin, the detention of his Brigg We are Convinced must have been attended with a Heavy Expence, he has acquainted us of the particulars of the unlucky Occasion of it, & we hope befor this he has remburs'd any Moneys you may have Advanced, as he writes us he should have nearly, if not wholy Sufficient to do so, but least he should fall short, we shall by the first Conveyance we can procure freight on board, remitt you a

"Occasion" in engrossed copy.
parcell of Indigo, and you may be Assured the State of South Carolina will on all Accasions Observe the Strictest Honor Integrity and punctuality I am with Great Respect,

Sir Your most Hble Servt.

Edward Blake First Commissr of the Navy

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 16th January 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present. Edward Blake Esq' first Commissr.

Thomas Savage, Thos Corbett, Geo. Smith, Josiah Smith Esqrs.

No 8 A Letter rec'd. from his Excellency the President directed To Edw'd Blake Esq'. first Commissr of the Navy—

Sir/

I desire that the Navy Board will be pleased to give the Brig' Comet the Necessary Orders for a Two Months Cruize Steering to the Southward on this Coast both going out and Returning Your Most Obedt. Servt.

J. Rutledge

January 16th 1777—

A Letter of Instructions for Capt. Edward Allen.

Cap't. Edward Allen.

Sir/ The Brig' of War Comet of which you are Captain having received on board provisions and Other Stores for near three Months and having nearly a full Complement of Men, We desire that you will embrace the first favourable Oportunity to proceed to Sea. And after you are Clear of the Barr of Charles Town We recommend your stearing to the Southward Cruizing a Long the Coast as farr as St. Augustine, After which you are at Liberty to Continue your Cruze not Exceeding Two Months from your departure from Charles Town Barr in such station as shall appear to you most promising of Success, during which time, You are to Take, Sink, Burn, or Destroy, any Ships, Vessells, or Goods belonging to the King of Great Britain, or to any of his Subjects, Excepting the Vessells and goods belonging to the Islands of Bar- muda & new Providence, and should you be so fortunate as to take any Prize be carefull to put on board a proper officer as Prize Mas- ter, with Orders to proceed to Cha's Town, or some Convenient Inlett within the State of So Carolina and give directions for Treat- ing your Prisoners with the greatest Humanity, and Tenderness,
you are to Advise the Commissioners by Letter (Directed to the first Commissioner) of Every Transaction worth Communicating during Your Cruze and to prevent any Inconveneance that may Arise for want of Credit in Case you are Obliged to put into any French, Dutch, or any other Port, There is put on board the Comet under your Care Three Casks Containing pounds weight of Neat Indigo which you are to place in such Hands as shall appear most Capable of Rendering You the Services that may be required or Dispose of it yourself, & the Neat proceeds invest in such Articles as Your Vessell may stand in [break] of or may be most usefull for the Navy of this state, Otherwise it is to be re-de-livered on Your Return [break] Town, We recomend to you to use your best endeavours to Inlist as many Seamen for the Comet as will Compleat [break] number to Eighty, and that you do frequently Cause to be read to the Vessells Company the Rules of the Navy of this State, and the Third Article of the Rules of Discipline, and good Government, and that you Endeavour all in your power to Cultivate Harmony, and good Order among the Officers and Seamen,— We not only recommend that you Steer to the Southward of this Coast on your going Out, but also on your Return, if the Circumstances of the Cruze will permitt . . . . . by Order of the Board 16th January 1777 Edward Blake first Commissioner

A Letter to Cap't. Edward Darrell Esq.

Cap't. Edward Darrell

Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will purchase as Much of the Irish Beef as you Can for the use of the Public of this State & Acquaint Mr. Vallentine the Commissary General that you will spare him one half of what you purchase. We also desire that you will purchase at least Twenty Firkins of Butter for the use of Naval Department

Edward Blake first Commissioner

January 16th 1777—

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock—
Agreed that the first Commissioner do Order payment of the Following Accounts Viz

N° 27 To Sam'l Prioleau Jun'r & C° for Canvass - - - - £318

[break] 28 Edward Oats . . . . . . . for ditto 746.8—

Continued—

N° 29 To Peter Philip 2 Mos'. adj'g . wages on board the Brig' Comet— — — — — — — 42 [break]

30 Myer Moses for Sundrys Supplyed the Commissary. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 112[break]

£1218.18.[break]

The following Advertisement was sent to Mr. John Wells.

Navy Board Charles Town January 18th 1777.

The Public are in want of a Number of Batteaus, that will Carry from Twenty to Forty men Each Any persons willing to Enter into Contract for Building the same are desired to send their proposals in writing to

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 23rd January 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 O'Clock.

Navy Board Monday 27th January 1777—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evens 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 30th January 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Monday 3rd February 1777—

Adjourned to next Thursday Even'g 6 oClock
Navy Board Thursday 6th February 1777—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner

George Smith, Josiah Smith, Thomas Corbett, Esqrs.—
Nº 9 A Letter Received from Cap't. Edward Allen dated On board the Brigg of Warr Comet 28th January 1777—
Rec'd. 2d Feb'y—.

[Break] er was wrote to Mr. Stephen Duvall
Navy Board January 30th 1777—

Mr. Stephen Duvall Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do receive on board the Eagle Pilot Boat Mr. John Knight and Mr. John Turner Two Branch Pilots, at all times when they may offer to Assist as Pilots for this Port, and at any time that Either of them may go to Pilot any Vessell or Vessells out from this or any other Harbour in this State, that you take them from on board such Vessells and that you see that they are Supplyed with Provissions & Accomadations as the Other Branch Pilots in the service of this State now are— — — — — — — Edward Blake first Commiss'r.

The following Letter was wrote to Mr. Stephen Duvall
Navy Board Febru'ry. 3d 1777—

Mr. Stephen Duvall Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Imediately furnish them with a Pay bill for the Eagle Pilot Boat Made out from the 4th day of October 1776 to the 4th of January 1777 that the Men belonging to the said Boat may be paid their wages to that day

Edward Blake first Commiss'r

Cap't. Thomas Pickerin Attended the Board and the Commissioners gave him Orders to get the Brigg'n. Defence under his Command ready for Sea as soon as possible—

The following Attestation was given to David— Bruce and 500 Copys Ordered to be Emeadeately printed in sheets Viz—
South Carolina.

Know all Men That I do hereby Certify that I Have Voluntarily Entered [break] Navy of the State aforesaid on board the and I do hereby engage to be true and faithful in the said Service for the Term of Months, to Commence from the undermentioned date, and at the Expiration thereof then to have my discharge from the said Service, and also do Engage to be bound to Obey all and Every Rule,
Resolve, Order, and Regulation made or to be made by the Legislature of the state aforesaid or by the Commissioners of the Navy, and I do hereby acknowledge the Receipt of Pounds Current money as a Bounty for Entering into the service of the said State Witness my hand this

Agreed that the first Commissioner draw on the Treasury for payment of the following Accounts

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\begin{align*}
\text{No} & \quad \text{Name} & \text{Description} & \text{Amount} \\
31 & \text{Joseph Gaultier} & \text{for Attending the Pilot} & £12.10
\\
32 & \text{Saml Hrabowski} & \text{sundrys Supplied the Comiss} & 132.3.9
\\
33 & \text{Captn Frans Morgan} & \text{for a Boat} & 65.6
\\
34 & \text{Jacob & Chris Willaman} & \text{for Beef} & 377.5.6
\\
35 & \text{Chris Willaman} & \text{for Beef} & 196.2
\\
36 & \text{Pilot Boat Eagles pay bill from the} & 4^{th} \text{Oct. 1776 to the 4^{th} Janr 1777-3 mos} & 594-10-8
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£1377.11.11

The two foregoing Letters of 30^{th} Ultim & 3^{rd} Inst. and directed to Stephen Duvall were wrote by and sent by Order of the First Commissioner and approved off by the Board this Evening

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

_Navy Board Monday 10^{th} Febr. 1777._

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 OClock.

Navy Board Tuesday 11^{th} February 1777—

Adjourned to Next Friday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Friday 14^{th} February 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. Edward Blake Esq first Commiss'.

George Smith Josiah Smith Thos Corbett Esqrs—

A Letter was wrote to Captn Pickerin

Captn. Thomas Pickerin Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy Desire that you will Immediately on the Receipt of this Direct a proper
Officer from the Brig Defence with Eight good Men to proceed with the Ship Caesers boat with your Best Bower Anchor and Cable to the Assistance of the Comets Prize now Lying without Chas Town Barr, as she is in great Distress, having Been on shore on the North Breaker, and Lost Two Anchors and received some Other Damage

Edward Blake first Commiss

Navy Board 11th Febry. 1777—

The following Letter was wrote to his Excellency the Presid'il.

Navy Board 14th Febrv. 1777. 

The Commissioners of the Navy beg lieve to inform his Excellency the President that they apprehend, the great quantity of Hemp Exported & now Exporting from this to the Northern states will very soon create such a Scarcity of that Article as will render it impossible for Either the Public or Private Vessells of this state to be properly supplied with Cordage unless a Prohibition is laid thereon

The following Accounts were ordered to be drawn on the Treasury for Viz in favour off

Nº- 37 Michael York for Repairing a Long Boat.... £6 [break]

Nº 38 The following Acco1. was agreed to be drawn for in favour of Mc Culley Righten £323.13-

£38 [break]

The following Letter was wrote to Capt. Copithorn

Navy Board. Febrv. 14th 1777.

Capt. John Copithorn Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy Desire that you will Endeavour all in your power to procure a Sufficient number of Schooners to Transport such Troops as the General may direct to be Brought from Haddrels Point to Charles Town next Monday Morning Edward Blake first Commissioner

The Monthly pay of Stephen Duvall & Elsinor Ceased— Yesterday the 13th Ins1. —

Mr. McCulley Righten waited on the Board and Informed them, from the great Trouble that attended his Business as Public Boat Keeper, the pay hitherto Allowed him has not been Sufficient, they took Mr. Rightons representation in Consideration & thereup the Board Agreed to Allow him forty Shillings £9 day, and to Advance

These two accounts are numbered 39 and 40 on the engrossed copy.
him One Hundred pounds £ Month, to Enable him the Better to pay the Hire of Negroes Employed in the public Service—

The foregoing Letter of the 11th Inst— and Directed to Capt. Thomas Pickerin was wrote and sent by the first Commissioner and approved off by the Board this Evening

Mr. Josiah Smith having Mentioned his Intention of going to George Town in a few days and of his having a Schooner also going there the Board requested of him to Order Twenty or Thirty Barrels of Pork to be send round by said Schooner from George Town to Charles Town, The Board also requested that Mr. Smith would if he Could get freight by any other Vessel, send as much Pork and Naval Stores as would fill such Vessell—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board  Monday 17th February 1777—
Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 20th February 1777—
Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Monday 24th February 1777.
Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 27th February 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present.  Edward Blake Esq first Commissioner
    Thomas Corbett, Roger Smith, Josiah Smith, George Smith, Esqrs

Agreed that the first Commissioner draw on the Treasury for the following Accots. in favour off

No 39 Willm Hest for Cordage- - - - - - - £314.17.6
40 Josiah Smith Esq for Hire of the Schooner Austin) 60.— — — — — — 374 17.6
    to Carry powder to Dorchester. . . . . . .

The following Letter was wrote to Stephen Duvall—
Navy Board 24th Febr. 1777—

Mr. Stephen Duvall

The Commissioners of the Navy desire you to proceed with the Eagle Pilot Boat with all possible dispatch to
George Town, On your Arrival there, you will take on board your Boat, From a Brig there Commanded by Cap. Blundell as much Gun powder belonging to the Public of this State as you can Conveniently stow in her & proceed with it immediately to Charles Town
When this Gunpowder is on board you will be particularly carefull to let no fire come near it.
The Commissary will furnish you with what provisions will be necessary— By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Comm[break]
A Letter was wrote to Cap. Ham—
Navy Board 27th Febru'y 1777—
Mr. Richard Ham Sir
The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do at all times, Take from on board any Vessel Piloted out of this Harbour, by any of the Pilots that Belong to the Eagle Pilot, Boat, during the time Mr. Duval may be absent from Charles Town, & that you do give Diligent Attendance to Pilot any Vessels that may be bound into this Harbour, and that you do Anchor Every night during the absence of Mr. Duval under Sullivants Island, as near as you can to it with Safety
Edward Blake first Commissr
A Letter was wrote to Cap. Thos Pickerin dated Navy Board Febru'y. 19th 1777—
Capr Thomas Pickerin Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will Order one of the Anchors & Cable belonging to the Prize Ship Caesar to be delivered to Mr. Pyne Second Lieut of Brigr Comet for the use of the Comets Prize now in No. Edisto, and the same shall be returned as soon as said Prize Arrives at Charles Town
Edward Blake first Commissr
No. 10 A Letter Received from Capr Edward Allen dated on board the Brigr Comet 3d Febru'y. 1777 in the Latitude 29-40 No—
[Break] Letter was wrote to his Excellency the President—
Navy Board Feb'y 20th. 1777.
Sir/
In Answer to Our Letter of the 14th Inst. to your Excellency Respecting Hemp His Honour the Vice President has Informed us that it is the Opinion of the Privy Council Relative thereto that this Board be directed to Engage Hemp Immediately for the Public Ser-
vice in such Quantities as the Board shall think Necessary, and to use such means, and offer such Price as may Entitle the Commissioners to a Preferance to Other Purchasers—The Commissioners are fearfull that it will not be in their Power to Execute the Business in the manner above mentioned, as the Private Purchasers have so many Agents Employed to Engage that Article at any Price Mr. Willm Hest Informed the first Commissioner that he was Raised upon in the Purchase of a Parcell four different times Yesterday, And he is certain that if that Article is Suffered to be Exported, in the space of three Months he shall not be able to furnish a single Coil of Cordage Either for the use of the state or Trade—The Commissioners are Sorry to Trouble your Excellency again on this Matter, but they are fearfull unless there is a Stop put to the Exportation of Hemp this state will soon be Entirely without that usefull Article—The Commissioners beg lieve to Inform your Excellency that the Number appointed to that Board are so few that they can seldom make a board, they therefore beg your Excellency will be pleased to appoint two more Commissioners, and they beg lieve to recommend Mr Willm Price & Mr Nathl Russell as fitt Persons

Edward Blake first Commissr—

Capl. Robert Cochran

Sir.

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will have the Briggt. Notre Dame got ready to proceed to sea with all possible Dispatch [break] you will be ready by Tomorrow Evening, as they [break] time may be attended with very great advantage to the State

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Sunday 23d Febr. 1777.

Capl. John Mercier Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will with all posible Dispatch have the Sloop Beaufort got ready to proceed to Sea, they are hopefull you will have her Ballasted, and ready, by Tomorrow Night. Edward Blake first Commissr

Sunday 23d Febr. 1777—

Edward Blake presents his Compliments to his Excellency the President, and Acquaints him, that he has Directed Captns—Cochran & Mercier to get their Vessels ready with all posible Dispatch, that he has seen Capl. Cochran who promises to have the Brigg Notre Dame ready by Tuesday afternoon; provided he can get a Sufficient Quantity of Ballast by that time, E, B. Opinion if a Sufficient Quantity of Stone Ballast cannot be got in
time, it will be best to take on board some Rice, Naval Stores, or any Other weighty goods rather then Loose any time for stone Ballast, if any of the above mentioned goods are to be taken. An Order from Your Excellency will be Necessary.

Sunday 23rd Feb 1777—

Edward Blake presents his Compliments to General How and Acquaints him that he has given the Necessary Orders to get the Vessels ready with all possible Dispatch, to Transport the Troops to Beaufort, that Capt. Cochran has Informed him that his Vessel will be ready by Tuesday afternoon.

Sunday 23rd Feb 1777.

Febr 24th 1777—

Captn. John Copithorn Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will provide Six Schooners and have them Loaded with Ballast for General Gadsden with all possible Dispatch, the Schooners are not to draw more than five feet water Each.

Edward Blake

Febr 24th 1777—

Captn. Thomas Pickerin Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will Assist Captn. Mercier with three or four Men, to Bend his Sails & get his Vessell ready for the sea, by Tomorrow Evening, send such as will be fitt for the Duty & that you Can Depend on to return to the Defence.

Edward Blake—

Navy Board February 24th 1777—

Mr. Stephen Duval Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Every Other Night Lodge on board the Eagle Pilot Boat, and Anchor as near to Sullivants Island as you can with safety and that you do proceed to sea very Early every Morning in Order to give the Necessary Assistance to such Vessells as may be Bound into the Harbour of Charles Town, and that you give the Earliest Information, to the Commissioners, of any Vessells being on the Coast that you suspect to belong to the Enemy— Captn. Ham will receive the like Orders and relieve you Every Other Night.

Edward Blake first Commissr.

To Mr. Stephen Duval
Navy Board February 24th 1777.

Mr. Richard Ham

Sir.

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Every other Night, lodge on Board your Pilot Boat and Anchor as near Sullivans Island as you Can with Safety, and that you do proceed to [break] very Early every Morning in Order to give the necessary Assistance to such Vessels as may be Bound into the Harbour of Charles Town, And that you give the earliest Information to the Commissioners of any Vessels on the Coast that you suspect to belong to the Enemy. Mr. Duval will receive the Like Orders and relieve you Every Other Night— Edward Blake first Commiss'r.

To Mr. Richard Ham—

The following Advertisement was sent to Mr. Wells
The Commissioners of the Navy will give Twelve pounds \( \frac{1}{2} \) 100 tw. weight of neat Merchantable Hemp, for any Quantity delivered to them in Charles Town within Three Months from the Date

Edward Blake first Commiss'r

February 25th 1777.

A Letter from the President to hire if not to be Hired to Impress Schooners to Carry Troops to Georgia—

Navy Board February 25th 1777—

Cap.'. John Copithorn Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do as soon as possible provide as many proper Vessels, as will Transport 300 Men with their Baggage & stores within Land to Georgia, if you Cannot Possibly Hire a Sufficient Number You are hereby fully Authorised to Impress them and you are to make a return of the Particular Vessels and the Owners Names to the board this Evening

Edward Blake first Commiss'r

Cap'. John Copithorn made a Return to the Board of Four Schooners he had Impressed into the Service, to Carry Troops to Georgia—

A Letter to his Excellency the President—

The Commissioners of the Navy present their Compliments to his Excellency the President and Acquaints him that the Following Vessels are ready to take on board the Troops Intended for Georgia Viz

Mr. Willm Glens Schooner at Champneys wharf—

Barn'd Elliott Esq'. D'. at Prioleaus— D'
Pendarvis's . . . . . D°. at Prioleaus        D°—
Florentines . . . . . D°. at Wraggs . .        D°—

the first of the Four Schooners has no Master nor Men the Commissioners will Endeavour to provide People for her

Edward Blake first Commissr

Tuesday Evening }
25th Febru’ 1777 }

A Letter to Capt. Edward Darrell—

Capt. Edward Darrell Sir/ 

You are to provide with all possible Dispatch 50 or 60 Casks & have them filld with water and sent on board the different Schooners Employ'd to Carry the Troops to Georgia Edward Blake first Commissr

Febru’ 26th 1777

To 

Edwd Darrell Esq'. Commissary
of the Naval Department—

A Letter to Mr. McCulley Righten—

Mr. McCulley Righten Sir/

You are to provide a Sufficient Number of Boats to Transport all the North Carolina Troops now at Haddrels point to Charles Town with all possible Dispatch

Edward Blake first Commissr

Febru’ 26th 1777—

A Letter to Capt. . . John Copithorn.

Capt. John Copithorn Sir/

You are to provide with all possible Dispatch a sufficient Number of Schooners or Boats to Transport all the North Carolina Troops, now at Haddrels point to Charles Town—

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Febru’ 26th 1777—

A Letter to Capt. Robert Cochran—

Capt. Robert Cochran Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will deliver to Mr. John Calvert as many of the water Casks that belongs to the Brigt. Notre Dame as can be possibly spared—

Edward Blake first Commissr

Febru’ 26th 1777—

A Letter to Capt. Edward Darrell—

Capt. Edward Darrell Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will provide a Sufficient Number of Potts for to Cook provisions in for the Troops now going to Georgia say about 300 Men

Edward Blake first Commissr

Febru’ 26th 1777—

To 

Edwd Darrell Esq'.
Comissary of the Naval Deptt.
A Letter to Cap't John Copithorn

Cap't. John Copithorn Sir

The Schooner Employd to bring the Detachments from Sullivans Island is not Sufficiently found with stores &c. to proceed to Georgia, you are therefore Directed to Take the Schooner that lays of Ropers wharf in the Room of her and Discharge from the Service

Febr. 27th 1777—

Edward Blake first Commissr

Order of the Privy Council.

That Mercier's Vessel be fitted for War under the direction of the Commissioners of the Navy and that Mercier be appointed Captain, if he chuses to Accept the Commission—

The foregoing Letters of the under mentioned dates & directions was wrote by, and sent by the first Commissr and approved off by the Board this Evening viz

19th Inst. To Cap't. Thomas Pickerin
20th. ... To his Excellency the President
23d. ... To Cap't. Robert Cochran—
23d. ... To Cap't. John Mercier
23d. ... To his Excellency the President
23d. ... To his Excellency General How—
24th. ... To Cap't. John Copithorn
24th. ... To Cap't. Thomas Pickerin
24th. ... To Mr. Stephen Duvall
24th. ... To Mr. Richard Ham—
25th. ... An Advertisement to purchase Hemp
25th. ... To Cap't. Jn°. Copithorn
25th. ... To his Excellency the President
26th. ... To Cap't. Edward Darrell
26th. ... To Mr. McCulley Righten
26th. ... To Cap't. John Copithorn
26th. ... To Cap't. Robert Cochran
26th. ... To Cap't. Edward Darrell
27th ... To Cap't. John Copithorn

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Saturday 1st March 1777—
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board Monday 3\textsuperscript{rd} March [break]
The Board Met according to Adjo[break]
Present. Edward Blake Esq first Co[break]
Josiah Smith Thomas Corbett Roger Smith, Esquires.
28\textsuperscript{th} A Letter was wrote to Cap\textsuperscript{t}. John Mercier

Navy Board 28\textsuperscript{th} February 1777—

Cap\textsuperscript{t}. John Mercier Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do proceed with all possible Dispatch to Beaufort, Broad River, or Savannah river whichever the Commanding Officer of the Troops (now going to Georgia) may Direct, and you are during the time you have the Troops or Stores on board, to follow the Directions of the Commanding Officer in respect to Landing of them, and by all means Endeavour to Cultivate Harmony, between the Troops and Your Own people— Should you be Obliged to go of the Outside Keep as Close along the shore as you can with Safety, and you are particularly recommended to keep Company with the Other Vessels, & give them every assistance in your power during the Passage and by no means to Remain at sea all Night with the Troops on board, if you can possibly get into any one of the Inlets, As soon as the Troops and Stores are Landed, you are to proceed to Beaufort, and there Employ M\textsuperscript{r}. Black to make such alterations as is necessary to Compleat her for the purpose she is Intended, as soon as that is done and the Vessel Cleared you are to proceed with the Sloop to Charles Town, with all possible \textit{dispatch}. \textit{You are to Advise the Commissioners by every Opertunity of Every Transaction relating to the Vessel \textit{worth} Communicating to them—Edward Blake first Commiss\textsuperscript{r}}

A Letter was wrote to M\textsuperscript{r} Bonneau

Navy Board March 3\textsuperscript{rd} 1777—

M\textsuperscript{r} Anthony Bonneau Sir/

Your different favours of the 20\textsuperscript{th} 24\textsuperscript{th} & 25\textsuperscript{th} Instant is now before the Board, & the Contents duly noted, the Commissioners are much Obliged to you for your care in forwarding the Pork which is all safe Arrived, they Beg that you will purchase any parcels of very good pork that may be for sale in your place, provided the price do not Exceed Eighteen pounds \$\text{Barrel} we would wish to have it all Inspected, and in good tight Barrels and as soon as a good Opertunity offers, would be glad you would send it round as well as the Naval stores formerly wrote for,
You'll also please Deliver to Mr. Duvall the Two Carriage guns Landed from the Rattle Snake, to be brought round by him— I am Sir Your Most Hbl e Servt—

Edward Blake first Commissr

N B if any Tallow to be bought in your place pray purchase as much as You Can provided the Price do not Exceed 4/6 2/3 tw

Agreed that the first Commissioner should draw on the Treasury for the following Acco£. Viz in fav of—

No 41 McCulley Righton Amo£. of his Acco£. £378.4.3.

42 The Hbl£ Roger Smith Esq£. for a Bbl£ Indigo 805.—

£1183.4.3.

Ordered, That Cap£. Allen be informed that the Com[break] have agreed to take four Coils of new Cordage & as many water Casks out of the Different prizes as may be wanted for the Different Armed Vessels, and to allow 60l. for each H'hd.

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Duvall proceed [break] George Town and that he bring two Guns Landed out of the Rattle snake—

No 11 A Letter from his Excellency the President to remove the Sloop Adventure into Rebellion Road dated 28th Febry. 1777

12 A Letter from Mr. Anthy Bonneau dated 20th Febry. 1777— with 60 Barrels Pork—

13 A Letter from Mr. Anthy Bonneau dated 24th Febry. 1777— with 24 Barrels Pork—

14. A Letter from Mr. Anthy Bonneau dated 25th Febry. 1777— Acknowledgeing the rece£. of the Pilot Boat Hawk—

Adjourned to next Friday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Friday 7th March 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 10th March 1777—

Adjourned to next Thursday Even 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 13th March 1777—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

4.—H. C.
Navy Board Friday 14th: March 1777.

The Board met according to Adjournment

Present. Edward Blake Esq', first Commissioner
Roger Smith, George Smith, Josiah Smith, Esq's—

A Letter to Mr. Edward Darrell—

The Commissioners of the Navy desire you will get from on board the Different Prize Vessels now in this Harbour, all the Water Casks that are to be got, keeping an Acco't. thereof, and of their Value at the Current Price given for those things,— Cap't Cochran informs the Commissioners, that he landed at Gadsdens wharf, Twelve water Casks, you will Enquire what is become of them and have them taken care off—

Edward Blake first Commissr

A Letter to Cap't. Robert Cochran—

Cap't Rob't Cochran Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will as soon as posable furnish the board with a pay Bill for the Brigg Notrie Dame made Out to the fourth day of October 1776 and a Second pay Bill from the fourth day of October 1776. to the fourth Inst—

Navy Board 10th March 1777— Edward Blake first Commissr

A Letter to Cap't. Edward Darrell

Navy Board 10th March 1777—

Cap't Edward Darrell Sir/

Please forward to Beaufort the first good Opertunity, To Mr. Tunis Tebout for the use of the Row Galley, One Ton of Barr Iron—

Edward Blake first Commissr

To Edward Darrell Esq't: Commissary for the Naval Department.

An Order was wrote to Mr. Myer Moses—

M't Myer Moses Sir/

Please deliver M't. Daniel ONealle Two Thousand pounds weight of good Clean Merchantable Hemp for the use of the Navy of South Carolina.

March 14th 1777— Edward Blake first Com

Resolved to Advance Daniel Oneille Rope maker, One Thousand pounds to Enable him to purchase Stock & hire Hands to Carry on his Business—
An Order sent to Cap' Edward Darrell—
Cap' Edward Darrell Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Supply Captains Pickerin, Allen, & Cochran, with every Necessary Store for the use of their Different Vessells, with all possible dispatch—
March 14th 1777— Edward Blake first Commiss'
To Edward Darrell Esqr.
An Order to John Calvert
Mr. Calvert Sir/

Please deliver to Edward Darrell Esqr. Twenty Pieces of Sail Duck (such as he shall Chuse) for the use of the Naval Department
March 14th 1777— Edward Blake—
A Letter was wrote to his Excellency the President
Navy Board 14th March 1777—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy are of Opinion that a great Advantage will result to the State, by a Ship Yard and Workmen being engaged in the Public Service, for want of which, the Vessels and boats belonging to the State, suffer much by delay, and for want of Necessary repairs, They Inform your Excellency, that Cap' Cochran, has made them an Offer of his Ship Yard & five Workmen, at the rate of Twelve Hundred pounds 70 Annm., which Offer they Judge reasonable, And recommend may be received, and Meet with your Concurrence, and that of the Privy Council—

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissioner

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following Accounts in favour of Viz
Job Rothmahler for Beef Supplyed — — — — — £140.15. 6—
the Schooner Rattle Snake — — — — — — 1257.10—11—
Anthony Bonneau 2 Accots. for sundrys
Supplied the Rattle Snake— — — — — — 36.6— —
41 Wm. & Jas Carson for a Coil of Cordage— — 53.17. 6—
42 John Benfield for Candles— — — — — —

£1488.9.11—

15 A Letter from Tunis Tebout requesting 22 Ton of Iron
16 A Letter from his Excellency the President to Assist the Continental Frigate Randolph
17 a Letter from Daniel O'Neill rope Maker
18 a Letter from — — ditto — — Do —

The foregoing Letters of the under Mentioned dates & directions was wrote & Sent by the first Commissr and approved off by the Board this Evening Viz

7th To Edward Darrell Esq'.
10th To Capt Robert Cochran
10th To Edward Darrell Esq' —

Adjourned to Next Tuesday Evening 6 oClock —

Navy Board Tuesday 18th March 1777 —
Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 20th March 1777 —
Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Saturday 22d March 1777 —
Adjourned to next Monday Even#. 6 oClock —

Navy Board Monday 24th . March [break]
The Board Met according to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq: first Commissr [break]
George Smith Thos Corbett Geo: Abbott Hall Esq#. Instructions for Capt. Thomas Pickerin —
Capt# Thomas Pickerin Sir /3

The Brigantine of War Defence of which you are Captain being now Ready to proceed to Sea on a Cruze, having on board a full Compliment of Men and provisions and Stores for three Months, we desire that you will Embrace the first favourable Opportunity to proceed to sea and you have our Liberty to Cruze not Exceeding three Months from the day you Leave Charles Town Barr, in such Station as shall appear to you most promising of success. During which time you are to Take, Sink, Burn or Destroy, any Ships Vessells or goods belonging to the King

1On the margin of the page is this entry: “Capt. Pickerins Instructions of 24 March 1777.”
of Great Britain or to any of his subjects, Excepting the Vessels or goods belonging to the Islands of Bermuda or Providence, and should you be so Fortunate as to take any Prize be Carefull to put on board a proper Officer as Prize Master and a sufficient number of Men to Navigate her, with Orders to proceed to Charles Town or some Convenient Inlett in the State of South Carolina, and we particularly recommend that you take the Cap1, and two thirds of the Crew belonging to any Prize (you may take) on board the Defence, and that you give Directions for Treating your Prisoners with the greatest Humanity and Tenderness and that you do use your best Endeavours to Inlist as many seamen for the Defence as will keep the Compliment to Eighty. You are to Advise the Commissioners by Letter Directed to the first Commissioner of Every Transaction worth Communicating during your Cruze and that you do frequently Cause to be read to [break] Vessells Company the Rules of the Navy of this State, and the Third Article of the Rules of Dicipline and Good Government and that you Endeavour all in your power to Cultivate Harmony and good Order among the Officers and Seamen, and that you do Every Month Examine the Accounts of the Different Warrant Officers, and when found right, that you do Sign their Accounts Agreeable to the general Instructions given you by the Board, And to prevent any Inconveniencys that may arise for want of Credit, Should you be Obliged to put into any French, Dutch, or Other Port— there is put on board the Defence Three Casks of Indigo Containing One Thousand One Hundred & Ninety two pounds weight of Neat Indigo, which you are to Dispose off or Lodge in such Hands as shall appear most Capable of Rendering you the Services that may be required, the neat proceeds Invest in Such Articles as your Vessel may stand most in Need off or may be most Usefull for the Navy of this State, Otherwise it is to be redelivered on your return to Charles Town.

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissioner

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 27th March 1777—
Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 29th March 1777—
Adjourned to next Wednesday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board Wednesday 2d April 1777—
Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 3d April 1777—
The Board Mett according to Adjournment
Present. Josiah Smith Esq. Chairman
N°. 19 A Letter from Mr. Jam's Black dated Beaufort. 16 March [break]
20 A Letter from Mr. Doraisore dated Cape Francois 26 Feb [break]
21 A Letter from Mr. Jn Dupuy dated Mole 12th March 1777
Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the Following Sums in favour of
48 Saml Priolet Junr. & Cos. Accot. for Sundrys. . . . . . . . . . £1702. 11. 8.
49 Archibald Brown & Co. for Bread & Pork . . . . . . . . . . 589. 14. 5.
50 Willm Gibbes Esq'r. for 103 Barrels Beef . . . . . . . . . . 1442. — — —
51 Sykes & Lushington for 4 Casks Tallow . . . . . . . . . . 264. 16. 6.
52 James Neilson for 17 Keggs Butter . . . . . . . . . . . . . 257. 15. — —

. . £10029. 12. 3.

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 5th April 1777—
Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 7th April 1777—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present. Edward Blake Esq'r. first Commissr

Order of the Privy Council—
That the Commissioners of the Navy may purchase ten hands for workmen in a shipyard and write for three white workman from the Northward that they may Lease Cochrans place on the Terms proposed or such [undecipherable word] and terms as they shall think Necessary for the Public Service
Agreed to hire or Lease Cap't. Cochrans Ship Yard with five Negroe Workmen, and Every Building thereon as formerly Hired
or Leased to Paul Pritchard, for Twelve Hundred pounds Currency £9 Annum—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 10th April 1777—

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 12th April 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 14th April 1777—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 15th April 1777—

The Board Met according to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, George Smith, Roger Smith, Thos Corbett, Esqrs—

A Letter to Mr James Black

Mr James Black Sir/

You'll Receive by Cap. Mercier of the Sloop Beaufort Two Eighteen pounders (Carriage Guns) to be Mounted on board the Galley you are Building for this State, You'll please have them fitted in such manner as will best answer the purpose for which they were Intended. We think they may be fitted on Skids in such manner as to point at least two points on Either Bow. We are Informed the Guns on board the Georgia Galleys are fitted in that manner In regard to the Masting the Galley we have no Objection to such as you Mention, but would recommend longpole heads to Each, so that a Flying Topsail may be set to [half line break in both copies] may be very square so that as much Can [break] spread on her as can be to Advantage. We [break] recommend that you fitt as many stocks for several Guns as can Conveniently be mounted on [break] you get her finished with all posible dispatch [break] Cap. Merciers Sloop wants some Necessary Alterations to make her fitt to Mount Guns, You'll please do whatever he may think Necessary to her, and pray Dispatch her as soon as posible as we
are in great want of her for Immediate Service ... by Order of the Board

Edw d Blake first Commissr

A Letter to Capt. James Dohartee
Captn. James Dohartee Sir/

You will herewith receive your Commission as Captn. of the Row Galley now Building by Mr James Black for the use of this State, the Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will give the Necessary Directions for Finishing her with all possible Dispatch, and that you do as soon as possible come to Charles Town, in order to get the Necessary Stores for fitting and Arming said Row Galley

By Captn Mercier you will receive Two Eighteen pounders to be mounted as prow guns— We wish they could be mounted in such Manner as to be pointed on Either Bow without Depending Altogether on the Steersman, we are Informed the Row Galleys in Georgia have their Guns fitted in such Manner as to Travase at least four Points Either way— We would also recommend your bringing the Dements of all your Sparrs, to get your Sails made by . . . . . . . . . . . . . . By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commissr

Agreed to draw On the Treasury for the Following Acco’ts viz
No 54 In favour of Melcher Werly for Beef for ye
Defence  £131—9 6
55 Joseph Yeates Ship Carp. . . . .  20—

151—9—6

Adjourned to next Friday Even# 5 oClock—
A Letter to Mr. Daniel Onell. Mr. Oneall. The Commissioners of the Navy have been Informed that you have Contrary to your Engagement with them sold Cordage to Captn. Vaughn and Several other Masters of Vessells, we desire that you will wait on the first Commissioner Tomorrow Morning, to answer to the Charge
April 18th 1777— Edward Blake first Commissr.

Navy Board Friday 18th April 1777—
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—
Navy Board Monday 21st April 1777—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissr
Geo Abb's. Hall, Geo Smith Josiah Smith Tho's Corbett Esq's—
The above Letter of the 18th Inst was wrote and sent by the
first Commissioner and approved of by the board at this Meeting—
Agreed that the first Commissioner do draw on the Treasury for
the following Sums Viz't in favour of
Cap't. Edw'd Blake Esq'. 2 Aco's. paid by him
N. 56 for a Spy Glass for the Brig't. Defence .......................... £30— —
57 a Beef Aco's. paid Joseph Foster for ditto .................. 129.4.6—
58 Cap't. Rich'd Ham for the purchase of the Pilot
Boat Tryall ........................................... 2500 ...... —
59 Will'm. Trusler 4 Beef Aco's ................................. 661.19.6—
60 Jacob Willaman 5 Beef'ls Aco's ....................... 1250..3..6
61 Elisha Poinsett for Medicines &c for the Comet. 49..15 —
62 Cha's Gruber for Water Casks. .............................. 96 — —
63 Eagle Pilot Boats Pay bill to 4th April 3 Mo's. 588— —

£5305..2.6.

Adjoining to next Thursday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 24 April 1777.
The Board Mett according to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq/ first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, George Smith, Roger Smith, Esq's...
a Letter 'was wrote to Mr Anto's. Bonneau.
Navy Board 24th April 1777—
Mr. Anthv. Bonneau Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy desire that
you will put on board Mr. Josiah Smith's Schooner as much Pitch
as the Pattroon can Conveniently Stow, And as Cap't. Seymour in
the Rattle Snake will sail from this in a Day or two for your place,
they beg you will put on board her all the Pork & Tallow you have
purchased for the Navy of this State, and Draw on the Commis-
ioners for the Amount.

I am Sir Your Most Hbls Serv't.
Edw'd. Blake first Commissioner
Agreed for the First Commissioner to give the Necessary Orders
to Cap't. Seymour to proceed to Geo Town in the Schooner Rattle
Snake—
No. 19 A Letter from his Excellency the President to send the Rattle Snake Cap't Seymour to Geo Town for Pork— dated 25th April 1777—

Instructions for Cap't. Seymour—
Navy Board 25th April 1777—

Cap't. Stephen Seymour Sir

With the Schooner Rattle Snake under your Command you are to proceed with all possible dispatch to George Town and there take on board as much Pork belonging to the Public of this State as you can Conveniently stow, with which You are to proceed with all possible dispatch to Charles Town, we would Recommend your taking on board all the pork and Tallow that may be purchased by Mr. Bonneau for the use of the Navy.

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissioner

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 26th April 1777—
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 28th April 1777—
The Board Met according to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq', first Commissioner
Geo Smith Josiah Smith Thos Corbett Esqrs—
The Lease for Cap't Cochrans Ship Yard was Executed by both Parties Commencing this day
Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following Accots. Viz'
N 64 Cosper Wershing for Beef supplied the Rattle Snake ................... £137. 5.
65 Jacob Cauffman for Beef for the Brigt Notre Dame ..................... 76. 6—
66 William Glen & Co for Ship Bread .......... 1138. 15. 4
67 William Hest for Cordage supplied the Defence ...................... 230. 7. 6—
68 Estate of David Williams for 84 Barrels Pork .. ....................... 1428 — —
69 John Dawson for 58 1/2 Bushls Salt a 50/ & 60 Casks a 15/ . .......... 1503. 15 — —
70 Edward & John Blake 4 Casks Indigo 1465 wt a 37/6 2746. 17. 6—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock
Navy Board Tuesday 29th April 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present, Edward Blake Esq. first Commissr

Josiah Smith, George Smith, Thos Corbett, Esqrs—

A Letter was wrote to Mr. John Creighton at the Quarter House to purchase Hemp—

Navy Board April 29th. . 1777.

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy being in want of a Quantity of Hemp for the use of the Navy of this State. Knowing that Your Situation is preferable to any near Charles Town for the purchase of that useful article, they will be Obliged to you to purchase as much as you possibly can for them on the most reasonable Terms, and you may Depend payment shall be punctually made and a Reasonable Commission allowed you for your Trouble— We would Recommend when you purchase any quantity of Hemp, that you send a proper person with the Waggon to see it delivered to Mr. Daniel ONeal at his ropewalk Joining Mr. Radcliffs (with out the Town gate) to prevent any other person taking it from the Public

I am sir
Your Most Hbls Servt.

Edward Blake first Commissr

This Night the Board agreed with Mr David Hamilton to take Charge of the Ship Yard (Leased Yesterday from Capt. Robert Cochran) for One Year Certain, to allow him Fourteen Hundred pounds Sallery, Fifty Gallons' Rum, and the Rations now given by the public Commissary to Officers in their service (Signed)

David Hamilton

See Memorandum Book of this date—

N B Mr Hamilton was at this time desired to seek out and engage as many Negro Carpenters on hire as he can, also to make out a List of such Articles as are immediately wanted for the use of the Yard— The Board agreed to Advertize in the Gazettes for Negro Carpenters on hire by the Year—

An Advertisement was given to Mr. Wells and One to Mr. Timothy, in the words following

Navy Board 29th April 1777—

The Commissioners of the Navy are in want of a Number of Negro ship Carpenters or Caulkers, any person having such to hire by the Year, are desired to apply to

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 5. oClock—
Navy Board. Thursday 1st May 1777—
The Board Mett According to Summons—
Present. Josiah Smith Geo Smith Thos. Corbett Geo A. Hall Esqrs—
A Number of Ship Carpenters from Georgia in their way to Philadelphia Arrived here the last Even^t was Judged expedient that a Board should be immediately Called in Order to engage them in the Service
Adjourned to next Monday Morn^t 10 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 5th May 1777—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq^t first. Commissr
Josiah Smith, Thos. Corbett, Geo Abbot Hall, Geo Smith Esq^rs.

A Letter was wrote to Cap^t. Thos. Joel to furnish the Publick ship yard with Sparrs &c—
Ordered that the Clerk do waite on Mr^t Danl Oneal on Thursday Morning to Take an Inventory of the Rope walk, Stock of Hemp Negroes Buildings &c—
The following Acco^t was Ordered to be drawn on the Treasury for Viz^t. in favour of—
71 Geo Flagg for Sundrys for the Comet ........ £13.17.6—
72 Lewis Giel for Baking Biscuit ..................... 100. 8. 6—
73 Brig^t. Notre Dame's pay bill to 1st May ...... 374. 5. 3½—
74 Nathanl Havens for Sundrys Supply'd The Comet 237. 8. —
75 Cap^t: Edward Allen for Sundry Acco^ts. paid by him for the Brigg^t Comet. .......... 367. 9 — —

£1093. 8. 3½

Adjourned to Tomorrow Even^t 5 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 6th .. May 1777.
The Board Mett According to Adjournment.
Present Edward Blake Esq^t . first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Thos. Corbett, Geo Abbot Hall, Geo Smith, Esq^rs/

A Letter was wrote to Lieut. Willm. Hall on Board the Brig^t ..

Notre Dame

Navy Board 6th May 1777.

Lieu^t Hall

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do as soon as possible Hawl the Brigantine Notre Dame upon the Hard, and have
her Bottom well scrub'd and Clean'd and a Light coat of Tallow pay'd over the present Coat now on the Bottom, and that you do have the Vessell put in the best Order to proceed to sea as soon as possible after Captn Seymour arrives at Charles Town— and that you do Endeavour all in your power to Inlist Fifty men to serve on board the Brig... 

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissn—

A Letter of Instructions for Captn James Dohartie—
Navy Board. 6th May 1777—

Capt James Dohartie Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Desire that you will forward the Compleating the Beaufort Galley as soon as possible, so as to have her Compleatly finish'd before she is Launched, and that you do Inlist at Least Twenty men to serve on board said Galley as seamen, and that you provide said men with such provisions as is allowed on Board the Navy of this State, and that you send your Accounts properly Attested to this Board the Last day of Every Month, which Accounts after being Examined will be duly paid— the Cordage and Other Articles for fitting said Galley the Clerk of this Board will be directed to forward by the first Opertunity to Beaufort, after they are provided here, the Officers allowed on board will be first and Second Lieutenants purser Boatswain and Gunner whose pay will be Equal to Officers of same Rank on board the Other Vessells in the service of this State, the pay Bill to be made out, Attested and forwarded to this Board Every three Months for payment

By order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissn—

Ordered that the first Commissioner draw on the Treasury for the following Accounts, Viz: in favour of
78...McCully Righton 2 Accots... for Boat and Negro hire...£422. 5. 6
79...William Bennie for Baking Biscuit...22...4. 6
80...Benjamin Lord for surveying the ship yard and 2 platts...15—

£459.10—

Adjourned to Tomorrow 12 oClock—
Navy Board Wednesday 7th May 1777—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq' first Commissioner
Thomas Corbett Geo Abbot Hall Geo Smith Josiah Smith Esq's—
Instructions to Cap't Edward Allen—
Navy Board South Carolina May 7th 1777—

Cap't Edward Allen—

Sir/

The Brigantine of warr Comet of which you are
Captain being now ready to proceed to sea on a Cruze having on
board nearly a full Complement of Men and provissions and Stores
for Three Months, we desire that you will Embrace the first favour-
able Opertunity to proceed to Sea, and you have our Liberty to
Cruze not Exceeding Three Months from the day you leave Charles
Town Barr, in such station as shall appear to you most promising
of Success During which time you are to Take, Sink, Burn, or
Destroy, any Ships Vessels or goods belonging to the King of Great
Britain or to any of his Subjects Excepting the Vessels or goods
belonging to the Islands of Bermuda, or New Providence, and
should you be so fortunate as to take any Prize, be Carefull to put
on board a proper Officer as prize Master, and a Sufficient Number
of men to Navigate her, with Orders to proceed to Charles Town, or
som Convenient Inlett in the State of South Carolina, and we par-
ticularly Recomend that you take the Cap't and two Thirds of the
Crew belonging to any Prize (you may take) on board the Comet
and that you give Directions for treating your prisoners with the
greatest Humanity and Tenderness, and that you do use your best
Endeavours to Inlist as many Seamen for the Comet As will keep
the Complement to Eighty, you are to advise the Commissioners by
Letter Directed to the first Commissioner of every Transaction worth
Communicating during your Cruise. And that you do frequently
cause to be read to the Vessels Company, the Rules of the Navy of
this State, and the third Article of the Rules of Decepline and
good Government, and that you Endeavour all in your power, to
Cultivate Harmony and good Order among the Officers and Se-
men, and that you do every Month Examine the Accounts of the
Different Warrant Officers, and when found right, that you do sign
their Accounts agreeable to the General Instructions given you by
the Board— And to prevent any Inconveniencies that may arise for
want of Credit Should you be Obliged to put into any French, Dutch
or Other port, there is put on board the Comet Two Casks of Indico
Containing Seven Hundred & forty one pounds neat, which you are
to dispose of or Lodge in such hands as shall appear most Capable of
Rendering you the services that may be Required, the neat proceeds
Invest in such Articles as Your Vessell may stand most in need off
or may be most usefull for the Navy of this state, Otherwise it is
to be redelivered on your return to Charles Town—

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commiss
P. S. Should you be Obliged to put into Cape Francois and not have
accasion to make use of the Indico, You'1l deliver it to Mr.
D'Oraisore Merchant there on part of what he is in advance for the
Defence, And should you put into Cape Nichola Mole, then Deliver
the Indico to Mr. John Dupuy Merchant there, on the same Account
and take two Receipts for the same One of which you are to forward
by the first Oportunity to the Commissioners, and the Other to bring
with you

The first Commissioner was Ordered to Draw on the Treasury for
the following acco\., in favour of
No 80 Jacob Cauffman for Sundrys Supplyd the\{ 41 . 5[break]
Brig\'. Notre Dame. . . . . . . . 41 . 5[break]

Adjourned to tomorrow Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 8 May 1777—
Adjourned to Next Saturday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 10th May 1777—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq\., first Commissioner
George Abbott Hall, Tho\a Corbett, Josiah Smith, Esq\a—
The Board having Made a Proposall on Monday last the 5th Ins\., to
Capt Alexander Gillon for a Quantity of Mahogany now Laying on
Gen\'. Gadsdens wharff, to give him £5. 9100 feet which proposals
Capt. Gillon agreed to accept off Yesterday for the said Mahogany—
In the Privy Council May 8th 1777—
The Board advised his Excellency to direct the Commissioners
of the Navy Board to Establish a Rope walk
by his Excell\., the Presid\.: Order\d Accordingly
(signed) Jn\o Colcock
Sec\y P. C—
The first Commissioner was directed to draw on the Treasury for the Two following sums in favour off Viz:

No 81 Thos Anderson for 2824 pounds of Hemp delivered by him to Mr. Dan ONeille sent there by Mr. John Creighton—a £15 12s 0d C.  
82 John Brotherer for a Negroe Man Named Titus Purchased of him by Edwd Blake Esq. first Commissr for the use of the Naval Department see the Bill of Sale dated the 8th Ins--

£423.12—
700.——
£1123.12.—

The Above Negroe Man Titus was delivered to Mr Dan ONeille for the use of the Public Rope Walk See his Receipt dated Yesterday—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Monday

The Board Met According to Adjourn[break]

Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissio[break]
Geo Abbot Hall, Thos Corbett, Josiah Smith, Geo Smith [break]
A Letter was given to Mr. David Hamilton to apply to Gabr1 Capers Esq. for leave to Cutt live Oak Timber for the use of the Navy in the words following Viz:
Mr. Hamilton

You are desired by the Board to repair immediately to Gabriel Capers Esq. at his Plantation in Christ Church Parish and agree with him for the Cutting of as Much Live Oak Timber on his Island as you think will be Necessary for the use of the Ship Yard under your Direction—you are to Obtain it on as low terms as you possibly can, and to be delivered by Mr. Capers at a Convenient Landing place—Mr. Capers may be assured of Speedy payment from this Board, by their Order on the Public Treasury

Navy Board 12th May 1777.

Adjourned to Next Friday Evening 5 oClock—

Extra Meeting Navy Board Wednesday 14th May 1777—

The Board Met According to Summons—

Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Geo Abbott Hall, Thos Corbett, Josiah Smith, George Smith, Esqrs—
A Letter was wrote to his Excellency the President.
Navy Board 14th May 1777—
Sir/ The Commissioners of the Navy having received Certain Information of the Capture of the Brigg Defence and Judging it Necessary, as soon as possible, to purchase or build; One or more fit Vessels to Cruize for the protection of the Trade of this State; beg leave to recommend to your Excellency that as George Abbot Hall Esq' on of the Commissioners of this Board is now going to the Northward for the Benefit of his Health, he may be Directed to purchase a [break] will mount not less than Eighteen six pounders [break] sailing, and in Every respect fit for the service intended, and have her Compleatly fitted, Armed, and maned, and that he may be furnished, with a Sufficient Credit on the Continental Treasury, to Enable him to make such purchase, and that your Excellency will furnish him with Blank Commissions for a Captain, and Two Lieu-

tenants,

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commiss'r

The following Acco's. was Ordered to be drawn on the Treasury for, that is in favour of—

83 Christ'r. Sheets for Venegar for the Brig Comet £18. 15. —
84 Sam'l Hrabowsk for Rum & Casks 341. —. —
85 James Snead for Turning for the Defence 26. 19. —
86 Alexander Horn for Sundrys 507. 15 —
87 Jacob Cauffman for Sundrys for the Brig Notre Dame 26. 17. 6—
88 William Moore for Baking 23. 7.——
89 Alex'. Chisolm for Wood for the Comet 28. 10—

£973. 3. 6—

90 Edwd. Stiles for Trucks for the Defence— 12 ——

985. 3 6

Adjourned to Friday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board. Friday 16th May 1777—
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

5.—H. C.
Navy Board Monday 19th May 1777—
Adjourned untill Summon'd—

Navy Board Friday 30 [break in both copies]
The Board Mett according to Summons
Present Edward Blake Esq', first Comm[break]
George Smith Josiah Smith Roger [break]
Instructions for Cap't Seymour to Open [break]
Navy Board May [break]

Capt' Stephen Seymour

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will Imediately Open a House of Rendez[break] under the Direction of a Proper Officer, and Endeavour to Enlist as many Seamen as you possibly can, to serve on board of the Brigg Notre Dame, for six Months, or Longer, and for the Encouragement of such Seamen as may Enlist for that Time, you may Engage to Advance One Months pay to Each, And to Every man that will Enlist for Twelve Months or during the Warr, Ten Pounds Bounty over and above the Months pay,— Pray be as frugal as possible in the Expence and particularly Carefull that you do not Enlist any man belonging to the Continental Frigate or to Either of the Regiments in the Continental or State Service

Edward Blake first Commissr

A Letter to M' David Hamilton
Navy Board 30th May 1777—

Mr' David Hamilton

Sir/ The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you do Imediately Sett up Six Battoes for the use of the public, and that you do also sett the Boat-Builder Imediately to Build a fitt boat for the Brigg Notre Dame and have them finished with all possible dispatch— that you do tomorrow come to Town and Mark such Mahogany as will suit for the ship yard that Mr'. Calvert may have it sent up to the Yard

by Order of the Board—
Edward Blake first Commissr

A Letter to Cap'. Stephen Seymour
Navy Board 17th May 1777—

Capt'. Stephen Seymour

Sir/
The President and Privy Council having appointed you Cap'. of the Brigg Notre Dame (in the room of
Robert Cochran) the Commissioners of the Navy desire that you
will repair on board the said Brigg, and Carry with you all the
Officers and Seamen belonging the Rattle Snake as the Commis-
sioners have determined that they should be all Turned over from
the Rattle Snake to serve on board the Notre Dame— You'Il please
Order a return to be made out and Delivered to the Clerk of the
Navy Board, by the Different Officers of all the stores you had on
board at the Time you Sailed from George Town for Hispaniola, and
a List of all stores that have been Expended on board during the
Voyage and what have been delivered to the Commissary, and the
Clerk of the Navy Board— Also Indents of all the stores on board
the Notre Dame, and proper Indents for the stores wanted by the
different warrant Officers to fitt her for a Cruize
by Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commiss—

The following Acco's were Ordered to be drawn on the Treas-
ury for in favour of—
N° 91 Peter Prow Making Sails for the
Defence . . . . . . . . . . £108. 10
92 ditto . . Making d° for the
Comet . . . . . . . . . . . . 178.10 287.–— —

93 James Donaldson Joiners work for the Comet 19.10 —
94 The Pilot Boat Tryalls pay bill to the 23d
Ins 3 Mo* . . . . . . . . . . . 139. 6 —
95 Sundry persons for work on board the Notre
Dame . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 68. 5 —
96 Doct' Alex* Hyrne for Medicenes for Rattle
Snake . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 23. 2. 6
97 The Schooner Rattle Snakes pay bill to ye
20th May . . . . . . . . . . . 3660. 19. 5

£4198. 2.11—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock

Navy Board Monday 2nd. June [break]
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present. Edward Blake Esq*. first Commissio[break]
Josiah Smith, George Smith, Thomas Corbett [break]
A Letter was wrote to Cap'. Robert Cochran.
Captn. Robert Cochran Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will Deliver to Mr. John Calvert the Spy Glass purchased by you in France for the use of the Brig Notre Dame

Edwd. Blake 1st Commissr

a Letter was wrote to Mr. Isaac Seymour

Navy Board 2d June 1777—

Mr. Isaac Seymour Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you do with all possible Dispatch take on board the Schooner Rattle Snake a Quantity of Sea Coal now lying on Champneys wharf and carry the same up to the public Ship Yard, there deliver them to the Master of the Yard as soon as you have delivered the Coals, you are to have your Vessell Graved and Cleaned with all possible dispatch—

Edward Blake first Commissr

A Letter was wrote to Captn. Stephen Seymour

Navy Board 2d June 1777—

Captn. Stephen Seymour Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will with all possible dispatch, get the Brigg Notre Dame ready to proceed to Sea on a Cruize, as the Commissioners are very Desirous that the Comet and Notre Dame should sail together in Concert, the Comet will we hope be ready in the Course of ten or fourteen days at Farthest

Edward Blake first Commissr

Pray dont Omit sending in the Indents of the Different Stores wanted, to the Commissary—

[Break] following Accounts were orderd to be drawn on the Treasury for

In favour of Vizt.

Tunis Tebout for Blacksmiths work for the Sloop
Beaufort, ........................... £156. 1.—

Smith & Darrell a Hhd. Rum for the Brigg Comet. 245. 5—

Thomas Waring for Rice for the Defence & Comet. 93. 3.—

Jacob Willaman for Beef for the Comet .................................. 115. 15.—

George Smith Junr 2 Cords wood for the Notre Dame. 15. ——

£625 4—

Agreed to Lett Mr. William Johnson have Six Ton of Publics Coals—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 5 oClock—
Navy Board—Thursday 5th. June 1777—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present . . . . Edward Blake Esqr. first Commissioner
George Smith, Josiah Smith, Tho\(^5\) Corbett Esqrs.

A Letter was wrote to Mr John Dupey at Cape Nichola Mole
Navy Board Charles Town S\(^5\) Carolina June 4th 1777—
Mr. John Dupey Sir/

Our last to you was 14th January Since which we are without any of your Favourrs this serves to Cover Invoice & Bill of Loading for 4 Casks of Choice Indigo which You'll please Receive and Dispose of for the Highest price you can Obtain the Neat proceeds You'll please Apply for payment of the Debt Contracted by Capl. Thomas Pickering of the State Brigg of Warr Defence, if any further Ballance Should remain dew you, please Advise us Early as possible, and You may Depend we will Remitt by the first Opertunity after, And if any Ballance due this State, You'll please Retain it in Your Hands, till you receive Directions from this Board how to remitt it— we are Really Sorry it has not been in our power to have Reimbursed you sooner, Entirely Owing to our not being able to get Freight, As the Indigo has been purchased upwards of four Months for that purpose, You'll please Charge Intrest on the Ballance of Your Accr\(^5\). from the time You Advanced, as we would not wish that any person should suffer the least Loss on any Transaction for the service of this State. \textit{We are hopeful that We shall in future be able to Lodge some Money in the hands of our Friends for the purpose of supplying our State Vessels.}

I am Sir Your most Obed. Hble Serv.

Edward Blake fi[break]

Directed To Monsr. John Dupey Merch\(^t\). at Cape Nichola Mole Highspaniola—

The above four Casks of Indigo was Ship\(^d\) on board the Sloop Little Fanny Cap\(^t\). John Darrell together with a Letter Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Loading— for 1465 lb Indigo.

A Copy of the forementioned Letter to Mr Dupey Incloseing a Second Bill of Loading was put on board the Sloop Success. Cap\(^t\). Willm Allen—

Ordered that Mr Stephen Duvall do Emediately Cause the Pilot boat Eagle to be Carried to the Public ship Yard and have her Cleaned and put in good repair—
The following Acco\textsuperscript{ts}. was Ordered to be drawn on the Treasury in favour of—
103 William Hest for Cordage for the Sloop Beaufort £13. 7— —
104 Pay Bill of the Sloop Beaufort to the 4\textsuperscript{th} June . 695. 8. 6
105 Josiah Smith Jun\textsuperscript{r} Esq\textsuperscript{r}. freig\textsuperscript{t} of Pork from Geo Town
106\textsuperscript{t} Humphry Humphrys for 333\textsuperscript{w}. Hemp a £15 - —
107 Edward Fisher & Co. for Sundrys Supplyed the Commiss\textsuperscript{rs}
108 Clem\textsuperscript{t} Lempriere his Acco\textsuperscript{t}. against the Brigg Defence

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105 & Josiah Smith Jun\textsuperscript{r} Esq\textsuperscript{r}. freig\textsuperscript{t} of Pork from Geo Town & \\
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108 & Clem\textsuperscript{t} Lempriere his Acco\textsuperscript{t}. against the Brigg Defence & \\
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Adjourned to next Saturday 5 oClock

Navy Board Saturday 7\textsuperscript{th} June 1777—
Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} June 1777—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq\textsuperscript{r}. first Commiss\textsuperscript{r}
Josiah Smith, Thos Corbett, George Smith Esq\textsuperscript{rs}
A Letter was wrote to Mr\textsuperscript{s}, Sam\textsuperscript{t}. Wells, & one to Mr\textsuperscript{s}. John Single-
tary, to Supply to public Ship Yard with Sparrs and Plank—
The following Acco\textsuperscript{ts}. was drawn on the Treasury for infav\textsuperscript{t}
Carpenters at the Ship Yard half a Month wages... . . . . .600... —

Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board. Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th} June 1777—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment—
Present. Edward Blake Esq\textsuperscript{r}. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Thos Corbett, George Smith, Esq\textsuperscript{rs}.
Agreed by the Board that the Commissary do make Choice of Such Articles from the Prize goods as are usefull to the Navy of this state,

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and the Commissioners agree to pay the Average price the rest of the Cargo Sells for—

A Letter was wrote to Mr. Benj'a Clark at Beaufort

Navy Board June 12th 1777—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy being in want of a proper person to Carry on the Blockmaking Business for the Public of this State, and being Informed by some of your friends that you was a fitt person to Carry on that Business, has Induced me to write to You on that Subject, and if agreeable to you to Engage with the Commissioners, You'ıl please Advise me by Letter mentioning the Terms

We mean to fix the Shop at the Public ship Yard about three Miles from Charles Town a very pleasant place and where you may be out of the way of any great Expence— If you can make it Convenient to come to Town and agree with the Commissioners it will be to your Advantage—I believe they will have no Objection to pay you the Current prices for all the Work you [break in both copies]

I am Sir Your Most hble Servant
Edward B[break in both copies]

The following Accots. were Ordered to be drawn on the [break] for in favour of—

109 M'c Culley Righton for Negroe hire & wages as){
    boat keeper to the 1st Inst'.  .  .  .  .  .  .
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110 Lieut' Will'm Hall 2 Acco'ts. for work on board the 
    Notre Dame

37..10[break]

£347 [break]

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board. . Saturday 14th June 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner
    Josiah Smith, Tho's Corbett, Roger Smith Esq'rs

A Letter to Mr. M'Culley Righton
    M's', Righton

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you do Imediately send a Boat & Six hands if so many can Conveniently be got (if not four good hands) to assist in taking the
Powder off from the pest House on Morris's Island, and put it on board the Tryal Pilot Boat.

Edw'd Blake 1st Commissr

Navy Board
June 14th, 1777

the above Pilot boat being on ground at this time the following Letter was wrote to Capt.

Jnº. Mercier of the Sloop Beaufort

A Letter to Capt. Mercier

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy request that you do immediately proceed with the Sloop Beaufort to Morris's Island (taking care to call at Sullivants Island for a pass from the Commanding Officer there) and take on board all the powder belonging to the public of this State with which you are to proceed off Charles Town with all possible Dispatch, pray be Careful of Fire and that you do not Anchor near any Vessel.

Edward Blake first Commissr

Navy Board
June 1777

N B. Two Men of Warr off the Bar therefore lose no time in Secureing the Powder—

A Letter to the Commanding Officer at Fort Moultrie

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy having directions from his Excellency the president to send the Sloop Beaufort Capt. John Mercier to Morris's Island to bring off all the Powder now in the pest House, You'll please suffer him to pass to that place

Edward Blake first Commissr

An Order drawn on the Treasury in favour of Mr Humphry Humphrys the 4th. Inst. for 333 w. of Hemp is Cancell'd by Mr Danl O'Neill paying the said Humphrys for the said Hemp Amors to...£49...19—

See No, 106—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of Mr Danl O'Neill for the Ballance of his Acco£. £169—3./—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—
Navy Board Monday 16th June 1777—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present . . . Edward Blake Esq', first Commiss'
Josiah Smith, Tho* Corbett, George Smith, Esq*—

Resolved by the board that the Provissions in the hands of the Commissary be Examined and what may happen to be deem'd unfitt for service, be Emedeately sold by the Commissary—

A Letter was wrote to Elisha Sawyer Esq'...

Sir/ The Commissioners of the Navy desire, that you will as soon as possible have all the provisions now in your possession Examined, and if any shall appear to you unfitt for the use of the Navy you'll please apply to Two fitt persons to Examine the same and such as they may think unfitt for use, you are to dispose off Immediately, after such survey is made and return to this board a Certificate under their hands.

Edward Blake, first Commissioner

Navy Board 16th June 1777—
To Elisha Sawyer Esq'.
Commissary for the Naval Department
A Letter was wrote to Mr. John Turner—

Navy Board 16th June 1777—

Mr. John Turner
We have received notice from his Excellency the President that a French Snow is hourly Expected, and directed by him, to Order the Pilot Boat Tryal to go out as Early in a Morning as possible and to keep out Every day till sunset, in Order to give the said Snow, or any other Vessel bound in, the best Chance of Escaping from the men of warr that are now off the Barr, for this purpose we direct that you do Anchor the boat every Night in Rebellion Road untill relieved by the Eagle Pilot boat, Agreable to a late Act of the General Assembly

Edward Blake first Commiss'.

Adjourned to next Friday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Friday 20th June 1777—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, George Smith, Tho* Corbett, Esq*.—

A Letter wrote to his Excellency the President
Navy Board June 20th 1777.

The Commissioners of the Navy presents their Compliments to his Excellency the President and Acquaints him, that it has been the
Constant practice of this Board, to put on board the State Vessels bound on a Cruze, Indigo to bear their Expence should any of them be Obliged to put into any Foreign port, but at this Time, that article is not to be had, unless at a very Extravagant price and as they are Informed that the Continental Congress have agents in all the Foreign Islands they will be Obliged to his Excellency for a Letter of Credit for Capt. Seymour and Allen on the different Agents, should Either of them be Obliged to put into Martinico Guardaloup, St. Eustatia, or Hispaniola—

Resolved to Build a Galley of the following Demensions viz

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\text{Length of Keel} & \quad 100 \text{ feet} \\
\text{Breadth of Beam} & \quad 26 \text{ feet} \\
\text{Depth in the Hold} & \quad 10 \text{ feet Clear}
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Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following Sums in favour of—

112 Cap. Edward Allen for taking up Desereters &c for the Comet ........................................... £89. 7. 6
113 Cap. James Doharty his Acco for the Beaufort Galley .......................................................... 146. 0. 6
114 Cap. James Doharty Advanced him. ......................... 300.—. —
115 Paul Pritchard for 4000 feet Inch Pine boards for the use of the Ship Yard ........................................... 100.—. —

£635. 8. —

A Letter of Instructions for Cap. Edward Allen—

Navy Board South Carolina 20th June 1777—

Capt. Edward Allen

Sir/

The Brigantine of warr Comet of which you are Capt. being now ready to proceed to Sea on a Cruze having on board nearly a full Complement of Men and Provissions & stores for Three Months, we desire that you will Embrace the first favourable Opertunity to proceed to Sea, And you have our Liberty to Cruze not Exceeding Three Months from the day you Leave Charles Town Barr, in such station as shall appear to you most promising of Success, During which time you are to Take, Sink, Burn or Destroy, any Ships Vessells or Goods belonging to the King of Great Britain or to any of his Subjects, excepting the Vessels or goods belonging to the Islands of Bermuda or New Providence, and Should you be so fortunate as to take any Prize be carefull to put on board a proper Officer as prize Master and a Sufficient number of
Men to navigate [break] with Orders to proceed to Charles Town, or some Convenient Inlet in the State of South Carolina, and we particularly Recommend, that you take the Capt. and two thirds of the Crew belonging to any Prize (you may take) on board the Comet, and that you give directions for treating your prisoners with the greatest Humanity and Tenderness and that you do use your best Endeavours to Inlist as many seamen for the Comet as will keep the Complement to Eighty. You are to advise the Commissioners by Letter directed to the first Commissioner of every Transaction worth Communicating during your Cruze, and that you do frequently cause to be read to the Vessels Company the Rule of the Navy of this State, and the Third Article of the Rules of Discipline and good Government and that you Endeavour all in your power to Cultivate Harmony and good Order among the Officers and Seamen And that you do every Month Examine the Accounts of the different warrant Officers and when found right that you do sign their accounts agreeable to the General Instructions given you by the Board— And to prevent any Inconvenience that may arise for want of Credit should you be Obliged to put into any Foreign Port you have herewith a Letter of Credit from his Excellency the President on the agent of the Continental Congress residing at such port, and whatever Supplies you may Receive from him for the use of the Comet you are to Draw Bills on this Board for the amount, and advise the Commissioners of all such Drafts, The Commissioners of the Navy having received Information from his Excellency the President of a Number of Brass Field Pieces and Other warlike stores belonging to this State; being at Cape Francois in the Hands of Mons’. Carabasse they desire that in Case you should put into that port at a time your Cruise may be [break] out, and you [break] to return to Charles Town you will call on Mons’. Carabasse and take on board the Comet [break] many of them with their Carriages and Stores as you can Conveniently Bring.

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissr—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board. Saturday 21st. June. 1777—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present. Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Thos Corbett, George Smith, Esqrs—

Orders was drawn on the Treasury for the following Sums in favour of—

N° 116
Edward Blake Esq. for a Negroe Man Named) Jack for the use of the Public Rope walk . . . £825. — —

N° 117
Thos Legare Junr. for a Negroe Man Named Horace for the use of the Public Rope walk . . . 700 — —

N° 118
Sam'l Bonsell his Acco. of Iron work for the Notre Dame . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 55 — —

£1580 — — —

Agreed with Benjamin Warshington, Blacksmith to work at the public Ship Yard & to allow him £60. £ 60 month & one & a half Rations & half pint of Rum £ 60 day. And £25 £ 60 month for his Negroe man.

Adjourned until further Summons—

Navy Board Monday 30th June 1777—
The Board Mett According to Summons—
Present. Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Thos Corbett George Smith Esqrs....

A Letter to Geo Abbott Hall Esq'

S° Carolina — — Navy Board June 30th 1777—

George Abbot Hall Esq'

Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy board have this day wrote to their Delegates in Continental Congress desireing them to Engage Twelve good Ship Carpenters, with an Experienced Foreman, One ship Joyner, & One good Block Maker to serve Twelve Months after their Arival at Charles Town.

We beg that you will be assistance in your power to get and forward as possible, as we have a very large Galley now and we are fearfull the greater part, if not the whole of the Carpenters now Employed in the State Yard, will quit & return to Philadelphia as soon as their three Months is expired, after which we shall be greatly Distressed for want unless we get Supplyed from the Northward—
If such as have their own Tools can be Engaged it will be [break] as them Articles are very scarce and hard to be got in this State—Pray Inform this Board of Every thing that will [break] of Service to the Navy of this State, and whether or not you have purchased a Vessel on Account of this State; if Pickerin is Exchanged, or likely to be Exchanged soon, if not, and you have purchased a Vessel who is to Command her

by Order of the Board I am Sir
Your Most Obedt. Hble Servt.
Edward Blake 1st Commiss.

A Letter to the Deligates of this State in Philadelphia
Navy Board June 30th 1777—

Gentlemen/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board having Established a Public Ship Yard, & Rope walk in the State of South Carolina, and having given Directions for the Building a Galley for the Defence of the State & the protection of Trade, not being able to get Sufficient Workmen here to Execute the Business with Dispatch, they will be very much Obliged to you if you will Endeavour to Engage and send here as soon as possible Twelve good Ship Carpenters with an Experienced Foreman, One Ship Joyner, and One good Block Maker, on the most reasonable Terms you can, to serve Twelve Months after their arival at Charles Town, their wages to Commence the day of this Agreement— We have now Employ'd in the Ship Yard Eighteen Carpenters which were Returning from Georgia to Philadelphia they were Engaged in Philad. for the State of Georgia at Thirty Dollars ☞ Month Each, their wages to Continue [break] they have returned Home—in Order to Induce them to stay here [break] Months which was the Longest time they would Engage for, We gave them forty Dollars ☞ Month, and One Ration and a half a Man ☞ day, and to Continue their pay till they return to Philadelphia, should they Incline to do so at the End of three Months— We are Hopefull that you will be able to Engage on Better Terms, at least so as to Ease this State of any expence, after they leave the Service, we would recommend that each of them should furnish his Own Tools if such men can Conveniently be got, as such Articles are become very scarce and of Course very dear in this State— We shall be much Obliged to you to furnish us with all such regulations respecting the Continental Navy, as will be of any particular Service to regulate the Navy of this State, as we are very desireous to have the Navy of this State under as good Regulations,
and on as respectable a Footing as any Other Navy in America— by Order of the Board

I am Gentlemen Your Most Obedt.

HblSr. Servt.

Edwd Blake 1st Commissioner

Instructions for Captn Stephen Seymour—

Navy Board South Carolina June 30th 1777—

Captn. Stephen Seymour

Sir/

The Brigantine of war Notre Dame of which you are Captn, being now ready to proceed to sea on a Cruize having on board nearly a full Complement of men & provisions and Stores for Three Months, we desire that you will Embrace the first favourable Opportunity to Proceed to sea, And you have our Liberty to Cruise not Exceeding Three Months from the day you leave Charles Town Barr, in such station as shall appear to you most promising of Success, During which Time you are to Take, Sink, Burn, or Destroy, and ships, Vessels, or Goods, belonging to the King of Great Britain, or to any of his Subjects Excepting the Vessels, or Goods, belonging to the Islands of Burmuda, or new Providence, & should you be so fortunate as to take any prize, be Carefull to put on board a proper Officer as prize Master & a Sufficient number of Men to Navigate her, with Orders to proceed to Charles Town, or some Convenient Inlet in the State of South Carolina & we particularly recommend that you take [break] and Two thirds of the Crew, belonging to any prize (you [break] on board the Notre Dame, and that you give directions for Treating your Prisoners with the greatest Humanity & Tenderness, and that you do use your best Endeavou [break] list as many Seamen for the Notre Dame as will keep [break] Complement to Eighty, You are to Advise the Commissio [break] by Letter Directed to the first Commissioner of every Transaction worth Communicateing, during your Cruise, and that you do frequently cause to be read to the Vessels Company the Rules of the Navy of this State, and the third Article of the Rule of Discipline and good Government, and that you Endeavour all in your power to Cultivate Harmony and good Order among the Officers & Seamen, and that you do Every Month Examine the Accounts of the different Warrant Officers, and when found Right that you do sign their Acco[break]— Agreeable to the General Instructions given you by this Board— And to prevent any Inconvenience that may Arise for want of Credit Should you be Obliged to put into any Foreign port you have herewith a Letter of Credit from his Excellency the Presi-
dent on the Agent of the Continental Congress residing at such Port; and whatever Supplys you may receive from him for the use of the Notre Dame, you are to draw Bills on this Board for the Amount; and advise the Commissioners by Every Opportunity of all such Drafts, The Commissioners of the Navy having received Information from his Excellency the President of a Number of Brass Field Pieces and Other warlike Stores, belonging to this State being at Cape Francois in the Hands of Monsr. Carabasse, they desire that in case you should Put into that Port at a time your Cruize may be nearly Out and you are about to return to Charles Town you will Call on Monsr. Carabasse and take on board the Notre Dame as many of them with their Carriages & Stores as you Can Conveniently Bring

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake 1st Commissioner.

Agreed that the first Commissioner do apply to his Excellency the President for an Order for Twenty Labouring Negroes for the Naval Department.

Also for the Floating Battery, to fetch from Capers Island a Load of Ship Timber for the Ship Yard

Also, to Order Mr McCulley Righton to send all such boats as General Gadsden may want, & has been repaired, down to Sullivants Island & to bring such boats from the Island as want repair—

The following Accot's. were Ordered to be drawn on the Treasury for viz in favour of—

120 William Denney for Pouches . . . . for.....ditto..... 180 — —
121 George Flagg. Painting & Rectifying Compasses for ditto . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 25. 5 —

£1440.17. 6

122 Cap° Step° Seymour Advanced by him— — — 593.15
Cap°. Seymour for provisions for the Rattle Snake 78 — —

£2112.12. 6

Adjourned to next Thursday Even°. 6 oClock—

Ended—

1The rough journal was kept in several small blank books. This was the end of the first of these. These little books had been bound into one volume some years ago by the authorities of the New York State Library. The first book contained ninety-three pages of written matter. The ninety-fourth page was blank.
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[Navy Board 1st July 1777—]

missioners of the Navy, beg leave to Observe to His [break] the President, that, in their Opinion, the State should be furnished with a Vessel of Greater Force, than any that now belongs to it, to be employ'd as well for the protection of its Trade, as for the Annoyance of its Enemies, and, that if a Ship was immediately built of about 108 feet Keel, 31 feet Beam, & depth of Hold in proportion, such Vessel would be of much more benefit to the State than Another Galley, and is at Present much more wanted, The Board have at Present a Number of Ship Carpenters Employ'd in the State Yard & have wrote to Philadelphia for thirteen more in Order to Carry on the work with Dispatch; they are hopefull they will be here before those now Employ'd Quit the Service, should they Incline to do so, when the Three Months are Expired, the time they first Engaged for; They are also furnished with Timber and Other Materials necessary for the Building of such a Vessel, and if its the pleasure of your Excellency, & Council, that such a One should be Built, you will be pleased to signify it to the Board as soon as possible, (the Operations in the ship Yard being Delay'd for your Answer) and the Commissioners will give Orders Accordingly—The Acteons Guns with others that may be furnish'd by the State, the Commissioners apprehend will be sufficient for the Vessel mentioned—The Public are at a Considerable Expence in hiring Negro Labourers at great Wages, for the Naval Department, great part of which might be saved & the work more certainly & regularly Conducted, if your Excellency would be pleased to Order Twenty of the Labouring Negroes, Employ'd in the Public Service to assist in the works of the Naval Department, under the direction of the Commissioners—The Commissioners have a Quantity of ship Timber laying at Mr Capers Island, which they have occasion for at the Ship Yard, & will be Obliged to his Excellency to Order the Floating Battery to be delivered to the Commissioners, in Order to Convey it Over as the State has no Other Vessel proper for the purpose—this Business done she shall be return'd to Mr Will—

by Order of the Board—Edwd Blake first Commissioner

Navy Board — — — — [break in both copies.]

The Board Met According to Adjourn [break]

Present. Edward B [break]

Tho Corbett, Josiah Smith, Tho Savag [break]

Copies of Two Letters; One to the Delegates of this Stat [break]
and One to George Abbot Hall Esq'. at the same place [break]
Ult. were wrote by the first Commissioner and sent [break] Cotes-
worth Pinckney—

Agreed to Allow Mr. John Gabroel half a pint of Rum & a Gill of Rum day for Ea[break] of his Negroes while Employ’d by the Commissioners—

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the Following Accots. in fav'r. of

James Snead for sundrys for the Brig Notre Dame.... £39 — —
John Rd Talman for Boards Supplyed John Gabroel... 105. 0. 9
James Stedman for Trucks for the Notre Dame.... 54 — —
McCulley Righton his wages & Cash in the M. of June 212 5 —
Willm Ward Burrows for draw'g Lease &c. for Rope Walk 50—

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 5th July 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present. Edward Blake Esq'. first Commiss’
Josiah Smith, Tho' Savage, Tho' Corbett, Esq'rs—
The Agreement between the Commissioners of the Navy, and Daniel O'Nellig Rope Maker, were Signed & Sealed by both Parties in presence of
John Calvert & Daniel Smith—
Adjourned to next Wednesday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Wednesday 9th July 1777
Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 10th. July 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, George Smith, Tho' Corbett, Tho' Savage, Esq'rs
A Letter to Capt. Isaac Seymour—
Capt. Seymour
Sir/ The Commissioners of the Navy desire that Tomorrow (without fail) You have the Floating Battery ready to proceed for a Load of Timber for the use of the public Ship Yard, and that you do Acquaint the first Commissioner as soon as the Vessel is ready—

Edwd Blake 1st Commiss

A Letter to Mr. McCulley Righton
Mr. McCulley Righton
Sir/ The Commissioners of the Navy have been Informed by General Gadsden that the boats lately repaired have not been delivered at Sullivants Island as was directed by the Commissioners, they therefore desire that all such boats as have been repaired be delivered to the Commanding Officer at Sullivants Island, and that all the boats now at the Island that want repair be Immediately sent to the Ship Yard and delivered to Mr. David Hamilton

Edward Blake first Commiss

A Letter to Mr. David Hamilton
dated Navy Board July 7th 1777—
Mr. David Hamilton
Sir/ The President having Signified to the Board by Message delivered by Mr. John Calvert that it was the Determination of the Council, that a Galley of the Following Dimensions Sixty Two feet Keel Twenty feet Beam & Six feet Clear in the Hold should be Immediately built for the defence of this State, you'1l therefore have [break] Galley Built with all possible dispatch.

Message from his Excellency the President to the Commissioners of the Navy dated July 9th 1777—
The Public will not in future Insure Negroes employed in the Armed Vessells belonging to the State
The following Acco's were Ordered to be drawn on the Treasury in favour of—

N°1 James Black for Building a Galley...£3248.15 [break]

1 All has been left blank under "N°" in the original journal, but in the engrossed copy before the first eight items are the numbers 131 to 138. Between the first of these and the writing is the figure 21, the next two 11, the fourth 13, the fifth 23, the sixth 29, the seventh 5 and the eighth a blank space. Before the first exhibit in Trusler's item is the figure 34 and before the second is 8.
ditto for work done to the Sloop Beaufort— 295..14 [break]
John Hughes for work on board Sloop Beaufort 42..11 [break]
Eagle Pilot boat a pay bill from the 4th Aprl to the 4th July being three 402.— [break]
Jacob Valk for a Negro Man Landy for the use of the Rope Walk— 410 — [break]
Elisha Sawyer Commissary his Disbursements 6072. 8. 2
George Warshing Beef for the Rattle Snake . 41. 3. 9
William Trusler for Sundry Accosts. yiz Pilot Boat Tryal for Beef. £57. 2. 9.
Brigg Notre Dame. ditto. 406.11. 6
Pilot Boat Eagle. ditto. 66. 2. 3.
Brigg Comet. ditto. 358.14.
Sloop Beaufort. ditto. 12.16—
Ship Yard. ditto. 80.12— 981.18. 6

£11494.11.8

Adjourned to Next Saturday Even® 6 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 12th July 1777—
Adjourned to next Monday Even® 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 14th July 1777—
Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 15th July 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment Present. Edward Blake Esq. 1st Commissr
Josiah Smith, George Smith, Thos Savage, Esqs.
The following Sums were Ordered to be drawn for on the Treasury in favour of
Daniel ONeille for the use of the Rope walk £1000 —
Willm Hest a Hauser for the Comet 1190w. a £30. 357 — —

Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock —

Navy Board . . . Thursday 17th July 1777 —
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present. Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, George Smith, Thomas Savage, Esqrs—
Lease’s for the Public Rope walk were Executed between Mathewrin Guerin, Joseph Creighton, & Geo. Tew of the One part and the Commissioners of the Navy of the Other part for the Term of five Years from the First day of March Last—
A Letter to Mr. Elisha Sawyer
Navy Board July 17th 1777 —

Mr Elisha Sawyer
Sir /

The Commissioners of the Navy desire to know what forwardness the sails, Rigging, & other stores Ordered for the Beaufort Galley are in, and when the whole will be ready......
Edward Blake first Commiss’—
A Letter to Captn. Stephen Duval
Navy Board July 17th. 1777 —

Captn. Stephen Duval
Sir /

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you do Immediately deliver from on Board the Eagle Pilot Boat Unto Captn Thom[break] of The Tryal Pilot Boat Two Negroe Men (Namely [break] Mr. Jacob Waldron, and Belonging to Mrs: Jones, and that Every Night for Eight Nights from this date (when not upon any Special Duty) Anchor with the Pilot Boat as near to Sullivans Island as you Conveniently Can, and that you do Proceed over the Bar to sea Early Every Morning and give all possible Assistance to such Vessels as may be Bound into this port, and that you [break] times on Discovering any of the Enemy’s Ships Inform the Commanding Officer at Fort Moultrie of their Numbers strength & Situation as nearly as you Can . . . Edward Blake first Commis[break]
A Letter to Capt^a. Thomas Smith
Navy Board July 17th 1777—

Capt^a. Tho^s Smith
Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you do Immediately Call on Capt^a Stephen Duval of the Eagle Pilot Boat, and receive from him Two Negroe Men to Serve on board the Tryall Pilot Boat under your Command, (Namely,) Belonging to M^r. Jacob Waldron & belonging to M^rs. Jones and that you do also Endeavour to Engage Messrs. Pharoah and Elsenore to go with you as Branch Pilots, and that you do get the Tryal ready with all possible Dispatch to proceed to sea, and that you do Inform the Commissioners of the Navy when ready—
Edward Blake first Commissr
A Letter to Capt^b: John Mercier—
Navy Board July 17th 1777—

Capt^a. John Mercier
Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will attend the Board this Evening at Eight oClock, and that you bring an Indent of all such Stores as will be wanted to fit out the Sloop Beaufort as an Armed Vessel
Edw^d Blake first Commissr

[Break] Letter to [undecipherable] Elisha Sawyer
Navy Board July 17th 1777—

M^r Elisha Sawyer
Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will furnish Capt^a John Mercier of the Sloop Beaufort with all such stores as he may apply for to fit said Sloop for Sea with all possible Dispatch; that you do purchase Six Hhds of Rum for the use of the Naval Department . . . . Edward Blake first Commissr

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board. Saturday 19th July 1777—
Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board. Monday 21st July 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, George Smith, Roger Smith, Tho^s Corbett, Esq^rs
A Letter to Mr. David Hamilton

Navy Board July 21st 1777—

Mr. Hamilton

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Desire that you do this Evening or very Early in the Morning send two good Carpenters to Sullivants Island, to repair a Boat belonging to General Gadsden. Edw'd Blake first Commiss'.

Agreed to send the Sloop Beaufort Capt'n John Mercier (In Land) to Beaufort in Order to have her Compleatly fitted for Sea and as Soon as fitted to Return from Beaufort to Charles Town—

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following Acco's

William Johnson his Acco's against the Brigg Comet £294. 3. 9

ditto. . . . . . . . . . . . . . Brigg Defence 138 13 6

ditto. . . . . . . . . . . . . . Brigg Notre Dame 379. .8 —

Stephen Duval Disbursements for the Eagle. . . . 36.19. 6

John Hughes Joyners work on board the B Galley..... 363 — ——

£1212..4..9.

A Boat [break] the Ship Carpenters at the Public Ship yard for Five [break] and an Order sent to Mr. David Hamilton [break] said Boat with Two Swivel Stocks, for the use of General Gadsden at Sullivants Island—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening [break]

Navy Board . . . Thursday 24th July 1777—

A Letter to Mr. David Hamilton

Navy Board July 23d 1777—

Mr. David Hamilton

Sir/

Gen'l. Gadsden has wrote to the Vice President Complaining greatly that the boats lately repaired at the Public Ship Yard, were sent down to him in a most Slovenly Manner particularly the large Long boat & Flatt purchased from Mr. Locock; the Commissioners desire that you will be more Careful in future, and not Suffer any work to be sent from the Yard but what is faithfully done as it is very disagreeable to them to have such Complaints—Edw’d Blake first Commiss'
A Letter to Capt. John Mercier
Navy Board July 23rd 1777—

Capt. John Mercier

Sir/

With the Sloop Beaufort under your Command, you are to proceed with all possible dispatch to Beaufort, and there deliver to Capt. James Dohartie of the Beaufort Galley, all the Cordage, Sails, and Other Stores, you have on board for the use of the said Galley—You’ll also please to have the Sloop Beaufort Immediately fitted with all Necessary Bolts, Blocks, and Other Stores to Compleat her for an Armed Vessell, to Mount Six Carriage Guns & Ten Swevels— As soon as the Sloop is Compleat You’ll please return with her to Charles Town with all possible Dispatch, but by no means Venture out to Sea Either going or Coming Unless you are well Advised that the Coast is Clear of Men of War and Cruizers

I am Sir Your Most Hbl e Serv t

Edward Blake first Commissr

A Letter to Capt. James Dohartie—
Navy Board July 23rd 1777—

Capt James Dohartie

Sir/

By Capt. Mercier of the Sloop Beaufort, You’ll receive the Sails, Rigging &c. for the use of the Beaufort Galley, the Commissioners recommend that you be as Expeditious as possible in getting her fitted and ready for Service, any Other Stores you may want that cannot be had in Beaufort You’ll please send an Indent, as soon as possible, at foot you have a List of all Such Stores as are now sent—

I am Sir Your Most Hbl e Serv t.

Edward Blake first Commissr.

Agreed to Draw on the Treasury for the following Sum in favour of James Miller for a Boat Purchased of him £550—

adjourned to Next Saturday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 26th July 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Thomas Corbett, Roger Smith, Esqrs—

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following Acco's. in fav'r. of Nathl Russell for 6 Hh. Rum 658 Galls a 60/. £1974.
Elisha Poinsett for Medicines for the Brigg Notre Dame
Philip Hart for sundrys Supplyed the Commissary...
Benj* Warshington Blacksmith 1 Month wages due him the 21st Ultimo for self £60 Negroe fellow £25

£3024. 4. 10½

Adjourned to next Tuesday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 29th July 1777—
adjoining to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Wednesday 30 July 1777.
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq* first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Roger Smith, George Smith, Tho* Corbett, Esq*rs...
Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the Following Acco* in fav* of Henry Smith Esq* for Cyp* & Pine boards}
boards for the Ship Yard. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . £375. 2. 4
Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 2d August 1777—
Adjoined untill further Summons—

Navy Board Monday 18th August 1777—
The Board Met According to Summons—
Present Edward Blake Esq* first Commissioner
Josiah Smith George Smith Thomas Savage Esq*rs—

Capt*. John Mercier

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy having Received directions from his Excellency the President to send the Sloop Beaufort with a Load of Rice to One of the French Islands, they desire to know if it will be agreeable to you to go in her as Captain and Transact the Business, for which the usual Commission
will be allowed,— If you Accept of the Offer, You'll please purchase
a Load of Good new Rice at Beaufort, & draw on the Commissioner of
the Navy for Amount (the Current price in Charles Town is
89 $ 100 w.) and as soon as your Vessel is Loaded and fit for sea, You
are to proceed with all possible dispatch to Cape Francois,
or Some Harbour in Hispaniola, there dispose of the Cargo of Rice
at the highest price you can obtain, and purchase as much Rum as
you Can conveniently stow, if any money Remains after paying for
the Rum and the Necessary Charges of the Vessel, you are to Invest
it in good Osnabrugs or Sail Duck, and Proceed with all possible
dispatch to Cha^ Town, or the First Convenient Inlet in the State of
South Carolina, if any provisions or Other Stores are wanted that
Cannot be got in Beaufort, Advise the Commissioners as Early as
possible that they may be sent from Charles Town, or if it should
not suit you to proceed on this Voyage, pray make all possible haste
in getting the Sloop fitted and Loaded for the sea, and proceed with
her to Charles Town

I am Sir Your Most Hbl e. Serv t.
Edward Blake first Commiss r

Capt n. James Dohartie

Sir/ .

The Commissioners of the Navy desire
that you will with all possible Dispatch get the Beaufort Galley fitted
and brought to Charles Town, they have directed the Commissary to
furnish the Necessary Stores for fitting said Galley agreeable to
your Indent delivered in to the Board, but should you not be quite
Compleat, they desire that you will proceed within Land to Charles
Town as soon as possible, where you will be more readily Supplyed
with such Stores as may be wanted

I am Sir Your Most Hbl e Serv t
Edward Blake first Commiss r

Capt n. Stephen Seymour

Sir/ .
The State Brigg Notre Dame of which
you are Captain having been fitted & Man'd at a very great Expence
and having provisions and Stores put on board for a Cruize of
three Months, the Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do

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\[1^1\]On the margin is the annotation: “Capt Seymour  \} 
Instructions  \}”
Embrace the first fair wind to proceed to sea with said Brigg and 
continue Cruising in such Latitude, as to you may seem most promising
of Success, for at least two months, from the day that you Leave
Winyaw Bar, during all which time, You are to Take, Sink, Burn or
Destroy any Vessels or Goods, belonging to any of the Subjects of
the King of Great Britain Except the Vessels or goods belonging to
the Islands of Bermuda, or New Providence, and Should you be so
fortunate as to take any Prizes You are to be Careful to put a proper
person on board as Prize Master with a Sufficient Number of Seamen
to Navigate her, with Orders to proceed into some port in this
State, But by no means return into port with the Notre Dame during
the time of your Cruize Unless forced by stress of weather or in
want of some Stores or repairs that you Cannot possibly do without
and should you want any further Supply of Provisions or Stores to
Enable you to Continue to Cruize Two Months as directed Mr. Saw-
yer the Commissary has directions to Furnish you—

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commiss'
Agreed to draw on the Treasury for amo\(^t\) of the Bill of wages &c.
due the Ship Carpenters Employed in the State Ship Yard due the 2\(^d\)
Inst\(^t\) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . £5305.1.8—
Adjourned to next.. Thursday Even\(^*\) 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 21\(^st\) Aug\(^st\) 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present. Edward Blake Esq\(^t\), first Commiss\(^t\)—
Josiah Smith Tho\(^s\) Savage Roger Smith Esq\(^t\)—
The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of
Begby & Manson their Acco\(^t\) against the Comet. £874. 7.4—
Myer Moses Sundrys Supply’d the Commissary— 112. 10 —
Arnold Harvey wages due him from ye Notre Dame
Edward Weyman for water Casks for the Comet. 26.. 5
ditto. . a Cable from the Appalachieola for ditto— 200 —

Continued £1243.. 2 [break]
[Break] Treasury Continued £1243. 2. 4.
[Break] y bill to ye 27th June 3 Months 6083. 2 —
dittos pay bill to ye. 20th Augst. 1 Mo. 24 days— 2275. 10 8—

£9601.. 15 —

adjourned to Next Saturday Even\(^*\) 6 oClock—
Navy Board Saturday 23rd August 1777—
Adjourned to Next Tuesday Even$ 6 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 26th August. 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present— Edward Blake Esq., first Commissioner—
Josiah Smith, George Smith, Thomas Corbett, Esqrs—
Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following Accounts in favour of—
Edw\textsuperscript{d} Weyman for Sundrys bo\textsuperscript{t} by the Commissary \textbf{£730} — — —
Paul Pritchard for Timber for the Ship Yard \textbf{£849.1.3.}
ditto . . . .for work on board the Notre Dame 243.5 — 1092 . 6 3.
Will\textsuperscript{m} Tweed for Blocks & Screws for Ship Yard . . . . . . . . . \textbf{£350} — — —
Jos Darling Sail Maker—
for work for the Pilot Boat Hawk . . . . . . . . . . . . . \textbf{£19.17.6}
for ditto for the Brigg Defence . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \textbf{25. 5 — 45} . . . \textbf{2.6}
James Brieken work for the Comet . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \textbf{108. 6.3.}

\textbf{£2325.15 —}

Adjourned to Next Thursday Even$ 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 28th Augs\textsuperscript{t}. 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq., first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Roger Smith, Tho\textsuperscript{e} Savage, Tho\textsuperscript{e} Corbett, Esqrs—
The Honbl\textsuperscript{e}. John Edwards & Edward Darrell Esqrs elected by the Legislature additional members of this Board were Sworn in accordingly and took their Seats
Agreed to give the Command of the Sloop Beaufort to Samuel Snowden—
Agreed to Give the [break] Rattle Snake to James Woodhouse—
The following Acco\textsuperscript{is} were Ordered to be drawn on the Treasury in fav\textsuperscript{e} of
Edward Blake Esq. for Several Orders paid by him viz
Hezekiah Anthony for Mr. Dupeys draft for the\{ Brigg Defence — — — — — — — — — — — \} \textbf{£996 . 2 .6}
John Gaboriel for the ship yard Advanced. 195
George Buckle work at Ship yard 65
Dan[1]. Oneille Rope walk advanced him 175.15

1712. 12.6-
John Edwards Esq[3], freight of Tarr. 382.10
Capt[4]. John Mercier pay Bill and disbursm[5]s for the
Sloop Beaufort to 28[6]th Inst[7]. 541.7—

£2636. 9.6

Adjourned to Next Monday Even[8] 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 1[9]st September 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq[10], first Commissioner—
Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following sums in favour of
Jonas Davies wages due him on board the Notre Dame £191. 2—
Rob[13]t Cochran his Acco[14], against the Notre Dame 411.11—

£602.13—

Adjourned to next Thursday Even[15] 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 4[16]th September 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq[17], first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Tho[18]s Corbett, Edward Darrell, Esq[19]—
A Letter to Mr. Elisha Sawyer—

Sir
The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will [break] Eagle Pilot Boat with a New Suit of Sails, (say Main Sail For [break] Sail & Gib) with all possible dispatch—
To Elisha Sawyer Commissary Edward Blake first Commiss[22] of the Naval Department

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following Sums in favour of
Gabriel Capers Esq\(^t\). for Live Oak Timber for Ship Yard  \(£1370\)
Sam\(^1\) Legare for a Cable for the Brigg Defence  \(273.12\)
John Hesket for pine Timber for the Ship Yard  \(60\)
McCulley Righton 2 Acco\(^s\). for July & August  \(342.176\)
Geo Morris his Acco\(^t\). for painting boats  \(96.10\)
John Gaborial Advanced him for the Ship Yard  \(1000\)
Dan\(^1\) O'Neille advanced him for the Rope walk  \(2000\)

\(£8090.1\ldots6\)

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 8\(^{th}\) Sept\(^t\). 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq\(^t\). first Commissioner
John Edwards, Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell Tho\(^s\) Corbett Esq\(^s\):
A Letter to his Excellency the President
The Commissioners of the Navy request your Excellency to Grant Capt\(^n\). Samuel Snowden Commander of the Sloop Beaufort belonging to this State a Commission, being now ready for Sea—......
Edward Blake first Commiss\(^r\)
Monday Evening 8\(^{th}\) Sept\(^t\). 1777—
A Letter to Capt\(^n\). Stephen Seymour—
Charles Town Navy Board 8\(^{th}\) Sept\(^t\). 1777—
Capt\(^n\). Stephen Seymour
Sir The Commissioners of the Navy are much Surprised to hear that the Brigg\(^t\) Notre Dame of which you have Command is \[break\] Port, contrary to their Orders to you of the 14\(^{th}\) Ultimo They theref \[break\] again require that you do Immediately proceed to sea According to their said Instructions of the 14\(^{th}\) Ultimo
Edward Blake first Commiss\(^r\)
A Letter to Capt\(^n\). Samuel Snowden—
Navy Board September 8\(^{th}\) 1777—
Capt\(^n\). Samuel Snowden/
Sir/
The Sloop Beaufort being now Loaded and ready for Sea, the Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do proceed with the utmost Dispatch from Charles Town to Cape
Francois, or Cape Nichola Mole in the Island of Hispaniola, whichever you Can most Conveniently get into where as soon as you Arrive you are to Deliver your Cargo Agreeable to Bill of Loading, (that is to say) if) at Cape Francois to Messrs. D’Oraisore & Co. if at Cape Nichola to Mr. John Dupey Merch. there, and take on board such Cargo as Either of them may deliver you with which you are to proceed with all possible dispatch to Charles Town or some Convenient Inlet in this State we would recommend your supplying your self with such shot as will be Necessary for the use of the Vessell, and as you are furnished with a Commission, we would also recommend that you ship Ten Men in Hispaniola more than the Number you Carry from Charles Town— Wishing you a Successfull Voyage

I am Sir
Your Most Hbl e. Servt.
Edward Blake first Commissr

A Letter to Messrs. D’Oraisore & Co.—
So, Carolina Navy Board Septemr 9th 1777—
Messrs D’Oraisore & Co.

Gentlemen your favour of the 6th of May is now before the Board, and in answer thereto we now Inclose you Invoice and Bill of Loading for Sixty One whole & Thirty one half Barrels of Rice which you’ll please receive and dispose of to the best Advantage for the state of South Carolina, and the Nt. proceeds, (after paying Capt. Snowden five $1 on the amount of Sales and the disbursements of the Sloop) you’ll please remit in good Taffia and should the proceeds of the Rice be insufficient to purchase a full Load we beg that you will advance as much for the Credit of this State as will fill her, and you may be assured of being reimbursed out of the Cargo of the Schooner Rattle Snake with Interest. the Rattle Snake will sail in about a Month with a Cargo of about Two Hundred & Twenty Barrels of Rice & a Quantity of Indigo or Tobacco in Order to Make payment to Mr. Dupuy for his advance on Account of the States Brigg Defence and to purchase a Load of Taffia—

I am Sir

To Messrs. D’Oraisore & Co.—

Your Most Hbl e. Servt.
Edward Blake first Commissr
A Letter to Mr John Dupuy at Cape Nichola Mole
Charles Town S Carolina Navy Board Sept. 9th 1777—

Mr. John Dupuy

Sir/

Our last to you was the 4th June since which we received your favour of 6th June and note the Contents, we are sorry that the Ballance due you on Acco. of the Defence has remained unpaid so long, Owing to the very high price of Indigo here, and the great Difficulty in getting freight to your place— This serves to Inclose Invoice and Bill of Loading for sixty One whole & Thirty Two half Barrels of rice which you'll please receive and Dispose of for Acco. of the State of South Carolina, to Neat proceeds after paying Capt. Snowden five £9 C. on the sales and the disbursements of the Sloop, You'll please remit in good Taffia and should the proceeds be insufficient to purchase a full Load, we must beg that you will Advance so much for the Credit of this State as will Compleat it, for which, as well as the old Ballce— you may be assured that you will be fully paid with Interest Out of the Cargoe of the Schooner Rattle Snake which will sail from this in about One Month with about Two hundred and Twenty Barrels of Rice & a quantity of Indico to your Address, we are hopeful that we shall in future be able to Lodge some Money in the Hands of our Frien [break] the different Islands to Answer the purpose of Supplying Our State Vessells with such Necessaries as they may want when Obliged to put into such ports—

I am Sir

Your Most Hble Servt.

To Mr. John Dupuy } Edward Blake first Commissr
Mercht at the Mole }

£9 the Sloop Beaufort Capt. Snowden

The following Sums were drawn on the Treasury for in favour of Thos Shubrick Esqr. Hire of 6 Negroes in the Ship Yard £221. 12 6

Edwd Weyman Sundrys bo. by the Naval Commissary 1800. 2. 4

Richd Silence for 15 days work at States Ship Yard— 40. 12 6

paid to David Hamilton £2062. 7. 4

Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock.
Navy Board Thursday 11th Sept 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present  Edward Blake Esq, first Commissioner
John Edwards Josiah Smith Edward Darrell Esqrs—

A Letter to the Naval Commissary—

Navy Board, September 11th 1777—

Sir/ The Commissioners of the Navy Board desire that you will dispose of all Such provisions as are unfit for the Navy Edward Blake first Commissioner  

To Elisha Sawyer Commissary }

Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the following Sums in favour of—

Edward Weyman for Sundrys bov by Josiah Smith  
Esqrs £2947. 2.

John Glegg Iron work for the Notre Dame . . . . . 438. 5.

David Hamilton work done to Geo Galphin Esqrs boat— 42. 10.

Carried [break]

[Break]ount brought f[rest undecipherable]. . . . . £2427. 17 —

Robert Beard 2 Accotrs. for Tin work for ye State Vessells 133. 5—

Benjamin & James Wilkins for the Brigg Comet . . . . 48 ——

Capt Sam Snowden wages & Disburstments on board the Sloop Beaufort and advance — — 594. 7. 6

Pet Prue Making Sails for the Comet . . . . . . . 97 ——

Captn. Edwd Allen Sundrys for the Comet . . . . . 63. 10

£4363—19. 6

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board  Monday 15th. September 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present  Edward Blake Esqrs. first Commissioner
Thomas Corbett, Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell, Esqrs—

A Letter to his Excellency the President

Navy Board Septemrs. 15th 1777—

Sir/

The Inclosed Copy of a Resolution of your Excellency and the Privy Council was delivered to the first Commissioner this day, by

*Should have been a 3.
which no Negroes on board any of the Vessels of the State will be insured. But as the Pilot Boats are not particularly mentioned, we are at a loss to know whether or not the Negroes employed in them are included in the said resolution, we shall therefore be obliged to your excellency to inform the board, whether or not they are, as the commissioners have assured some of the owners of the Negroes now employed on board the pilot boats, that they are, and of course they are bound to make good the value of such Negroes to the owners, and in case such Negroes are not insured, the owners will take them from on board, and the boats will by that means be rendered useless

Edwd Blake first Commissr

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening Six OClock

Navy Board Thursday 18th Septr 1777—
The Board met according to adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esqr. first commissioner
John Edwards, Josiah Smith, George Smith,—
Roger Smith, Edward Darrell, Thomas Corbett, —

Order of the privy council respecting Negroes—

In the privy council 3d July 1777—
Resolved that in future the Negroes on board any armed vessels of the state will not be insured by the public

By his excellency the president
with the advice of the privy council—

(Signed,

This does not extend to John Colcock
the pilot boats . . . . . . . . . . . . .

The following Orders were drawn on the treasury in favour of—

Captn Tho\' Smith Pilot boat tryalls pay bill and dis-

burstments to the 10th Inst. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . £199—15 —

John Nevill work on board the floating battery . . . 8.17.6—
Roger McKinzie wounded wages due him on board the Comet . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 18.15 —
George Monk for repairing boats . . . . . . . . . . . . 26.17.6—

£254.5—

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board. Monday 22d September 1777—
Adjourned to next Thursday Even® 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 25th Sept. 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Josiah Smith Esq. in the Chair
George Smith, Edward Darrell, Thomas Corbett, Esqrs.
Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the following Sums in favour of
The Beaufort Galley Capt. James Dohartys pay bill
from the 15th April to the 22d Sept. 1777 . . . £2230 . . 13 . . 6
Edw. & John Blake for 6 Hh’d. Rum sold y° Com-
missrs
£3043 . . 0 . —

£5273 . . 18 . . 6

Sir/
Capt. Doharty being in want of a Suit of Colours for the Beaufort Galley under his Command, desire youll provide such imme-
diately

Josiah Smith Jun° for
To Elisha Sawyer Esq°.
Naval Commissary
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 29th Sept. 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present. Edward Blake Esq°. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Roger Smith, Edw. Darrell Esqrs—
Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the following sums in favour of
Capt. James Doharty Ball°. of his Acco¢. for Dis-
bursements & Bounty paid for the Beaufort
Galley . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . £114 . . 6 . . 3
James Black for house Rent and Caulking the
quarter deck of the Beaufort Galley . . . . . . . . . 33 . . 10 . .
Jn° Lewis Gervais Esq°. for a Boat bo¢ of him in July 600 — —
Navy Board Thursday 2 Octo: 1777.

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. . Edward Blake Esq'r. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Thos Corbett Edw'd Darrell Esq'r's.

A Letter to Christ'r Gadsden Esq'r.

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy have rec'd your Letter of Yester-day requiring the Assistance of some Caulkers to repair your Boats at Sullivants Island— They beg leave to Inform you that the Philadelphia ship Carpenters having left them & they having but two Caulkers at the Ship Yard, the sending them from thence would be attended with great disadvantage, as they are at work on the State Vessels there,— but if you will please to send your Boat or boats to Town the Commissioners will get them put in Order by some other means—

I am Sir your Obed't Servant
Edward Blake first Commiss'r

A Letter to Mr. Thomas Waring
Navy Board Octob'r. 2d 1777—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy having been Informed that Several Swevel Guns belonging to the Public are now on the Green at Dorchester, they will be much Obliged to you if you will have them sent to Cha's Town by the first boat you can Conveniently get them on board and please direct them to be delivered to Mr. Elisha Sawyer Commissary to the Naval Department

To Edward Blake first Commiss'r

Mr. Thos Waring in Dorchester

Navy Board 2d Octob'r. 1777—

The Commissioners of the Navy, having been this day Inform'd that Capt'n. Seymour of the States Brigg Notre Dame did not proceed to Sea untill the 29th Ult' Notwithstanding their positive Orders to him of the 14th. . Aug't & of the 8th. . Ult's. Do now Resolve that
Capt. Seymour merits a very severe reprimand for not obeying the above mentioned Orders, or for not writing to the Commissioners his reasons for not Complying therewith, unless he can shew on his return, good Cause for his Conduct—

Advertisement

Navy Board 2d October 1777—

Wanted for the use of the Navy of this State a Quantity of good Beef and Pork well Salted and in good Tight Barrels, any Person willing to Contract are desired to give their proposals in writing to—Edward Blake first Commissr

N. B the Commissioners of the Navy—

will furnish Salt if agreeable to the Contractor

The following Sums were drawn on the Treasury in favour of

Willm Parker for Lumber del'd at the Ship Yard. ... £267 — —
McCulley Righton his Acco1. for September. . . . . 151...11 —
David Hamilton 100 Dollars on Acco1. . . . . . . . 162. 10 —

£581...1. —

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 6th October 1777—
Adjourned to Next Thursday Even$ 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 9th October 1777—
Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday [break]
The Board Met According to Adjournm[break]
Present. Edward Blake Esq1. first Commiss[break]
Orders to Capt1 Pyne to Open a Rendezvous
Cap1. James Pyne

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Immediately Open a House of Rendezvous under the direction of a proper Officer in Order as soon as possible to Compleat the Number of Men for the Comet to Eighty, Officers Included
Edward Blake first Commissr
The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury viz

Pilot Boat Eagles pay bill to the 4th Oct 3 mo

Edw Stiles Sundrys for the Comet

Will Trusler for Beef Supplyed the Notre Dame

ditto ditto the prize Ship Caesar

Arch Brown & Co. for 4834 tw Ship Bread a £8. 79 Ct

Philip Will for Cordage for the Floating Battery

McCulley Righton Coopering Pork &c

Beaufort Galley for Short Allowance of Rum

Dan Oneille for the Rope walk as £9 Rece

£3462 1 10

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 16th Oct 1777
Adjourned to next Monday Even 6 oClock

Navy Board Sunday 19th Oct 1777
Extr Meeting

The Board Met According to Summons

Present Josiah Smith Esq. Chairman
Edward Darrell, George Smith Esqrs

In Consequence of a Note from his Excellency the President dated
Yesterday & directed to Edward Blake Esq. first Commiss. of the
Navy of South Carolina

The following Letter was wrote to Capt James Pyne

Sir/ His Excellency the President having Notified Cap Blake (who is at present from Town) that a Brig now off the Barr, by her behaviour is suspected to be an Enemy's Cruizer, you are desired to do all you can this Night towards preparing the Comet under your Command for going out to Sea Tomorrow, in quest of her, and as a Board of the Commissioners will be called to meet early in the Morning you are desired to give your Attendance there by 7 OClock to report them your forwardness

Yours &c.

Saturday Night Josiah Smith Jun
18th October 1777 Chairman

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock
Navy Board Monday 20th Oct 1777.

Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock.

Navy Board Thursday 23[break]
The Board Met According to Adjournment.
Present. Edward Blake Esq. first Commission[break]
Thomas Savage, Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell Esq's—
Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following Sums in
favour of——
David Oswald wages due from the Beaufort Galley ... 36 13. 4
Richard Ham wages due from the Pilot boat Tryall ... 126 — —
Rich'd Ellis a Rendezvous Acco't for the Comet ........... 674. 10 —
William Trusler Sundry Acco's for Beef— viz—
State Ship Yard .......................................................... £154. 1 —
Brigg Comet .............................................................. 471. 4 —
Rattle Snake ............................................................... 13. 6 —
Sloop Beaufort ............................................................ 41. 14 —
Tryall Pilot Boat ......................................................... 41. 10 —
Brigg Notre Dame .......................................................... 55. 6 —
Floating Battery .............................................................. 21. 8 —
Eagle Pilot Boat ............................................................ 82. 6 —
............................................................................. 880. 15 —
Brigg Comets Pay Bill to the 27th September ...... 3061. 16 —
Elisha Sawyer Commissary his disbursements ... 3162. 11. 8
Jacob Willaman for Beef Supply'd the Notre Dame . 84. 15 —
Sam'l. Wells for Lumber Supplyed the Ship Yard ... 548. 11 —
............................................................................. 8575. 12 —

A Letter to John Campbell Ninety Six District.

Navy Board Cha's Town 24th Octob'r 1777—

Sir/

Mr. Daniel O'Neill having Informed the Commissrs of the
Navy Board that you would be willing to Contract for a Large
Quantity of Hemp, to be delivered to said O'Neill at the State Rope
Walk, and desired to know what price the Commissioners would
Allow— I am now to Inform you that they will pay you Thirty
pounds for Every hundred pounds weight of Clean Merchantable
Hemp, that you may deliver to said O'Neill before the First day of
May next, The Money to be paid on the delivery of every parcel,
Please Inform the Board by Letter as soon as possible whether or
not you will Contract on the above Terms, and what Quantity you will deliver—

I am Sir your Most Hble. Servt.
Edward Blake first Commissr

Instructions for Capt'n. James Pyne Commanding the Comet
South Carolina Navy Board 24th Octo' 1777—

Capt'n. Pyne Sir/

The Brigantine of War Comet of which you are Captain, being now Compleatly fitted, and ready to proceed on a Cruize, having a full Compliment of Men, Stores, and provisions for Three Months, The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Embrace the first favourable Opportunity to proceed to Sea, and Continue to Cruize for Three Months from the day you leave Charles Town Barr, in such Latitudes as to you may appear most promising of Success, During which time you are to Take, Sink, Burn, or Distroy, any Ships Vessells, or Goods Belonging to any of the Subjects of the King of Great Britain Except such Vessels or Goods as may belong to the Inhabitants of the Islands of Bermuda or New Providence, and should you be so fortunate as to take any Prize you must be particularly Careful to put on board a proper Officer as prize Master and a Sufficient number of Men to Navigate her, with Orders to proceed to Charles Town, or Some Convenient Inlet in the State of South Carolina, We particularly Recommend that you take the Capt'n. and Two thirds of the Crews belonging to any Prize (you may take) on board the Comet, and that you give directions for Treating your prisoners with the greatest Humanity and Tenderness, and that you do use your best Endeavours to Enlist as many Seamen for the Comet as will keep the Complement to Eighty and that you do Frequently cause [break] Vessels Company the Rules of the Navy of this State, & the Third Article of the Rule of Discipline and good Gove[break] and that you Endeavour all in your power to Promote Harmo[break] and good Order among the Officers and Seamen, and that you do Every Month Examine the Accounts of the different Warrant Officers, and when found right that you do sign their Accounts Agreeable to the General Instructions received from this Board and that you do Exercise your people to the Cannon and Small Arms at least once every day, till they are perfect in the use of them, and that you do at all times keep the Vessel Clear and in Readiness to Engage, that you may not be Surprised by the Enemy, and that you do Cause all your officers to Carry a
Steady and Regular Command in their different Stations, and prevent as much as possible profane Swearing—

And to prevent any Inconvenience that may arise for want of Credit should you be Obliged to put into any Foreign Ports, you have herewith a Letter of Credit from his Excellency the President, on the Agent of the Continental Congress, Residing at such Ports, and whatever Supplies you may Receive from him for the use of the Comet, you are to draw Bills on the Board of the Amount, and advise the Commiss'rs by every Opportunity of all such Drafts, and of Every other Transaction worth Communicating during your Cruize—

I am Sir by order of the Board
Your Most Hbl. Serv't.
Edward Blake first Commiss'r

To Capt'n. James Pyne
Commanding the Brigg of War Comet — — —

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock

_Navy Board_ Monday 27th October 1777—
Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock.

_Navy Board_ Thursday 30th October 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present. Josiah Smith Thomas Corbett
Thomas Savage Edward Darrell

Agreed that the Clerk do pay Will'm Morgan Carpenter of the Brigg Comet what wages are due to George Gould (Carpenters Mate of the said Brigg) deceased—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

_Navy Board_ Monday 3rd November 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present. Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner—
Thos. Corbett, Josiah Smith Thos. Savage
George Smith Edward Darrell — —

Agreed that Capt. James Woodhouse do Ship as many Seamen as are Necessary to Navigate the Schooner Rattle Snake from this Port
to the West Indies, and back to Charles Town, on the best Terms he can, and to report to the first Commissioner, as Soon as the said men are Shipp'd—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of John Harrison for Two Months wages at the State's Ship Yard a 30 dollars £97.10—

Commissions were given to the following Persons—

To James Pyne Esq. Captain of the Comet
James Young First Lieut. of do
Richard Wells Second Lieut. of do

Cha's Town South Carolina Nov. 1st 1777.

Sir /

The Brig. Comet, an Armed Vessell belonging to this State, being bound on a Cruize, if she should put into any port, within your Department, I request that you will furnish Capt. Pyne, on the Credit of this State with whatever sum he may want, for the Out-fitt of his Vessell taking his Draughts, for the Amount on the Commissioners of the Navy here—

You may be Assured that due Honour will be paid to such Draughts, and that you shall be reemburs'd as Speedily as Possible

I am Sir

The Agent for the Continental Congress in any of the West India Islands . . . . . . . .

Commissions were given to the Following Persons viz

Thomas Talbird 1st Lieut. of the Beaufort Galley
James Hunly 2d Lieut.

Instructions from his Excellency the president

Sir/

Inclosed are the Commissions and Warrants wanted for the Galley under your Command with which (having Every thing Necessary for Service provided) You are to repair as Soon as possible, to Beaufort, and use your best Endeavours to defend that Port, and the Southern Coast and Inlets from the Enemy

I am Sir

Capt. Doharty of — —

the Beaufort Galley

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock.
Navy Board

Thursday 6th November 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell, Tho§ Savage, Esqrs—
The Following Letter was wrote to Capt. Stephen Seymour Yester-
day by the first Commissr and approved of this Evening

Capt., Stephen Seymour

Sir,
The Commissioners of the Navy Desire
that the Brigg Notre Dame may be Immediately carried to the
State's Ship Yard and Cleaned and put in Order to proceed on a
Cruise with all possible Dispatch, they also Desire that all the
Returns from the Different Officers be delivered to Mr. John Cal-
vert as also the pay Bill and Indents of Such Stores as may be
wanted for a Cruise Together with the Log Book of the last Cruise—
Edward Blake first Commissr

To Stephen Seymour Esqr

Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the following Sums in
favour of—
Nathl Havens purser of the Brigl. Comet Advanced him
to purchase Slops for the Crew. . . . . . . . . £1001 — —
Rob* Cochran for 6 Months rent of the Ship yard to
the 28th October. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 610 — —
Elisha Poinset for Medicines for the Beaufort Galley 200 — —

£1811 — —

Agreed to Continue the Advertisements for Beef and Pork—
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . . . . . . . Monday 10th Novembr 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esqr first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Tho§ Savage Edw Darrell Esqrs—
A Letter was wrote to Mr. Anty. Bonneau by the first Commissioner
and approved of this Evening

Mr. Anthony Bonneau

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy being in
want of a Quantity of good Salted Pork and Beef in Strong
and Tight Barrels for the use of the Navy of this State, being fearful that they will not be able to purchase a Sufficient Quantity at Charles Town, and being well assured that you will do Every thing in Your power for the Service of the State, they Beg that you will purchase for Account of the Naval Department Three Hundred Barrels of good Pork and Fifty Barrels of good Beef, well Cured and in Strong Tight Casks, or if they Cannot be purchased, ready Cured in Barrels, as much Pork and Beef as will make that Number of Barrels, on the most Reasonable terms you can, and Employ some Careful Honest Man that you can depend on to Cure and pack the same, for which they will allow you the usual Commissions, and will pay due Honour to your Draughts on them for the Amount, or if Necessary will advance a Sum of Money to make the purchase, Should you want Salt for the purpose above mentioned the Commiss^s have in the Hands of Mess^s Heriot and Tucker Eighty Bushels which may be apply'd to that purpose and any further Quantity that may be wanted, they will forward by the first Opportunity after receiveing your Order for so doing—

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Ship Yard. Dr. to the Schooner Rattle Snake for 4 Barrs Iron w^t. 151 w. delivered Benja Worshington
Agreed to Send to Beaufort for the use of the Naval Department 3 Barrels of Salt—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of

[Break] James Woodhouse on Acc^t of the Rattle Snake £1000 — —
[Break] Savage Esq^r. for 3 Months wages due him for his 2 Negroes [break] and Lewis on board the } . . . 126 — —
Brigg^t Defence

Blake & Sawyer for 10 Hh^ds west India Rum 1110
Gall^s a 10/ . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 4995 — —
McCulley Righton his Acc^t. for October . . . . . . . . . . 153.12. 6

£6274.12. 6

The following Letter was wrote to Capt^n James Doharty—

Navy Board November 10^th 1777—

Capt^n. James Doharty
Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Desire that you will Supply the Crew of the Beaufort Galley with the Necessary
provisions, on the most Reasonable Terms you can, and that you
do purchase as much good Pork as will make when Cured Fifty
Barrels, and as much Beef as will make when Cured Fifteen or
Twenty Barrels, and have these well Cured and packed in Tight
strong Barrels, or if Barrels cannot be got, in good Tight Rum
Hogsheads, taking care to have them well washed and Burnt before the
Beef or Pork is put into them, for payment of which Your Draughts
on the Commissioners will be duly Honoured— You'll please note
that all Accounts against the Board must be properly Certifyed and
Attested Mr. Calvert is Directed to send you Salt for the purpose of
Curing such Pork or Beef as you may Purchase—

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissioner

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . . . . . . Thursday 13th Novemr. 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esqr. first Commissioner
George Abbot-Hall, Josiah Smith, Edw Darrell, Thos Corbett
Esq—
A Letter was wrote to Mr. Willm. Hall 1st Lieut. of the Notre Dame,
Mr. Hall
Sir/
Capt. Woodhouse informs the Board that there was
taken from the Schooner Rattle Snake [break] Dame, The following
Sails belonging to her viz Two [break] Steering Sails, and Main
Topmast Stay sails the [break] now wanted for the use of said
Schooner, you are hereby directed Immediately to deliver them to
Capt. Woodhouse.

Edward Blake first Commissr.
The follow Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favr. of
Dan O'Neill for the Purchase of Two Negroes from
Jacob Valk for the use of the State Rope Walk...... {£1800 —-
State Rope Walk to Cash paid Jno. Walter Gibbes for a
Negroe for the use of the Said Rope Walk——} £2525 ——

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board Monday 17th November 1777—
Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 20th November 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq', first Commissioner
Edward Darrell Thos Corbett Josiah Smith Esqrs.
Agreed to draw on the Treasury in favour of Capt. Isaac Seymour for Wages due him & Others on board Rattle Snake
for ditto ... on board Floating Battery 179. 9.4

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 24th November 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq', first Commissioner
George Abbot Hall, Edward Darrell, Esqrs
[Break] following Letters dated the 22d Inst. were wrote by the first Commissioner And approved of this Evening
Navy Board Charles Town S'. Carolina November 22d 1777—
Messrs DOraisore & Co—
The above Copy of our Last; Since which are without any of your favours— This serves to Inclose Invoice & Bill of Loading for One Hundred & fifty four whole & Eighty half Barrels of Choice Rice and Three Barrels of very good Indico, which you'll please Receive and Dispose of for the Highest price you can Obtain, The Neat proceeds (after deducting for a Bill which we have Drawn on you in favour of Mr. John Dupuy for 200£ 6s. 9d and paying Capt'n Woodhouse 5 ½ C. Commissions on the Amount of Sales) You'll please remit by the return of the Rattle Snake in good High Proof Taffia— You'll please be particularly Careful in the Choice of this Cargo, and give all the Dispatch in your power, and not Suffer the Captain to run to any unnecessary Expence on Acco't of his Vessel while in your Island— Should any Ballance remain in your hands after Loading the Vessel with Taffia You'll please remit
it in the Best Russia or French Sail Duck— You'll also please forward the Inclosed to Mr John Dupuy—

I am with Respect

Your Most Hbl. Servt

Edward Blake first Commisst

Sbo Carolina Navy Board November 22d 1777—

Capt. James Woodhouse

Sir/

The Schooner Rattle Snake of which you have the Command being Loaded and Compleatly fitted having Provissions and Stores Sufficient for her Voyage and her full Complement of Men now on board, the Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will Embrace the first fair wind to proceed from Charles Town to Cape Francois in Hispaniola, where on your Arrival you are to Deliver the Cargo (now on board) Agreeable to Bill of Loading to Messrs. DOraisore & Co. Merchants there and take on board the Rattle Snake such Cargo as they shall think proper to Ship in Return with which you are to proceed with all possible Dispatch to Charles Town or the first Convenient Inlet in the State of South Carolina during your passages out and Home you are to avoid as much as possible speaking with any Vessel, and to be as frugal as possible in the expences of your own Vessel while in Hispaniola— As an encouragement to you, for your particular Care and Attention to the Interest of the State during the present Voyage, the Commissioners have Directed Messrs. DOraisore & Co. to pay you a Commission of 5 ½ C. on the Sales of the Cargo in Hispaniola, you have also their Liberty to Ship as many Men in Hispaniola as will make your Compliment Fifteen, provided they will Engage under Articles to Serve on board the Rattle Snake or any Other State Vessel for Six Months at the Rate of Twenty One pounds Carolina Currency £ Month—

I am Sir y. Most Hbl. Servt.

Edward Blake first Commisst

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favr. of Danl ONeille for the use of the State Rope Walk for £2500 — —

- Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board. . . . . Thursday 27th Novemr. 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Josiah Smith. Geo Abbot Hall { Esq's—
Geo Smith. Edward Darrell—
The following Letter and Bill of Exchange were presented to Each Member Individually and approved of at this Meeting Collectively—
Navy Board South Carolina Novemr. 22d 1777—
Mr. John Dupuy
Sir,
Your Favour of 28th Ultimo. Covering Acco's.
Sales of four Casks of Indigo and Account Current duly came to hand and now before the Board, for which the Commissioners are much obliged to You—
Inclosed You'll receive a Bill of Exchange Drawn on Messrs D'Oraisore & Co Merchts in Cape Francois for the Ballance due you from the State of South Carolina, which we make no doubt will meet due Honour, Your Draft on Mr. Eveliegh will be paid as Soon as presented, and due Notice will be taken of your recommendation of Mr. Guerrard

I am Sir your Most Hble Serv'.
Edward Blake first Commiss'r

A Bill of Exchange—
Exchange for 200£. 6s. 9dr's— South Carolina Novemr 22d 1777—
Ten Days after Sight of this my first of Exchange pay to the Order of Mr. John Dupuy Two Hundred Livers Six Sous and Nine Deeniers Value received and Charge the same to Acco's. as Advice from
To Messrs. DOrasiore & Co. Merchts in Cape Francois
Edward Blake first Commiss'r
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 o'clock—

Navy Board Monday 1st. December 1777—
Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . Thursday 4th December 1777—
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board Monday 8th December 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner
Tho's Corbett, Geo. Abbot Hall Josiah Smith Edw'd Darrell Esq's—
A Letter to his Excellency the President

Navy Board 8th Decem'r. 1777—
The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to Inform your Excellency, that the State Brig't. Notre Dame is clean & will soon be ready for Sea, And Lieutenant William Hall having Informed this Board, that Capt'n. Stephen Seymour has left the said Brig, & quitted the State, whereby there is a Vacancy for a Captain in the Naval Department, They therefore According to the Authority vested in them by Act of the Gen'l. Assembly of this State, Do, Recommend to your Excellency Lieutenant William Hall, as a fit and proper Person to fill the said Vacancy as Commander of the Brig Notre Dame

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commis's.
A Letter to Elisha Sawyer Commissary—

Navy Board 8th December 1777—
The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that the Sails belonging to the Two Pilot Boats, and all such Beef as is in your possession not fit for the use of the Navy be disposed of as soon as possible after Advertizing the Same

Edw'd Blake first Commis's

To Elisha Sawyer Esq'. Commissary of the Naval Department

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of M's. Lester for 21 days hire of her Negroe Clomell on board the Floating Battery a 20/ H day. . . . . . . . . . . . . £21 — — —
Dan'l O'Neill for the use of the Rope Walk 3000 — — —
£3021 — — —

Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—
Sir /

Your Letter to Mr. McDaniel never came to hand the One of the 8th Mr. Nott I Just Received the Contents of which have Communicated to the Commissioners who are of Opinion that the price Mentioned will not by any Means do— They would be willing to give as high as Forty pounds Barrel for good Pork, well Cured and in Strong Tight Casks, the Seller to find or pay for the Salt, and for good Beef Thirty pounds Barrel

I am

Sir your Most Hble Serv't

Edward Blake first Commiss'r

N. B Rather than be disappointed
the Commiss'rs will find half a Bushel
of Salt to every Barrel if it Cannot be Obtained
on Better Terms . . . . . . . . . . . .

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of
Cap't James Doharty to purchase provissions for
the Naval Department as Rece'. . . . . . . \( \text{£1001} \) — —
Blakes & Sawyer for Rice & Indico. . . . . . . 7871. 5, 6 —
Brig Notre Dames pay Bill to 20th Septr \( \text{£6323.4.2} \)
Additional Bill for 13 Men to 20 Novr. . . . . 632.5 — 6955. 9. 2. 

\( \text{£15827..14.8} \) — —

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 o'Clock—

Extra Meeting. Navy Board Saturday 13th Decem'r 1777—
The Board Met According to Summons—
Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner

\{ John Edwards, Thomas Corbett Geo Smith \}
Geo A Hall Josiah Smith Edward Darrell \} Esqr's—

A Letter to the [undecipherable] from the Clerk of The Council Vizt. . .

Charles Town Decem'r 12th 1777

Sir /

I am directed by his Excellency the President, to ad[break] the Navy Board, that Lieut' Hall is appointed to the Command of the Brigg Notre Dame, That the Ships Volunteer, & Genl Moultrie are Engaged for, and it is intended to Order the Notre Dame on a Cruize— The President therefore desires, that you will have those
Vessels equipp'd with the utmost Expedition, & furnished with such Articles as may be necessary for this Cruize, and that you will appoint a proper Person to value the Volunteer, and Genl Moultrie,—

I am Sir y° very hble. Serv°.

(signed) Jn° Colcock——

Cap°. Blake——

In the Privy Council Friday Dec°. 12th 1777——
The Board agreed and Recommended that a Bounty of Ten Dollars & a pay of Twenty One pounds ^ Month ^ Man be allowed to Such Seamen as Enter on Board the Vessels engaged for a Cruise against the Enemy.

By his Excellency the Presid°. ordered Accordingly

(Signed) Jn° Colcock Sec°. Pr°. C°——

Agreed that the first Commissioner do apply to Mr William Sommersall on behalf of the State as a proper Person to Value the Ships Volunteer and Ship General Moultrie taken by the President & Council into the States Service and in Case Mr. Sommersalls Refusal to Act To apply to some Ot[break] for that Purpose——

A Letter to Capt°. William Hall——

Navy Board 13th Decem°. 1777——

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you will have the Brig° Notre Dame of which you are appointed Capt°. fitted and Man'd with all possible Dispatch, to proceed on a Cruize, and that you do Immediately Open a House of Rendezvous, under the direction of a proper Officer, to Enlist a Sufficient Number of Men (your Complement Eighty;) they make no doubt but you will Exert yourself in a very particular Manner on this Occasion, as the Service of the State requires the greatest Dispatch; the State Allows an Additional Bounty of Ten Dollars ^ Man to such as will Enlist

I am Sir

Your Hble. Serv°.

Edw°d Blake first Commiss°

A Letter to Elisha Sawyer Esq°.

Sir/

Navy Board Decem°. 13th 1777——
The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you do furnish the Brig Notre Dame, the Ships General Moultrie, & Volunteer, with all such Stores & Provisions as may be wanted for a Cruize—— I am Sir

To Elisha Sawyer Esq°.

Your Hble Serv°

Commissary for the Naval Department

Edward Blake first Commiss°
A Note to the Owners of the Ships General Moultrie and Volunteer

The Commissioners of the Navy Present their Compliments to the Gentlemen, Owners of the Ships Volunteer and General Moultrie, and will be much Obliged to them to appoint a person to Value said Ships, and fix the time when it will be agreeable to have it done; if it can be done this day it will be best.—

Saturday 13th December 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday 10 oClock—

Navy Board .. Monday 15th December 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present     Edward Blake Esq, first Commissioner—
   John Edwards, Josiah Smith, Edw Darrell, Thos Corbett,
   Geo A. Hall Esq
Mr. William Somarsall having been Applied to On behalf of the State to Value the Ships Volunteer & General Moultrie, made the following Report—

A Valuation of the Ship Volunteer—

We the Subscribers to whom the Valuation of the Ship Volunteer has been referred, report.

That as She now lies in the Harbour with her Guns & Stores on board She is worth Fifty five Thousand pounds Curr—

Signed
£55,000—

Cha Town 15th December 1777—

A Valuation of the Ship General Moultrie

We the Subscribers to whom the Valuation of the Ship General Moultrie has been referred, report.

That as she now lies in the Harbour with her Guns & Stores when on board will be worth Sixty five Thousand pounds Current Money of this State

£65,000—

Cha Town S Carolina
15th December 1777—

The Commissioners of the Navy present their Compliments to
Mr. Dorsius, & will be Obliged to him, to Inform the Board, what Quantity of Provissions he has provided for the Ship General Moultrie (not already on board) and if it will be agreeable to him to Lend it to the State, the Commissioners returning him the like Quantity—Navy Board 15th Decemr. 1777—

A Letter to Capt. Sullivan

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy will be obliged to you to Inform them by a Line as Early as possible, what Time the Ship Volunteer can be ready to proceed to Sea on a Cruise, and what Stores and Provissions will be wanted from the public to Compleat her for a Cruise of Two Months

I am Sir
Your Hbl. Serv.

To Capt. Sullivan
Edward Blake first Commiss

of the Ship Volunteer
Copy of the Above Letter was wrote to Capt. Johnston of the Ship General Moultrie—

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of—Geo Abb\(^1\) Hall Esq\(^r\) for 50 Barr\(s\) Tarr 30 Bbl\(s\) Turpentine & an Express

John Calvert 1000 Dollars for Bounty for the Notre Dame

\[\text{£1146—10—}\]
\[\text{£2771—10—}\]

A Letter to Elisha Sawyer [break]

Navy Board 15th Decemr 1777

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do [break] the Ship Bread you can for the use of the [break] Exceeding Eight Thousand pounds weight on the most reasonable terms, to be delivered within Ten days—

To Elisha Sawyer
Commissary for the Naval Department

I am Sir
Your Hbl. Serv.

Edwd Blake first Commiss

Adjourned to this Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board Monday Even^s 15^th December 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present
Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Thomas Corbett, Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell Esq^s—
Orders to Capt^n Philip Sullivan

Sir/
Navy Board 15^th Decemb^t. 1777—
The Commissioners of the Navy Direct, that you will have the
Ship Volunteer, under your Command, fitted and Manned with all
possible Dispatch, to proceed on a Cruise, & that you do Immediately
Open a House of Rendezvous, under the Direction of a proper
Officer, to Enlist One Hundred & Twenty Men, They make no doubt
you will Exert yourself, in a very particular Manner on this Acca-
sion, as the Service of the State requires the greatest Dispatch; The
State Allows a Bounty of Ten Dollars ^Man, to such as will Enlist.

I am Sir
Your Hble Serv^t.
Edward Blake first Commiss^t

Sent a Similar Letter to Captain Johnston of The General Moultrie
A Letter to his Excellency the President

Sir/
Navy Board 15^th Decemb^t. 1777—
Agreeable to the Order delivered to the Board of 12^th Ins^t the
Commissioners gave the Necessary Directions to Capt^ns— William
Hall of the Notre Dame, Philip Sullivan of the Volunteer & Jacob
Johnston of the Gen^t Moultrie, to get their Several Vessels fitted &
Manned with all possible Dispatch to proceed on a Cruise, and to the
Commissary for the Naval Department, to furnish such Stores as may
be wanted to Equip said Vessels, The Commiss^rs beg leave to recom-
mend to your Excellency to furnish Capt^ns. Sullivan and Johnston
with Commissions (as Early as possible) as they may not think them-
selves under the Directions of the Commissioners 'till furnished with
their Commissions——

I am your Excellencys
Most Hble. Serv^t
Edward Blake first Commiss^t

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock
Extra Meeting Navy Board Wednesday 17

The Board Met According to Summons

Present Edward Blake Esq, first Commission
Geo A Hall, Geo Smith, Josiah Smith
Thomas Corbett, Edward Darrell,
A Letter to Elisha Sawyer Esq.

Navy Board Decemr. 17th. 1777—

Sir,

The Commissioners of the Navy being Informed that Mr. Poaug has a quantity of Pig Iron for Sale, they desire that you will purchase the Same for the use of the Naval Department on the best Terms you can

To Elisha Sawyer Esq. Commissary

Edward Blake first Commiss

for the Naval Department

In the Prevy Council Wednesday 17th. Decr 1777.

Resolved that the Embargo in the port of Charles Town be Continued until the Marine Expedition now fitting Out by the State be Ended, and the Cruise finished—Ordered that a Copy of this Resolve be served on the Navy Board that it may be made known —

Signed Jno Colcock Secy. Pr Cl.

A Letter from the Charles Town Insurance Company

Gentlemen/

The Charles Town Insurance Company at an Extraordinary Meeting held this day, having agreed to give a Bounty of Ten dollars for Man for Three Hundred able Seamen that shall Enter, in the Service of this State, and directed me to Acquaint you therewith— I Inclose the said Resolution and have the honour to be

Gentlemen

Your Hble Servt.

Decemr. 15th 1777— (Signed) John Lewis Gervais Vice presid't.

Resolution of the Charles Town Insurance Company—

Charles Town Insurance Company Decemr 15th 1777—

Resolved That Ten Dollars Bounty be given for Man for the Encouragement of Three Hundred able Seamen to Enter on Board such Vessels as may be now fitting out by this State against the Enemy—Also that the President of this Company (or in his absence the vice President) do Inform the Navy Board of this Grant, and Acquaint them upon their sending the parties with Certificates, of their having Entered into the above Service, to the Treasurer of this Company, such parties will receive the above Bounty— The above is a True
Copy from the Minutes. . . . (Signed) John McCall Junr. Clerk—
A Letter to Thomas Smith Founder—
Navy Board 17th Decemr. 1777—

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do with all possible dispatch furnish the Board with One Hundred Cross barr Six pound Shott Two Hundred Cross barr Four pound Shott and One Hundred Cross barr Three pound Shott, and whatever Assistance you may want (of hands) you are to hire on the best Terms you can and they will pay the Expence—

Bar Iron and Coals will be sent from the Arsenal on Your Applying to Mr. John Calvert— By Order of the Board

Edw. Blake 1st Commissr.

Adjourned to Friday 10 O'Clock.

Navy Board Friday 19 [break]
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Josiah Smith Esqr. in the Chair—
A Letter from the President & Prevy Council to the 1st Commissr.[break]

Charles Town December 17th 1777—

Sir/
I am directed to Inform the Navy Board, that it was this day resolved by his Excellency the president with the advice of the privy Council that Congress Letters of Marque be given to such persons as shall Command the Several Vessels engaged for the Intended naval Expedition, and that the Fair American, & Polly, Briggs, be also Engaged in the Service on the Same Terms as the Others

I am Sir
Your very hbl. Servt
(Signed) Jn. Colcock Secy. Py. Cl. .—

Navy Board December 17th 1777—

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will with all possible Dispatch have the Brigg: Polly— of which you are Cap't. fitted and Maned to proceed on a Cruise, and whatever Stores or Provisions may be wanted, you are to deliver an Indent to the Commissary for the Naval Department, who is directed to Supply them,
And in Order that no delay may happen for want of Assistance, you
are directed to hire a Sufficient Number of Negroes to fill your Water
and Cut your wood &c. while the Seamen are Employed about your
Rigging, Guns, &c. — they make no doubt but you will Exert your-
self in a very particular Manner on this Occasion as the Service of
the State requires the greatest Dispatch — You are Likewise desired
Immediately to Open a house of Rendezvous under the Direction of a
Proper Officer to Enlist a Sufficient number of Men to make your
Compliment Ninety — The State will Allow a Bounty of Ten Dollars
$5 Man to such as will Enlist —

To
Capt'n Hezekiah Anthony
Commanding the Brigg Polly

A Letter to Mr. David Hamilton
Navy Board 18th Decem'. 1777—

[Break] Hamilton Sir/

You are to bring to Town as Early as possible in the Morning Two or Three of the best Carpenters belonging
to the Yard to put the Brigg Polly in proper Order to proceed on a
Cruise, you are to have done such Necessary work as Capt'n Anthony
may Direct . . . . . . . . . by Order of the Board —

John Calvert Clerk

Adjourned to Tomorrow 10 oClock in the forenoon—

Navy Board Saturday 20th Decem'. 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Josiah Smith Esq'. in the Chair —
Tho's Corbett, Geo Abb'. Hall, Edward Darrell, Jn'o Edwards Esq'rs —
A Letter from the Secretary of the Privy Council to the 1st
Commiss'.
Sir/ Charles Town December 20th 1777—

His Excel'y. the President with the advice of the Prevy Council
having approved of the Terms offered by the Owners of the Ships
Gen'l Moultrie & Volunteer, I am directed to Inform you what
those Terms are & also of several other Resolutions this day entered
into, with regard to the Vessels engaged for the intended Expedi-
tion

The terms proposed by the Owners of the Ships Gen'l Moultrie &
Volunteer and agreed to Are — that they be valued — that the Owners
will equip them for a Cruise in the Public Service as long as may be deemed necessary, the Public paying the running expence of the Ship and such loss or damage as they may Sustain whilst in this Service the Public to Complet the necessary number of Men to Man them.

It is Resolved that the Fair American be taken into the Public Service, that the Owners be allowed the same Terms as the other Vessels, and that if the Owners refuse to appoint an Appraiser the Commissioners of the Navy do appoint both, who may (if they differ) chuse a Third— That the Commissioners of the Navy be Empowered to Offer 30 Dollars Bounty in which is meant to be Included the Bounty offered, and to be offered by private persons & the Insurance Company & that the [break of half a line]

I am also to Inform you that the Owners of [break] agreed to let her to the Public on the same Terms as the others.

I am Sir your Hbl Ser[break]
(Signed) Jn. Colcock Secy. P. [break]

A Letter to Mr. James Cook Carpenter
Navy Board Saturday 20th Decem. 1777—

Sir,

You are desired from the Commissioners of the Navy to set a Number of hands (as Joiners) to work on board the Brigg Polly in order to have her compleated for a Cruise, under the direction of Mr. David Hamilton or Capt. Hezekiah Anthony You will please to Supply them with what Boards they may want on the Occasion, for which & the work, you will be paid by this Board—

By Order of the Board
John Calvert Clk—

A Letter to the Owners of the Brigg Fair American
Gentlemen
Navy Board 20th Decem. 1777—

Your proposals relative to the Brigg Fair American this Board sent to the President & prevy Council from whom they have received a Letter with the following Resolution— It is Resolved the Fair American be taken into the Public Service, that the Owners be Allowed the same Terms as the Volunteer & Genl Moultrie, and that if the Owners refuse to appoint an Appraiser, the Commissioners of the Navy do appoint both, who may (if they differ) Chuse a Third

The Terms of the Genl Moultrie & Volunteer are That they be Valued— that the Owners will equip them for a Cruise, in the Public Service as long as may be deemed Necessary, the Public paying the running Expence of the Sh[break] and such loss or Damage as they may Sustain whilst in this Service, The Public to Complet the
Necessary Number of Men to Man them Your answer is desired who you will Chuse to appoint as an appraiser to Meet Mr. Nathaniel Russell or whether you decline Appointing— Signed—
By order of the Board— Josiah Smith Junr.

Chairman
The following hand Bill was Ordered to be given to Mr. Timothy & One Hundred Copies directed to be printed Immedi-ately——

Gentlemen Volunteers
Who are willing to Enter on Board the following Vessels in the Service of this State now fitting out upon an Expedition against the Enemies of America, Shall be Entitled to a Bounty of Thirty Dollars $ Man, and such as are Inclined to serve the State for Six Months, Ten pounds more and Twenty One pounds $ Month wages upon applying to the Officers at the Rendezvous——
Ship Volunteer of 20 Guns
Ship Genl Moultrie of 20 Guns——
Brigg Notre Dame of 16 Guns
Brigg Fair American 16 Guns
Brigg Polly . . . . . 14 Guns
By Order of the Board——
John Calvert— Clk——

the following Order was given on the Arsenell by the Clerk——
Mr. Sarjant
Youll deliver Capt. Jacob Johnson or Order Six Chains, such as he may want for the use of the Ship Genl Moultrie— By order of the Board John Calvert
Saturday 20th Decem'r. 1777— Clerk——
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock——

Navy Board Monday 22 Dec' r. 1777.
Present . . . . Josiah Smith Esq. in the Chair
Geo Abb' Hall, Thos Corbett, Edward Darrell Esq's... Ordered that the Clerk do apply to the Owners of the Vessels employed in the Service of the State on the Intended Expedition for an Inventory of Stores and Provissions now on board each Vessel——
A Letter to Mr. John Stevenson——
Navy Board 22d Decem'r. 1777——
Sir/
You are desired to provide a Schooner to fetch water from
Hobcaw for the use of the Vessels now fitting Out in the States Service—

By Order of the Board—
John Calvert Clerk.

A Letter from M[.]. Danl Bourdeaux to the 1st Commiss[.].
Charles Town December 22d 1777—

Sir/

In Answer to your Letter of the 20th Ins[.]. addressed to the
Owners of the Brigg Fair American, I have to inform you, that M[.].
Samuel Legare, is appointed an appraiser in behalf of the Owners of
the Said Brigg

I am Sir
Your most Ob[.]. Serv[.].
(Signed) Danl Bourdeaux

The Owners of the Brigg Polly have agreed that M[.]. Samuel Legare
do also Act for them as an Appraiser—

Instructions to Capt[n]. Charles Morgan
Navy Board 22d Decem[r]. 1777—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will with all
possible Dispatch, have the Brigg Fair American of which you are
Capt[n]. fitted and Mann’d to proceed on a Cruise & whatever Stores &
Provissions may be wanted, You are to deliver an Indent [break] the
Commissary for the Naval Department, who is directed to Supply
them, and in Order that no delay may happen for want of Assistance,
You are directed to hire a Sufficient Number of Negroes, to fill your
Water & cut your wood &c, while the Seamen are employed about
your rigging Guns &c. They make no doubt but you will Exert
your self in a very particular Manner on this Occasion, as the Ser-
vice of the State requires the greatest Dispatch— You are Likewise
desired Immediately to Open a House of Rendezvous under the
direction of a proper Officer to Enlist a Sufficient Number of Men to
make your Complement Eighty, The State will allow a Bounty of
Thirty Dollars $30 Man to such as will Enlist——

By Order of the Board—
Josiah Smith Jun[.]r
Chairman
Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the following sums
Tho 8 Screven for Lumber Supplyed the Ship Yard  £125.15.
John Calvert for Bounty Money 5000 Dollars ........... 8125 —

£8250.15—

adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 25th Decemr. 1777—
The Board Met according to Adjournment—
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell Thos Corbett Esqrs
John Edwards Geo Abbot Hall. .............

Ordered that the Clerk do Summons Captns. Hall, Johnson, Anthony, & Morgan, to Attend this Board at 10 oClock Tomorrow forenoon—
A Letter was received from the Honbl Wm Henry Drayton Esq. Directed to Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner of the Navy Charles Town— dated 24th Inst

An Order was drawn on the Treasury for Amo of the Notre Dames Pay Bill to 20th Inst. for £4077.3.2

Adjourned to Tomorrow Forenoon to O’Clock.

Navy Board

Friday 26 Decem: 1777

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Geo Abb. Hall, John Edwards, Edw Darrell, Thos Corbett, Josiah Smith Esq:

Captns. Hall, Johnson, Anthony, & Morgan, attended the Board According to Summons—

Mr John Dorsius being sent for by the Board Attended Accordingly and agreed that the Commissioners should give such Orders as they thought proper to Capta. Johnson with respect to the Cargoe on board the Ship Genl Moultrie—

A Resolve of Congress of the 20th Novemr. 1775 (and given to Each Capta.) Respecting the Provission made for such persons, or their Families as may be Killed or Maimed in the Sea or Land Service of this State—

adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board Monday 29th Decem'r. 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq'r. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Edward Darrell Thomas Corbett Esq's—
A Letter to Cap't. Thomas Grimball—

Navy Board. Decem'r. 27th 1777—

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy being in want of a Number of Cartridges for the Different Vessels now fitting Out on a Cruise, they will be much Obliged to you if you will Engage some of the Artillery Company under your Command to make and fill with powder Eight Hundred Six pound, Twelve Hundred four pound, & Two Hundred Three pound Cartridges for which the Commissioners will pay them whatever you may think reasonable; they would not by any means have Troubled you on this Matter, but that the Service of the State requires the greatest Dispatch, and that they are well Assured that you will do Everything in your power to promote it—

I am Sir Your Most Hbl' Serv' Edw Blake [break]
A Letter to Mr John Stevenson—

Navy Board Decem'r. 27th 1777—

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will furnish a Schooner and hand, to take Ballast from on board a Ship at Prioleaus wharff and Order it to be delivered on board the Brigg Polly at Mottes wharf, pray have it done with all possible Dispatch, as the Service of the State particnlary requires it. . . . . . . . . .

Edward Blake first Commiss'

An Order was Drawn on the Treasury in fav'r. of—
Dan'l O'Neill for the use of the Rope walk. . . . . . . £1000
Ordered that the Clerk do pay David Wilsons acco' of
hawling timber for the public Ship Yard. . . . . . . . . . 12
James Snead for Turning Priming horns. . . . . . . . . . 120

£1132 — —

A Letter to Mr Anthony Bonneau with a Copy of that of the 10th Inst—

Navy Board Decem'r. 29th 1777—

Sir
The above is Copy of our last this only serves to Inform you that the Board is much in want of Salted provissions for the use of the Naval Department, and Desire that you will Endeavour all in
your power to procure a Quantity not Exceeding Three Hundred Barrels of Pork and Fifty Barrels of Beef, on the best Terms you Can, & your Draughts on the Board for the Amount shall be duly Honoured—

By Order of the Board

To Mr. Anthony Bonneau

Edward Blake first Commissr

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 30th Decemr. 1777—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esqr. first Commissioner
Tho Corbett Geo Abb Hall Josiah Smith Edward Darrell Esqr—
An Order was Drawn on the Treasury in favour of the Clerk for Five Thousand Dollars for the use of the £8125—
Navy fitting out . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
adjournd to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board

Wednesday 31 Decem: 1777.
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esqr first Commissr.
John Edwards, Josiah Smith, Geo A. Hall, Esqr:
Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 1st January 1778.
Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Friday 2d January 1778.
Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—
Navy Board Saturday 3d January 1778.

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq'r. first Commissioner
Geo Abbts. Hall, Thomas Corbett, Josiah Smith Esq'r.

The following Letters were wrote by the first Commissioner Yesterday and Approved of this Evening by the Board—

A Letter to Mr. William Cook at the Round O—
Navy Board January 2d 1778—

Sir/

In Answer to your Letter of 23d Ultimo respecting your furnishing the Board with a Number of good fat Hogs the Commissioners will agree to take any Number you will deliver them in all this Month, and pay you four Shillings P Pound you'll please Observe, they will receive none but what are fatt and fit to Salt for the use of the Navy— By Order of the Board—

Edward Blake first Commissr

A Letter to Mr. Samuel Wells at Cainhoy
Navy Board Chas Town 2d January 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy have received yours, Acquainting them that Mr. David Hamilton has spoke to you about some boards, & plank, for the use of the State Ship Yard & desiring to know whether you may Supply it or not, The Commissioners desire that you will Supply the said Boards & Plank, in the quantities you Mention— The prices of the several kinds are Mentioned underneath

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissr.

Sheathing. a 70/—
2 Inch plank a £7.10
2½ In. ditto £8.15.
3 In. ditto £10 ——
4 In. ditto £12.10—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav'. of Capts. Thomas Smith for Amo's. of the Pilot boat Trialls pay Bill and Disbursements to the 2d December Last..................£247.12.6

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—
Navy Board Monday 5th January 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq'r. first Commissioner

George Ab't. Hall, Edward Darrell, Esq'rs

Mr. James Wakefield was desired to Attend the Board and did Attend Accordingly— The Commissioners Agreed with him that Mr. William Sommersall should put a Valuation on an Iron Caboose belonging to him for the use of the Brigg Polly—

An Order to Mr. McCully Righton

Mr. Righton

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you send a boat to Hobcaw Tomorrow Morning to bring down what pig Iron may be at Mess'rs. Bagby & Mansons wharf

Navy Board 5th January 1778 By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss'

Ordered that Mr. Sawyer be directed to give such Receipts to the Commissary Gen'l. as he has required—

Also to purchase a Quantity of Junk— That he do Supply the Notre Dame with Bread for Six weeks, at the rate of Five pounds 9

Man 9 week, and make up the deficiency with Pease & Rice

Mr. Somersall was desired to appraise a Caboose on board a Ship at Gibbes' wharf

A Note to Mess'rs. Bourdeaux & Atkinson—

The Commissioners of the Navy present their Compliments to Mess'rs. Bourdeaux & Atkinson and will be much Obliged to them for the Loan of as many water Casks as they can possibly Spare out of the Bellona and her prize as a sufficient Number for the present Expedition Cannot possibly be purchased in Charles Town—

Navy board 5th January 1778—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav'r. of McCully Righton for his 2 Accnts. for Novem'r & Decem'r. £296.12—6—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . Tuesday 6th January 1778—

Present Edward Blake Esq'r. first Commissioner

Geo Ab't. Hall, Josiah Smith, Edw'd Darrell, Esq'rs—

A Letter to his Excellency the President

The Commissioners of the Navy desire to Acquaint the President that the Commissary of Stores has informed them, that upon application to the Ordnance Keeper for 4th Shott out of the
Arsenal for the Naval Expedition now fitting out, he refused to deliver them without an Order from the Continental Agent; They will therefore he glad that an Order may be procured for 1500 shot the Quantity wanting—

By Order of the Board—

Navy Board 6th Janry 1778— Edw^d Blake first Commiss'^

Order'd That Elisha Sawyer Esq Commissary do purchase a Quantity of Nails, Carpenters, & Coopers Tools for the use of the Naval Department—

1. An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav'r [break]

am^l Maverick for wages due him on board the £242.13.4.
Brigg Defence for. . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Ordered that the Clerk do pay such of the workmen at the State Ship Yard as may want their wages—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Wednesday 7th January 1778

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r, first Commissioner
Geo. Abb^l Hall Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell
Tho^s Savage Jn^o Edwards Tho^s Corbett Esq^rs—

A Letter from Secr^y of The Prevy Council—

January 7th 1778

Sir/

By order of his Excellency the president, I am to inform you, that Capt. Biddle has resigned the Command of the Ship Gen^l Moultrie, and that it is his direction with the advice of the prevy Council, the Commissioners of the Navy do appoint a proper person, to Succeed to the Command of her—

I am Gen^l.
Yrs. Hbl^e. Serv^t.

Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first— (Signed) Jn^o Colcock. Sec^r. Py Cl—
Commiss^l. of the Navy Board

A Valuation of 4 Carriage guns 4 pounders Borrowed by this State from Mess^rs Mey & Cripps and put on board the Brigg Polly Commanded by Capt. Anthony, being refer'd to us We do therefore appraise the Same at Seven Hundred pounds the Pair— Given under our Hand, at Charles Town this 7th January 1778

(Signed) Will^m Logan—
Will^m Somarsall

—H. C.
A Valuation of a Cabouse

It being Refer'd me to Value a Cabouse on board of the Brigg Polly Commanded by Capt Anthony I Appraise the same at One Hundred pounds Current Money of this State

Charles Town Janry. 7th. 1778

(signd) Wm Somarsall

Adjourned to tomorrow, 10 O'Clock.

Navy Board

Thursday 8th Janry 1777.

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq', first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Jn^o Edwards, Edw^d Darrell
Geo Ab^t. Hall, Tho^o Savage Tho^o Corbett

Capt^n Sullivan attended the Board and reported he had been on board the Ship Genl Moultrie & found the said Ship to be in his Opinion a Much fitter Vessel for the present Intended Expedition then the Ship Volunteer— And also thought she may be got ready for Sea Sooner than the Volunteer—

Adjourned to 4 oClock this afternoon—

Navy Board Thursday afternoon 8th January 1778

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
Tho^o Corbett, Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell,
Tho^o Savage, Geo Ab^t. Hall, John Edwards,

A Letter to his Excellency the President

Navy Board 8th January 1778—

Sir/

This Board Yesterday Evening received a Letter from the Secretary of the prevy Council by your Excellencys Order informing them that Capt^n Biddle had resigned the Command of the Ship Genl Moultrie & desiring they would appoint a proper person to Command her— They beg Leave to acquaint your Excellency that upon enquiry of the Different Captains of the Vessels going upon the intended Expedition it appears to them impracticable that Men can be Obtained sufficient to Compleat the Complement for the Three Briggs & the Two Ships, they have therefore applied to Capt^n Sullivan to take the Command of the Ship Genl Moultrie with his Officers & Men, which he has agreed to do— They therefore recommend that
the Ship Volunteer may be discharged from the Service, That Capt. Sullivan be appointed to the Command of & his Officers & Men turned over to the Ship Genl Moultrie— By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first C[break]

The Commissary of the Naval Department having informed [break]irst Commissioner that he could not possibly get a Waggon to [break]rry Powder to Broughtons Battery, tho frequently applied for— the following Letter was wrote

Navy Board January 8th 1778—

Sir/

The Vessels are in want of their powder to take on board this Evening or in the Morning, the Commissary has Informed the board he Cannot possibly get a Waggon to Carry it to Wilkins's fort (unless it can be done they will be under the Necessity of Applying to the president, or the Vessels must wait) they therefore beg that you will Order one on that Service Immediately— by Order of the board

Edw'd Blake first Commiss'r

To Michl. Kaltiesen Esq'r—

A Letter to Capt'n. James Doharty—

Navy Board 8th Jan'r 1778—

Capt'n. James Doharty

Sir/

By Mr. Henry Talbert you will receive Two Thousand Pounds, out of which You'll please pay the Men belonging to the Beaufort Gally (to the time the pay Bill left with the Navy Board is made out) and take proper Vouchers for all the Money you pay— The remainder (after paying off the people belonging to the Gally) You'll please apply to the purchase of good pork for the use of the Naval Department

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss'r

You'll please Observe that all pay Bills, and Other Accounts delivered against the Public must be Attested—

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of Capt'n. James Doharty for the use use of the Beaufort Gally £2000 ——

¹Wagonmaster General of South Carolina. (See journal of the Council of Safety for December 2, 1775, Collections of the South Carolina Historical Society, III, 41.)
Edward Taylor for 37\(^{0}\) & 3\(^{\text{rs}}\) of Iron for the use of
the Naval Department—a £50 0 0 C't. . . . . . . . . \{ 1887 . . . 10 \}

£3887 . . . 10—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Friday 9\(^{\text{th}}\) Janvr 1778.
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commiss'r—.
Thos Savage, Thos Corbett, Edward Darrell
Josiah Smith, John Edwards.

The Board agreed that Five Hundred pounds should be paid to the
Pursers of the Gen'l Moultrie, Polly, & Fair American, to provide
Stores for the Captains & Officers of said Vessells—
Agreed to deliver the Ship Volunteer to the Owners and Direct
the Commissary to receive all the Stores supplyed the Said Ship—
And that the first Commissioner do write a Letter of thanks to the
Owners of said Ship—
The first Commissioner Accordingly wrote the following Letter
Navy Board Charles Town Janvr 9\(^{\text{th}}\) 1778

Gentlemen
The Navy Board finding it impracticable to man all the
Vessels Intended for the Expedition against the British Men of War
now Cruizing on the Coast, have resolved to discharge the Ship Vol-
untier, and deliver her with her Stores to the Owners— I am also
desired to return you the thanks of the Board for your very Public
Spirit in so readily offering the said Ship Volunteer for the Service
of the State—

I am Respectfully
Gent
Your Most Obedt. Servt.
Edward Blake first Commiss'r

To the Gentlemen Owners of the Ship Volunteer—
Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 10\(^{\text{th}}\) Janvr 1778—
adjoined to Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board

Monday 12th January 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner
     George Abb'. Hall, Tho's Corbett—Esqrs—
The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav' of—
     Dan'l. O'Neill for the use of the Rope walk . . . £4000
     John Moore wages due on board the Floating Battery 154. 17. 6
     Jn°. Calvert Advanced by him for the different
     Rendezvousés 4095
     William Trusler Sundry Accos for Beef viz
     Brigg Comet . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 728. 14 —
     Pilot Boat Tryal . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 69. 19 —
     Rattle Snake . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 176. 4 . 6
     Floating Battery . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 39. 19. 6
     Beaufort Gally . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 188 „ 6 —
     Ship Yard . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 223 „ 14—
     Pilot Boat Eagle . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 150. 2 —
     Brigg Notre Dame . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 735. 14. 6—

2312. 13. 6

£10,562. 11. —

Adjourned to Tomorro Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . Tuesday 13th January 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment—
Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner
     Geo Ab'. Hall, Tho's Savage, Edw Darrell Esqrs—
Captains Hall, Sullivan, Morgan, & Anthony attended the Board, and reported that they Could not possibly be ready as they could wish, to proceed to Sea on the Intended Expedition, until the next Spring Tides, as it is thought, the Men on board each Vessel, Ought to be Stationed & Trained some Little time before they sail—

A Letter to Mr. John Stevenson

Navy Board 13th Jan'ry 1778—

Mr. Stevenson Sir/
You'll please Order a Schooner to take on board the Genl. Moultries Water now on Eveleighths Wharf, and put it on
board said Ship as Early as possible tomorrow, as She must Sail in a
day or Two

I am Sir y' Hblc Servt.
Edward Blake first Com't:

A Letter to Captn Nicholas Biddle Esq—
Navy Board 13th Jan'y 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Having been Informed by Cap-
tains Hall, Sullivan, Morgan, & Anthony, that they Cannot possibly
get the Different Vessels under their Command properly fitted and
Clear to proceed to sea as Early as Thursday next (the time they are
Informed that you intend to Sail) and as the Success of the Intended
Expedition greatly depends on the Vessels being well fitted, and the
people properly Quartered, and regularly Exercised to their Duty in
Case of Meeting the Enemy at their first going out of Port, and as
the Success of the Expedition will probably be attended with very
great Advantages to the Continent in General as well as this State in
particular— The Commissioners think it would be Imprudent to
Order the Vessels to Sail before they are fitted & Mann'd and in
Clear good Order to make a proper and Vigourous Attack, should
they fall in with the Enemy soon after they got to Sea— They there-
fore request as a particular favour that you will not Sail with the
Ship Randolph, before the next spring Tides by which time the Gen'l
Moultrie, Notre Dame, Fair American, and Polly will Certainly be
fitted, Mann'd, Clear, and ready to Sail in Company with you— By
Order of the Board

I am Sir
Your Most Obedt Hblc Servt

To Nicholas Biddle Esq—
Commanding the Continental Frigate Randolph

[Break] Letter to his Excellency the President

Navy Board 13th January 1778—

The Captms. Hall, Sullivan, Morgan, & Anthony, having
Informed the Board this Evening, that they Cannot possibly get the
Vessels under their Command, in that Order they think Necessary,
nor their Men Trained & Quartered in the Manner they could wish
by Thursday next, we have in Consequence of the above Information
wrote Captn Biddle of the Randolph requesting him to stay till next
Springs, by which time we have no doubt but Everything will be in such Order, as to give every hope of Success—

By Order of the Board—
Edward Blake first Commissioner

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of—
Stephen Duvall for the Eagle Pilot Boats pay bill from 4th. Oct. 1777 to the 4th Inst. being 3 Months
£468—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 19th January 1778—
The Board did not Meet According to Adjournment on Thursday last being prevented by the Dreadful fire which happened on that day—
The Board Met this Evening at the Treasury Office
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner—
Geo Ab. Hall, Josiah Smith, Geo Smith, Edw. Darrell, Esqrs—
Ordered that the Clerk do Summons the Captains Hall, Sullivan, Anthony, & Morgan to Attend the Board on Wednesday Evening
Adjourned to next Wednesday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Wednesday 21st January 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Edw. Darrell, Josiah Smith, George Smith Esqrs—
Captains Hall, Sullivan, Morgan & Anthony attended the board According to Summons & reported the State of the Vessels under their Command—
Orders were drawn on the Treasury [break] sums in favour of—
George Monk for a Boat for the Genl Moultrie [break]
George Morris for painting the above Boat [break]

£630—
The above accounts Certified by Capt. Philip Sullivan
Adjourned to next Friday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Friday 23rd January 1778—
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board Monday 26th January 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present . . . . Edward Blake first Commissioner—
Tho's Savage Thos Corbett Josiah Smith Edwd Darrell Esqrs—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Afternoon 4 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 27th January 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esqr. first Commissioner—
Thos Corbett, Tho's Savage, Josiah Smith, Geo Smith, Edwd Darrell, Esqrs

The Captains Hall, Sullivan, Morgan, & Anthony, were Summon'd to Attend the Board this Evening & they attended Accordingly—

A Letter was wrote to Alexr. Moultrie Esqr Attorn General

Navy Board 27th January 1778—

Sir/

Capt'n Sullivan having Shipped on board his Vessel in the Service of the State, Nine Seamen belonging to Capt'n. John Holmes of the Ship Brunswick who has absolutely refused to pay their Wages, we shall be glad that you will write to him to pay the same (an Acco of which is Inclosed) which should he refuse to do please proceed against him agreeable to an Ordinance passed Yesterday—

By Order of the Board

To Alexr. Moultrie Esqr } Edward Blake first Commissr
Attorney General )

[Break]ed that the [undecipherable] of the before mentioned Mens wages when settled by the Cap't & the Attorney General shall be paid to Capt'n Sullivan by the Clerk, and to be repaid him when received by Alexr. Moultrie Esqr—

A Letter to Capt'n William Hall—

Navy Board January 27th 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you deliver from on board the Brigg Notre Dame to Capt'n Sullivan of the Genl Moultrie Twelve of the Men belonging to the Notre Dame

Edwd Blake first Commissr

To Capt'n William Hall }

of the Notre Dame }
A Letter to Capt. Philip Sullivan—
Navy Board January 27th 1778—

Sir/

You are hereby directed to apply to Capt. Hall of the Notre Dame for Twelve Men he has on board more than his Complement, and receive them on board the General Moultrie, Capt. Hall is directed to deliver the Men when you apply for them—
To Capt. Philip Sullivan

Edward Blake first Commiss

of the General Moultrie

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favor of
Capt. Philip Sullivan against the Ships Volunteer & Gen. Moultrie . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
Capt. William Hall against the Brigg Notre Dame
George Bowing for 9 Mths. wages on board the Defence
Mrs. Lester for 2 Months wages for 3 Negroes—on board the Floating Battery to 19th Janr. 20/ 2p
James Toussiger for Making 4 Six pound Carriages for the Notre Dame £30. . . . . . . . .
Tho. Shubrick Esq. for hire of his Negro Carpenters at State Ship Yard to 31st Dec. Last

£3693 2—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 29th January
Adjourned to next Monday Evening

Navy Board . . . . Monday 2d February
The Board Met According to Adjourn
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commiss
Tho. Savage, Tho. Corbett, Josiah Smith Esqs
Edward Darrell Geo Abt. Hall . . . .

A Letter to William Vallentine Esq. Commissary
Navy Board 2d Febry. 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy have about Two Hundred Bar-
rels of good Old Rice, on board of a Vessel belonging to the State, which was Intended for Exportation but, as new Rice is now to be got, and as it will be most for the public Benefit to Ship new Rice, the Board desires to know if you can take the Old Rice for Provisions on the Public Account, If you can take it, be pleased to give Notice thereof by Letter directed to Mr. Blake the first Commissioner, Mentioning what Wharfe will be most Convenient to you for the Landing of it, and directions shall be given Accordingly—

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissr

A Letter to his Excellency the President—

Navy Board 2d Febru— 1778—

Sir /

The Commissary for the Naval Department has applied to the Board for Salt, to pack and pickle the provisions purchased for the Navy, they will be glad if your Excellency will give an Order on the Commissioners for Salt, to Supply the Commissary with such Quantity as he may require for the above purpose—

To his Excellency } By Order of the Board
John Rutledge Esq' } Edw'd Blake first Commissr[break]

A Letter to Elisha Sawyer Esq'. Commissary—

[Break]/

Navy Board 2d Febru. 1778—

You are desired to purchase any Quantity of Flour that you can get for Baking Bread for the Navy, & place it in the hands of the Bakers who will the most Speedily Bake it up . . . . . . . . Edward Blake first Commissr

Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the following Sums in fav'.

of

James Bricken for 30 Spears for the Gen'l Moultrie a £6 180 — — James Stedman—
Making Carriages for the Brigg Polly . . . £288 — for the Ship Gen'l Moultrie . . . 246 — for the Brigg Notre Dame 180 — 714 —

£894 —

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board Thursday 5th February 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq, first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Geo. Smith Esqrs.——

Navy Board Feb'y. 1778——

Ordered that the Clerk of the Board do go on board each of the Vessels in the Service of the State now fitting out on an Expedition, and take an Exact List of all the Men on board, belonging to each Vessel, that the purser of each Vessel be directed to send an Exact List of all the provision Supplied by the Commissary for the Cruize, and what has been Expended as well as what remains on board, of the Sea provissions, and that they do not make use of any of their Sea provissions while in port, as the Commissary has directions to furnish a Daily Supply of Fresh Beef That the Captains of the different Vessels be directed to go and remain on board, & see that the Men are Regularly Quartered & Exercised at least twice Every day while they remain in port and that no more Men be Enlisted for the present Expedition till the above [break] are laid before the Board.

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissioner

Ordered that the Commissary be directed to purchase as much Rum as will be Necessary for the present Expedition
adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock——

Navy Board . . . . Monday 9th February 1778——
Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock——

Navy Board . . . . Thursday 12th Feb'y. 1778——
Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock——

Navy Board . . . . Monday 16th February 1778——
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq', first Commiss'.
Josiah Smith, Geo. Smith, Edward Darrell Esqrs——
The first Comm. informd ye Board that he had wrote & ordered
the Clerk to deliver Instructions to Capts. Hall, Sullivan, Morgan & Anthony, & their warrant officers respectively,— which the Board approved.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Board do Enquire of Mr. Isaac Da Costa what Sum of Money has been subscribed by the merchants & others of Charles Town for the purpose of Inlisting Seamen for the several Vessels lately fitted out on an Expedition in the Service of the State, and that he do request Mr. Da Costa will pay said Moneys into the Treasy and that the following Certificate be given to the Treasurer of the Charles Town Insurance Company—

Navy Board 16th February 1778—

These are to Certify that Three Hundred Men & upwards have Entered into the Service of the State and Sailed on a Cruize against the Enemy, in four Vessels, Vizt Ship Gen¹ Moultrie & Brigg's Notre Dame, Polly, & Fair American, to whom have been paid a Bounty of Thirty Dollars Each & which includes the Ten Dollars Granted by the Charles Town Insurance Company as per their Resolution of December 15th 1777—

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissr

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of—

John Bonniet for work on board the Gen¹ Moultrie... £293. 10 —
Wheeler & Smith............for the Volunteer...... 160. .. —
Edw¹ Shrewsbery............. for the Brigg Polly.... 150 — —
Ja¹ Cooke for the Polly & fair American............. 803. 6 —
Tho¹ Addison for Lumber &c, for Ship Yard........ 33 „ 10 —
Edm¹ Egan Beer for the . . . Brigg Polly.. 553. 2. 6
John Hughes 2 Accots. against Beaufort Gally... 514. 15 —
Paul Pritchard for the Notre Dame— £23. 9.
ditto . . . for the Gen¹ Moultrie 596 14.6

John Vesey . . . ditto . . . Brigg Polly . . . 4017. 17. 6
James Bryan — ditto . . . Gen¹ Moultrie 5168 „ 2. 6
Navy Board Thursday 19th February 1778
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . Monday 23d February 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq/. first Commissr.
Josiah Smith Geo Smith
John Edwards Geo Ab/. Hall
An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favor of Dan'l O'Neill for the use of the Rope walk £2000—
Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . Thursday 26th February 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Josiah Smith Junr Esq/. in the Chair
Geo Ab/. Hall, Tho's Savage, Tho's Corbett Edwd. Darrell Esqrs—
The following Order of the Privy Council dated the 12th Inst., was Received by the Board this Evening the purport of which is as follows—

Viz

In the Privy Council

February 12th 1778—

The Board recommended to his Excellency to direct that the Vessel now building at the Ship Yard & Intended for a Galley, be Built for a sea Vessel

By his Excellency the president

Ordered Accordingly

(Signed) John Colcock

Sec'y. Pr. C'l.

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav' of Robt. Cochran for 3 Months rent of the Ship Yard & Four Negroses to the 28th Ultim.......

Willm Wilkins Making Sails &c. for the Defence.................. £75 —

ditto.................. for the Eagle pilot boat 295 —
ditto.................. for the Tryal ditto...... 54.15 424.15 —

Leger & Greenwood for rum Supplyed the Commissary

Nathl Russell & Co. for rum supplied...ditto

Elisha Poinsett Medicines for the Notre Dame

Edward Stiles for the........Comet.. £7 —

for the........Volunteer 38. 7. 6'

for the Genl Moultrie 58.10 —

for the Fair American 6 —

for the Polly.... 51 . 15

for the Rattle Snake..... 4 —

165 „ 12. 6

Mrs. Lester for 1 Month wages for 3 Negroses a 20/ & day on board the floating Battery

Ordered to be paid by J:C

£14,589 ——

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board. . . . Monday 2d March 1778.
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present— Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Thomas Corbett Geo Abt. Hall Edwd Darrell Esqrs
The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favor of—
Nathan Legare for 10 Barrels Beef. a £40. . . . . . £400,
John Waren for 12 Barrels Pork a £50. . . . . . . 600
Capt Philip Sullivan for the Genl Moultrie. . . . . . 400
ditto . . . . . ditto for the Volunteer. . . . . . . . . . . . . 975
Elisha Sawyer Commissary his Acco. of Disbursements . 14234 . 6.8
Paul Pritchard for the Volunteer to be paid by J. C.
William Johnson Sundry Accoa. against the
Brigg Polly . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . £794. 13.6.
Notre Dame. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 359. 7
Rattle Snake. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 49. 11.3
Brigg Fair American. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 280. 12.6
Eagle Pilot Boat. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 73. 4.9
Tryall ditto. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 17. 10.
Commissary for Sundrys. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1676.9
Tunis Tebout Ballce. of his Acco. for Beaufort
Gally 875. 4.6

£19177 . 10.2=

Agreed that the Rattle Snakes Cargo of Rice now in Store at Gadsdens wharf be forthwith Advertized and Sold at Public Vendue by the Clerk of this Board—
Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . Thursday 5th March 1778—
adjournd to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 9th March 1778—
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Geo Smith Edwd Darrell Geo Abt. Hall Esqrs—
The following Order was drawn on the Treasury in favr of
Thos Mayfield wages due him as Boatswain on board
the Brigg Comet from 12th Octr. 1777. to 5th Feb 1778 £165 . 13 . 4
Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board . . . Thursday 12th March 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present . . Edward Blake Esq., first Commissioner
   Josiah Smith, Tho's Corbett, Edw'd Darrell, Esq's.

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of—

Tho's Gardener wages due on board the Brigg Defence £189. 2 —
McCulley Righton his Acco's. for Jan'y. & Feb'y. . . . . 313. 2 —
Danl Caron for Schooner hire attending the Vessels of warr

160 ——

£662. 4 —

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . Monday 16th March 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq's. first Commissioner—
   Geo Abbot Hall, Josiah Smith, Tho's Corbett, Edward Darrell, John Edwards . . .
   Esq's—

In the Privy Council

March 13th 1778—

The Board advised his Excellency that a Cartel be proposed to the Governor of St. Augustine and that the Commissioners of the Navy Board do prepare and fit out the Rattlesnake for a Voyage there with provisions Sufficient for the prisoners of Warr intended to be sent in her, of whose Number his Excellency will inform the Board

By his Excellency the President

(Signed) Ordered Accordingly John Colcock Sec'y P. C.

Ordered that the Schooner Rattle Snake be immediately unloaded and fitted Out as a Cartel, to proceed to St. . Augustine with prisoners of war—

Navy Board March 16th 1778

To Elisha Sawyer Commissary

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy request that you [break] with all possible Dispatch furnish the Necessary Stores and provisions for Fifty Men for One Month for the Schooner Rattlesnake

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board . . . . . . . Thursday 19th March 1778—
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board . . . . Monday 23rd March 1778—
adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . Thursday 26th March 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present  Edward Blake Esqr. first Commissioner—
         Edward Darrell, Josiah Smith Esqrs.—
Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favr. of
Danl O'Neille for the use of the Rope walk . . . . . . . . . . . £2000 ——
         Paul Ripley wages due him as Midshipman on
         board the Brigg Comet from the 16th Octr. 1777 to
         14 March 1778 4 Months & 27 days a £28. £4 Month.
         Jarvis Williams wages due him as Masters Mate on
         board the Brigg Comet from 27th Septr. 1777— to the
         14 March 1778— 5 Mos. & 16 days a £30 £9 Mo. . . .
         Mackie & Cameron Coupering Bread & Water Casks 174[break]

Carried over £247[break]

[Break]ght up . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2447. 19 ——
Ralph Atmer Caulking Public Boats. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 27 —— ——
Jacob Boomer Sundry Acco's. Viz for the
Brig. Notre Dame—Beef supplyd. £308. 15.
         Fair American . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 372.. 5 ——
Ship  Genl Moultrie . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 983.. 5 ——
         Brigg Polly . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 313 ——
         Eagle Pilot Boat. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 36.. 5 —
         Schooner Rattle Snake. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 20.10 ——
         Ship yard . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 333.11.3.  2367.11.3.

£4872.10.3

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board . . . . Monday 30th March 1778—
adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . Thursday 2d April 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner—
Thos Corbett, Edwd Darrell, Josiah Smith, Roger Smith Esqs—
Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav' of—
Thos Smith Amo. of the Pilot Boat Tryals pay Bill} $82.12—
from the 2d Decem. 1777. to the 27th Janr. 1778 . . . . . .
Philip Hart for Lignumvite & Rosewood for Ship Yard. . 165.7. 6

£247.19.6

The Board Agreed to furnish Roger Smith Esq' with Twelve Barrels of Salt Provisions and what Cordage may be wanted for the Vessels now fitting out by him on account of the State
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board

Monday 6th April 1778.
The Board Met According to Adjournment.
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner—
Geo Abbl. Hall Josiah Smith Edwd Darrell Esqs—
The Board Received a Letter from Mr. David Hamilton Acquainting them of his Intention to decline the Management of the State Ship Yard in case his wages are not augmented—
Agreed that Mr. Duvall should send Two Men with Mr. Paget a Branch Pilot to Carry out of Stono Inlet the Spanish Schooner now lying there by application of George Abbot Hall Esq'—

Mr. Duvall applied for, and the Board agreed to furnish the Pilot Boat Eagle with two new Masts &
The following order was sent to Mr. David Hamilton

Sir/
You are hereby directed to furnish the Eagle Pilot boat with Two Masts of 63 & 66 feet Each & 10 Inches in the Partners as Soon as possible
To
Mr. David Hamilton

at the State Ship Yard

By Order of the Board—
Edward Blake first Commissr—
The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav' of Stephen Duvall’s pay bill of the Eagle Pilot boat to the 4th Ins'
being 3 Mo's. .................................................. £483 — —
Smith & Darrell for Sund's Supplyed the Commissary 827. . . 5—
Smith & Darrell for Jackets Supply'd the Genl Moultrie 540 ——
Tarlton Brown Advanced by him for the Beaufort' gally to be paid by the Clerk. ............................. 10. 10

£1860. 15

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 o'Clock—

Navy Board Thursday 9th April 1778—
Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 o’Clock—

Navy Board . . . . Monday 13th April 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment—
Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner
Roger Smith Edward Darrell Esq's.
Ordered that the following Advertizement be Inserted in Mr. Wells's next Gazette and One Hundred hand Bills be Struck of Immedially—

By an Act passed the 28th March last for the better Regulating of Pilots &c. it is therein provided that the Commissioners of the Navy shall Cause a Leading Mark to the Beacon to be Erected in the same place where the former One stood Also two leading Marks as Guides through the Middle Channel and One for Lawfords Channel, and shall also Cause Buoys to be fixed a Long the North Channel at fit places so as to Render the Navigation of those Channels more safe and Secure, Any Persons inclinable to undertake and Execute the above Business are desired to deliver in their proposals in writing to

John Calvert Clerk to the Navy Board

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Quarter Master Gen'l that the Board Expects he will pay the hire of the Floating Battery Regularly every Month—

Ordered that those Men in the Hospital who have Entered in the States Service (for the late Expedition) and now well Enough to be discharged from thence be sent on board the Beaufort Galley—
A Clause of the Pilotage Act, and the following Letter were delivered to Stephen Duvall and Willm Farroe Commanding the Eagle and Tryall Boats—

Sir/ Agreeable to the Above Clause [break] of the 28th March last the Commissioners of The [break] that you do Alternately lay with your Pilot Boat at Anchor near Sullivans Island at Night and that you do proceed to Sea as Early as possible Every Morning so as to give the Necessary Assistance to any Vessels bound into any port in this State...by Order of the Bo[break]

Navy Board  

Edward Blake first Commiss[break]  

13th April 1778  

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for in fav [break] of Danl ONille for the use of the Rope Walk........................... £1000 — —  
Tho8 Smith for the Pilot Boat Tryals Pay Bill to this day 231. 4 —  
Richard Mercer Sundrys Supplied the Notre Dame £185.10.  
.................................................. the Fair American 272.15  

Robt. Beard Tin work for the Navy .......................... 154 — —  
Tho8 Joel for Spars & Lumber for the Ship yard.. 1126.. 3..11.1.  
John Moor 3 Months Wages and Disbursements}  
on board the floating Battery to the 9th Inst. 174–10—  

£3144. 2., 11—  

The Board agreed to Allow the Men hired on board the pilot Boats Forty two pounds Each 39 Month in future—  
Adjournd to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . Thursday 16th April 1778—.  
The Board Met According to Adjournment  
Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner  
George Abb8. Hall, Edw8 Darrell Esqrs — — —  
The following Note was wrote by the first Commiss8 to his Excellency the president and Approved of by the Board  
Edward Blake presents his Complements to his Excellency the President and Informs him that agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly passed the 28th March 1778 He (by Order of the Commis—
sioners of the Navy) sent Orders to Mr. Stephen Duvall and Mr. Willm Pharoah¹ The Two Pilots Intrusted with the care of the Eagle and Tryall Pilot Boats) to Anchor Alternately at Night as near to Sullivants Island as possible and to proceed to Sea Early every Morning, so as to give the necessary assistance to any Vessels bound into any of the ports in this State, but instead of Obeying such Orders Messrs. Duvall, Pharoah, and two Other pilots Just waited on him and Informed him, that they will not Serve any Longer as Pilots and Declared they would not go out to Sea any more in the Boats; this behaviour is very Alarming (Especially at a time we are in hourly Expectation of Vessels Arriving from Every Quarter) and well worth the Notice of the Executive Authority——

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favʳ. of Thoё Shubrick Esqr. for Negroe hire in the
State Ship yard to the 31st March last. . . . . . . . . . . . £539. 1. 3.
Beaufort Galley Ball⁵. of pay bill to the 9th March. . . 256. 13. 4.
Alex⁶. Rose for Cash Advanced in part of wages due from the Brigg Defence to John Hays, Robt. Hervey⁰— 601. 5 —
Ezekl Lambert Saml Frost Abrm Heath & Geo Bowen

£1396.19. 7

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock——

Navy Board Thursday [break]
The Board Met According to Adjournment.
Present.. Edward Blake Esqr. first Commission[break]
George Abb. Hall Josiah Smith } Esqr⁸—
Edward Darrell Roger Smith

A Letter from the first Commissioner to Captⁿ Sullivan on his [undecipherable] was approved of this Evening
Captⁿ. Philip Sullivan

Sir/

You'll please Order a Num[break] of
Men from on board the Genl Moultrie to assist in Landing her Guns out of the Schooner and have all the powder, and Gunners Stores

¹Farrow. It is so given in the engrossed copy, and heretofore Mr. Calvert, the clerk, has spelled the name Farroe. (See p. 148.)
Landed & delivered to the proper Officers appointed to Receive them—

I am Sir your Hbl e Serv

Monday 20th April 1778—

To Capt’n Philip Sullivan—

Navy Board 23d April 1778—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that all the Stores on Board the General Moultrie belonging to the Public of this State be Landed & delivered to the proper Officers Appointed to receive them, and that the Warrant Officers belonging to said Ship do make a proper Return of all the Stores Expended during the late Cruize as well as all such as may be delivered on Shore, and that a proper pay Bill for said Ship be made out and Delivered to the Clerk of the Navy Board as soon as possible.

By Order of the Board—

Edwd Blake first Commissr

A Similar Letter was wrote and delivered to Capt’n Charles Morgan of the Brigg Fair American— [Break] . . James Mayberry of The Gen: Moultrie was Nominated by the Board to the Command of the Beaufort Galley and the Following Orders were given him—

Sir/ You are to take Charge of the Beaufort Galley early tomorrow Morning and be as Expeditious as possible in getting her ready to Clean, taking out her Two Guns & Landing them on Gibbes’s Wharf before you lay her a Shore.

By Order of the Board

Edwd Blake first Commissr

Navy Board 23d April 1778—

To his Excellency the President

Navy Board 23d April 1778—

Sir/

Immediately after receiv. of your Letter the Commissioners of the Navy Board sent to Lieut. James Mayberry the first Lieut of the General Moultrie to know if he would Accept the Command of the Galley which he agreed to do, the Commissioners therefore beg leave to recommend him to your Excellency as a fit person for that Command.

By Order of the Board

Edwd Blake first Commissr

To his Excellency

the President
To Brigadier General Moultrie
Navy Board 23rd April 1778—

Sir/

The President having desired that the Beaufort Galley should be Immediately got ready to Transport Stores &c. to Georgia, and that you would furnish some Men to Assist in getting her ready The Navy Board will be glad that they be Ordered on board Tomorrow Morning to Assist Capt'n Mayberry in getting her a Shore to Clean her——

To 

By order of the Board

Brig'. General Moultrie 

Edw. Blake first Commiss'

Capt'n— [break] harl [break] appointed by the Board to Appraise what Damage [break] Ship Gen'l Moultrie & Brig'l Fair American may have [break] during the Cruize.

The Board Agreed to allow Capt'n Thomas Shubrick for his Negroe Carpenters at the State Ship Yard Forty Shillings ¼ day for Each from the first Ins't—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of—

Will'm Smart freight of 50 Barr's Pork from Geo Town........ £100
Edw'd Hair for 2015'. Tallow dd the Commissary a 15'. 1511,5

£1611,5

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Ended—

Navy Board Monday 27th April 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment—

Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner—
Josiah Smith, Geo Abb'. Hall, Edw'd Darrell, Geo Smith Esq's.—

The Minutes of last Meeting were read—

A Letter to Mr. McCulley Righton Boat-keeper—

Sir/ Navy Board April 27th 1778—

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do with all possible dispatch, have all the Boats belonging to this State that now are or have at any time been in your Care (as Boat keeper)

1. End of the second of the thin blank books in which the original journal was kept by the clerk.
Cleaned and put in good Order, and that you do make a proper Return to this Board, of all such Boats by next Thursday Evening—

By Order of the Board Edw'd Blake first Comiss'r

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav'r of John Gaboriel for the Balerce. of his Acco't. that is . . . . . . .

For the State Ship Yard . . . . . . . . . . . . . £3705. 11. 6.

For the State Rope Walk . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 18 — — — — £3723. 11. 6

Paul Pritchard for the Rattle Snake to be p'd by ye Clerk 18. 12. 9.

£3742 . . . 4. 3

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . Thursday 30th April 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq', first Comiss'r—

Geo Ab't. Hall, Roger Smith Geo Smith Edw'd Darrell Esq's.

Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the followg Sums

The Beauforts Galleys Pay Bill to the 13th Apr £161. 14 — —

The Ship Gen'l Moultries pay bill to the 18th. Ins't. }

being 4 Months & 3 days Amo't. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8531 . . 0. 8

£8692 . . 14. 8

The Board agreed to go tomorrow to the Beacon to fix on a proper place for a Leading Mark for the Bar

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6. O'Clock.

Navy Board . . . . Monday 4th May 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Josiah Smith Esq'. in the Chair

Thos Corbett, Geo Ab't Hall, Edward Darrell Esq's—

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read

On Friday the first Ins't. the following Members of the Board with the Two Pilot Boats went down to the Bar and after Stationing the said Boats properly they fixed on a proper Spot to have a Beacon, or Leading Mark Erected on a Line with the Bar and Lighthouse Viz—
Edward Blake Esq. first Commissr' George Abbot Hall, Josiah Smith, Thomas Corbett, George Smith, & Edward Darrell. Esq's—

M' David Edgar from the Ship Yard Attended the Board According to Summons and was desired to attend again on Thursday next—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of

The Brig Fair Americans pay Bill from the 22d of December 1777 to the 24th April 1778 4 mo & 2 days £7124 4 7

Dan'l O'Neill for the use of the Rope walk 1000 — — £8124 4 7

Mr. John Gaborials Laid before the Board a plan and proposals for Erecting a Beacon or Leading Mark to the Bar—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 O'Clock.

[Break] Thursday 7th May 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Josiah Smith Esq'r in the Chair.

Edward Darrell, Roger Smith, Esq's.

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read

Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the following Sums in fav'r. of Dan'l O'Neill for the use of the Rope walk £3000 — —

Joshua Toomer Timber for the Ship yard 583,— —

The Beaufort Galleys pay bill to the 14th Ult° to be paid by the Clerk 68,. 3. 3

adjourned to next Monday Even° 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 11th May 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq' first Commissioner— Josiah Smith Edward Darrell, Esq's—

The Minutes of last Meeting were read—

The Board Agreed to M'r John Gaborials Proposals for Erecting a Leading Mark or Beacon to the Bar—
Agreed to Allow the four Sailors Capt'n Steel took into pay at St Augustine on board the Schooner Rattle Snake Fifty pounds Each, also the Man that watered the Vessel while there Fifty pounds for their Services—

Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the following Sums Viz

To Anthony Bonneau Amo of his Acco for Pork ... $9902, 19. 4.
John Hays Ballce due him from the Brigg Defence 193, 11, 3.
Five Soldiers for work on board the Beaufort Galley Ordered to be paid by the Clerk ... 37, 10. —
A pay bill for a Detachment of marines on board the Genl Moultrie— Jn'o Blake Esq' Command'r.
Jn'o Knowles wages due him on board the Brigg Notre Dame as Chief Mate ... 1153, 8 —

£11423, 8, 7

Adjourned to next Thursday Even'6 oClock

Navy Board . . . . . . . Thurs[break]

Adjourned to next Monday Evening [break]

Navy Board . . . . . . . Monday 18th May 177 [break]
The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. . Edward Blake Esq' first Commission[break]
Josiah Smith, Geo Abb'. Hall, Edwd Darrell, Esq'rs.
The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—
The Board agreed to recommend John Drew to the Command of the Schooner Rattle Snake—

Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the following sums in favour of 

Saml Frost for Ballece. of wages due him from the Brigg Defence as Armourer from 4th Jan'r 1777 to $459. 5.
the 4th of May 1778 is 16 Months a £35. 40 M'
£560 —

62 dollars 110 15

459 5
Capt. James Doharty for Ballce. of pay bill and disbursements for the Beaufort Galley to 9th March

Aaron Lovis Blockmaker Orderd to be paid by the Clerk 30 Dollars. or . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

£1920.. 6.1-

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 5. oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . Thursday 21st May 1778—
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . Monday, 25th May 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournmt
Present Edwd Blake Esq. first Commissioner—
Josiah Smith, Geo Smith Edwd. Darrell Esqr's—
The Minutes of Last Meeting were read.
The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of—

[Break] for Turning for the fair American
Capt. Morgan Ballce. of his Acco. and—
disbursements for the Brigg Fair American
John Calvert Amo of pay bill for the Marines on board the Brigg Fair American. . . . . . . . . . .
Capt. James Woodhouse Ballce. of wages and disbursements for the Schooner Rattle Snake
Elisha Sawyer Commissary his disbursements and Salary to the 30th Ulto Ballce. . . . . . . . . . .

£7333. 15. 10—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board . . . . Thursday 28th May 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esqr. first Commissioner
     Edward Darrell, Josiah Smith Esqr—
The Minutes of last Meeting were read—
     A Letter to Mr. David Edgar—
M'r. David Edgar
     Sir/
     The Commissioners of the Navy request that
     you do Immediately discharge Alexander Miller from the State Ship
     Yard and Inform the Commissioners of the Time he has worked
     there—
     By Order of the board
May 28th 1778—
     Edward Blake first Commissr
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board
          Monday 1 J[break]
The Board Met According to Adjournm[break]
Present Josiah Smith Jun' Esqr. in the Chair
     John Edwards, Edward Darrell Esqr:
     The Minutes of Last Meeting were read
     An Order was drawn in favour of—
     James Wright for 250 lb. wt. of Bread for the Beaufort Galley £175.
     Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . . . 4th June 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esqr. first Commissioner—
     Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell Esqr—
     The Minutes of Last Meeting were read
     An Order to the Commissary
          Navy Board June 4th 1778—
Sir/
     The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you Supply Capt'n.
     Drue with the within mentioned Articles for use of the Schooner
     Rattle Snake
     By Order of the Board
     Edwd Blake first Commissr

To M'r Danl Smith
Commissary for the
Naval Department}
The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of
Rob't. Cochran for One Qua'rent. Rent of the Ship Yard
& 4 Negroes due the 28th April Last
Rich'd Ellis as a reward for his particular Services
and Assistance afforded the Ship Gen'l Moultrie
when on Shore on the Bar and Sweeping for her
 Anchors with his own boat
Tho's Mayfield for like Services.

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\text{£305} & \text{ for Rob't. Cochran for Rent of Ship Yard} \\
\text{300} & \text{ for Rich'd Ellis as a reward} \\
\text{150} & \text{ for Tho's Mayfield for like Services}
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\text{£755.} & \text{ for Oneille Dr. to the Rope walk for 408 Cordage sold} \\
\text{755} & \text{ delivered Will'm Gibbes Esq'.} \\
\text{288, 12} & \text{ for 100 and One Hambrough Line 60/} \\
\text{456, 8} & \text{ for Smith & Darrell Dr. to the Rope walk for 652 Cordage} \\
\text{1500} & \text{ for Cordage dd them for the Beaufort Pilot boat a} \\
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Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . Monday 8th June 1778—
   Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . Tuesday 9th June 1778
   Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock

Navy Board . . . . . . Wednesday 10th June 1778—
   The board Met According to Adjournment
 Present  Edward Blake Esq', first Commiss'
          Josiah Smith Thomas Corbett Esq's—
   The Minutes of last Meeting were read
The following Letters were wrote Viz

To his Excellency the President
Navy Board 10th June 1778

The Commissioners of the Navy request your Excellency’s directions respecting the Brigg Polly— If she is to be delivered to the proper Owners and the Crew discharged

By Order of the Board
Edw’d Blake first Commiss’—

Mr., David Edgar

Sir

You’ll please Order the public Flatt to proceed to Kewah Island for a Quantity of knees and live Oak Timber now ready at a Landing for the use of the State Ship Yard—

Navy Board
10 June 1778

A Letter to Mr. Aaron Lovis Block

Mr. Aaron Lovis

Sir/

You are to furnish Capt’n. Hall of the Brigg Notre Dâme with all such Stores as may be wan[break] for said Brigg that may be within your Department

June 10th 1778—

By Order of the Board
Edw’d Blake [break]

To Capt’n Hezekiah Anthony

Capt’n. Hezekiah Anthony

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy request that you do as soon as possible make the proper returns of all the Stores Expended by the different Warrant Officers on board the Brigg Polly on the late Cruze (Signed by yourself) And also of all such stores or Merchandize as may have been taken by you Out of any Prizes during said Cruize

By Order of the Board
Edw’d Blake first Commiss’.

Navy Board June 10, 1778—

To Capt’n. Cha$ Morgan—

Capt’n Morgan

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy request that you do Make a return as soon as possible of all such Stores or Merchandize
as may have been taken by you out of any Prizes during said Cruize
Navy Board                        By Order of the Board
10th June 1778—                    John Calvert— Clerk—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav' of—
John Scott Junr for hire of his Schooner   £60 ——
Paul Pritchard for a Steamer & Iron work for Ship Yard 350 ——
Elisha Poinsett 2 Acco's. for Medicines Supplied The
Ship Genl Moultrie                      £1992
The Brigg Polly                        1260.5 3252. 5

Cont [break]

[Break] up                           £3662.5—
Thomas Smith founder his Acco's       555 ——
Nathl Havens for wages due himself and his Negroes
Lewis on board the Brigg Comet        316.3.4.
McCulley Righton his Acco's for April as boat keeper 160 ——
Alexr Miller for 7 days work at the State Ship Yard
Ordered to be paid by the Clerk a £84 9 9

£4716.0.5

adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board                           Thursday 11th June 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present      Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner—
           Josiah Smith, Edwd Darrell, Geo Ab't. Hall, Esq's—
The Minutes of the Last Meeting were read
Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of—
John Calvert pay bill for the Detachment on board
the Brigg Polly                       £1431.6.6.
John Calvert pay bill for the Schooner Rattle Snake 1286.2 ——
Cartel to St. Augustine Cap't Elijah Steel                           153. 0. 9.
Willm Johnson Amo's. of Cap't. Elijah Steels disbursements

£2870 9.3.

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—
Navy Board . . . . . . Monday 15th June 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Jn" Edwards, Geo A. Hall, Edw'd Darrell Esq's—

the Minutes of Last Meeting were read

Gentlemen/

The Commissioners of the Navy are desired [break] his Honour the Vice President to Discharge the Brigg Polly from the Service of the State, and to deliver her to the proper Owners—You'll therefore please appoint a proper person to receive said Brigg from Cap't Anthony who has Orders to deliver her with an Inventory of all her Stores to such person as you may appoint to receive her—

By Order of the Board

To Messrs— Smith & Dorrell—

and the Other Gentlemen Owners of the Brigg Polly . . . . . .

Sir/

You are directed by the Commissioners of the Navy to Deliver the Brigg Polly with all her Stores, Together with an Inventory of all the Stores belonging to said Brigg to such persons as the Owners may direct to receive her—

You are also to discharge all the Men belonging to said Brigg Immediately after delivering her to the Owners, and to deliver a proper pay bill to the Clerk of the Navy Board that they may be paid their wages

To Cap't. Hezekiah Anthony—

A Letter to Capt'n John Drew—

Navy Board June 15th 1778—

Capt John Drew Sir/

Your Letter of the 13th Inst— was this Evening laid before the Board, and in Answer thereto am to Inform you that the Board will not agree to your proposals. As you have Every Advantage that is allowed in the Merchant Service, you must Expect to run the same risk that Captns. in the Merchants Service do, if [break] not agreeable to you another Master must be [break] the Rattle Snake—

By Order of the Board

Edw'd Blake first Commissioner
Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of—

Henry Reeves for sundrys Supplyed the Ship Yard 205. 10
David Hamilton his Salary and Disbursements at the State Ship yard.... 1408. 18. 9.
Jacob Boomer Beef supplyed the Ship Yard.... 688. 12. 6
Danl O'Neill for the use of the Rope walk.... 1000 — —
Jn Calvert the Brigg Polly's pay bill to 10th Inst. 4539. 14. 10
Blakes & Sawyer for Rice Storage Bbls & Cooper-age for the Schooner Rattle Snake 4755. 14. 3

$12598—10„4.

adjourned to Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board .... Thursday 18th June 1778—
adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board .... Monday 22d June 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment—
Present Edward Blake Esqr. first Commissioner Josiah Smith, Geo Smith, Edwd Darrell
Thomast Corbett. George Abbt. Hall .... Esqrs—
The Minutes of last Meeting were read—
Agreed That the Clerk do Pay Alexr. McMullin 2 Months wages due him from the Rattle Snake 
Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of Commodore Alexr. Gillon for 58330 feet of Mahog... a 
£5 6s 100... 2916. 10—
McCulley Righton his Acco. for May ......... 93——

£3051. 10—
The Board agreed to go down to the Lighthouse on Wednesday next.

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 O'Clock.

Navy Board .... Thursday 25 June 1778.
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 O'Clock.
Extra Meeting
Navy Board . . . . . . . Saturday 27th. June 1778—
The Board Met According to Summons—
Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner—
Josiah Smith Edward Darrell { Esq's—
John Edwards Geo Abt. Hall.,
The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—
An Information was Laid before the Board against Cap't. Briggs Lately appointed to the Command of the Schooner Rattle Snake as a person Inimical to the Liberties of America
The Evidences against the said Cap't. Brigg appearing Trifling & frivolous the Board therefore Acquitted him
adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . . Monday 29th June 1778—
adjournd to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Extra Meeting
Navy Board . . . . . . . Tuesday 30th June 1778—
The Board Met According to Summons—
Present Edw'd Blake Esq'. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, George Smith,
Edw'd Darrell Jn'o Edwards, Tho's Corbett,
The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—
The following Letters were wrote
A Letter to Capt'n. Will'm Hall

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy direct that [break] open a house of Rendezvous tomorrow morning under a proper [break] officer for Eight days in order to procure Seamen for the Notre Dame; it is hoped that you will Endeavour to avoid the Heavy Expence that has usually attended a rendezvous, and that you Order daily Accounts thereof to be delivered and reported to the Board; you will also prepare the Notre Dame as soon as possible for a Cruise and have her Carried into the Road
Capt'n. Will'm Hall { Edward Blake first Commissr.
of the Notre Dame

Navy Board June 30th 1778
A Letter to the Commissary  
Navy Board 30th June 1778—

Sir,

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you sell all the Beef in your possession belonging to the Navy at public Vendue, and Account for the same to the Board

Mr. Daniel Smith  }  
Naval Commissary  }

P.'S you are Likewise to purchase Twenty Barrels of good Flour and have it baked as soon as possible for the Notre Dame

Edw d Blake first Commissr

A Letter to his Excellency the President  
Navy Board 30th June 1778—

Sir,

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to Inform your Excellency, that the Schooner Rattle Snake having been prevented from proceeding on a Voyage which was Intended to furnish the Navy and Army of this State with Rum, First by a General Embargo, & afterwards by her being Ordered to St. Augustine as a Flag of Truce, is now again loaded and will be ready for Sea in a few days The Commissioners request your Excellencys Orders respecting that Vessel in Consequence of the Embargo laid by Congress on provissions

By Order of the Board

Edw d Blake first Commissr.

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of the Clerk of this Board for the Amo[break] of the Notre Dames  }  7376. .16. .2.

pay bill to the 20th June 6 Months  }

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board  . . . . . . Thursday 2d July 1778—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board  . . . . . . Monday 6th July 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present  Edward Blake Esq' first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Geo Abb't. Hall, Edw d Darrell Esq'—

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—
Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav' r. of Danl ONeille for the use of the Rope Walk dated 4th Inst.
Jno Calvert amo of Pay bill for the detachment of Marines on board the Brigg Notre Dame...
Blakes & Sawyer for 19500 feet of Inch boards for the State Ship Yard. a £10 4½ 100...
Gasper Wershing for Beef Supplied the Beaufort Galley—
Willm Parker for Schooner hire Assist the Genl Moultrie
Captn. Jno Drue for wages & disbursement due himself & a Negroe on board the Schooner Rattle Snake
Captn. Philip Sullivan Amo of Disbursments for the Ship Genl Moultrie...

£1000 —
920. 10—
1950 — —
83. 15—
110 — —
141 — —
454 — —
£4659. 5—

Ordered that Capt'n. Hall do shut up the Notre Dame's Rendezvous this Evening——

Order of the Privy Council respecting the Rattle Snakes Cargo dated 1st Inst.—

In the Privy Council Wednesday 1st July 1778—

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter he had received from the Commissioners of the Navy respecting the Rattle Snake now a Third time ready for Sea, having on board a Cargo of Rice— The Board advised that her present Cargo be unloaded; such part thereof as the Commissary shall want be delivered him, and the rest sold, that she be reloaded with such Articles as are not prohibited by the Embargo & forthwith proceed on her Voyage—

By his Excellency the President—
Ordered Accordingly—
(Copy) — Jno Colcock Sec'y Py Cl.

A Letter to his Excellency the President

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to acquaint your Excellency that several of the Seamen & Officers which lately belonged to the State Brigg Defence are now in Charles Town and have applied to the Board for payment of their wages till their return— as the Commissioners have never seen any Law respecting the payment of wages to such persons as are captured in the Service
of this State, they will be glad of your Excellencys Directions respecting the Crew of that Vessel—
July 6th 1778—
By Order of the Board
Edw'd Blake first Commiss'r
To his Excellency the President—
Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 4 oClock

Navy Board . . . . . . . . Th[break]
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present  Edward Blake Esq', first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Edw'd Darrell, Geo Ab't. Hall, Esqrs—
The Minutes of last Meeting were Read
The Board agreed to Load the Rattle Snake for a Voyage with Lumber and a few Hh's. of Tabocco—
Agreed to go to Hobcaw Tomorrow to View the Ship Yard
Late Begby and Mansons—
Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the follow'd Sums in fav'r of Dan'l O'Neill for the use of the Rope walk. . . . . . £2000 — —
An Additional pay Bill for the Notre Dame Ordered)
212. 16.
2212. 16—
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . . . Monday 13th July 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present  Edward Blake Esq'. first Commiss'r—
Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell, Geo Ab't. Hall, Esqrs—
The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—
On Friday Last the 10th Ins't. the following Commiss'rs viz Edward Blake Josiah Smith Edw'd Darrell & Geo Ab'. Hall Esqrs— According to Appointment went to Hobcaw to Take a View of the Ship Yard Late Begby & Mansons with Mr. Paul Pritchard whom they desired to furnish them with an Estimate of the Cost of Land, Buildings, Ship on the Stocks, Timber, Blocks, Negroes &c.
The following Letter was wrote to the president
Navy Board 13th July 1778.

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to inform your Excellency that the Brigg Notre Dame is near Ready to Proceed on a Cruize, and will be Obliged to your Excellency for Commissions for the First and Second Lieutenants and Warrants for the Master, Gunner, Carpenter, Boatswain, and Surgeon, Agreeable to the Inclosed list, and if any particular Instructions are to be given to Capt'n. Hall, the Board will be glad to be advised as Early as Possible—

By Order of the Board
Edw'd Blake first Commiss'

His Excellency
the President

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav'r of Willm Trusler for Beef Supplyed the followg Vessells &c

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Audley & Hopkins for Cordage Supplyd the Commissary. 427.—
Blakes & Sawyer for 21325 w. of Flour a £35 7/9 C. d. 7463.15 —
Myer Moses for Flour & Butter to. 1343. 3 —
Stephen Duval's pay. bill for the Eagle Pilot boat} 1009. 13. 9
from the 4th of April to the 4th July & disbursements

£13713 ,, 1 ,, 9.

adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . Thursday 16 [break]

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner
John Edwards Josiah Smith— Esq's—
Edward Darrell George Smith

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—
A Letter to Mr. Stephen Duvall Yesterday
Navy Board July 15th 1778—

Sir/

Eleven Prisoners of war having made their Escapes last night, have Taken a Sailing boat Belonging to Mr. Redhall and are very probably gone to the Saward; the Commissrs. of the Navy direct that you do Immediately proceed with the Eagle Pilot Boat to the Southward and Endeavour by Every means in your power to Overtake and bring back to Charles Town the said Prisoners

By Order of the Board
Edwd Blake first Commissr

To Mr. Steven Duvall—

Should the Eagle be gone out the Board Recommend that Mr. Duvall do go out in the Tryal and take Charge of the Eagle at Sea, as she is the fittest Vessel for that purpose....

E—B—

A Letter to Mr Paul Pritchard——
Navy Board 16th July 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy have received and considered your proposals respecting the Sale of the Ship Yard at Hobcaw, which they find to be different from what they expected from the Conversation they before had with you, both respecting the Commis- sion charged on the purchase and the Terms of your own attend ance; the Commissioners understood you were willing to carry on the Yard holding a Share yourself and to receive a proportion of the profits upon which principle they desired your proposals— Mr Livingstone's condition also of sending any Vessels that he [break] e to the Yard, in preference to all Others is not agreeable to them tho the Commissioners would by all Means give the preference to Continental Vessels Another principal obstacle with them is that you have not proposed any term of time to remain at the Yard, they could not think of making any Agreement without your engaging to carry on the Business of the Yard for a term of Years—

Should you be inclinable to alter your proposals either to carry on the Yard jointly or to receive a certain Share of the Profits for your Management, they will recommend the matter to the President & Council for their approbation.

By Order of the Board
Edwd Blake first Commissr.
The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav' of—

John Calvert an Additional pay bill of the detachm' of Artillery on board the Brigg Polly. 

Nathl Russell & Co. for 3 Hhds. of Rum sold the Commissary 

Wm. Axon his Acco' for Measuring Lumber at Ship Yard. 

Wm Farrow Tryal Pilot boats pay bill to 13th Inst 

3 Mos. 

Tho Shubrick Esq' for Negroe Hire at Ship Yard to 7th Inst. 

£714 15 — 

2254. — — 

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373. 16 ——

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£4133— 7 ——

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . . Monday 20th July 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment 

Present Edw'd Blake Esq' first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith Edward Darrell 

Geo Abb' Hall Thomas Corbett 

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—

Instructions to Capt'n William Hall—

Navy Board . . 20th July 1778—

Sir/

The Brig't Notre Dame being well fitted, having her full Complement of Men, Provisions and stores for a Three Months Cruize; The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you Sail in Company with Commodore Gillon and that you do Strictly Comply with Every part of the Annexed Order of the president and Privy Council—Should you be so fortunate as to take any prizes during your Cruize, you are to put on board a proper person as prize Master with a Sufficient Number of Seamen to Navigate her with Orders to proceed to Charles Town, or some Inlet in the State of South Carolina, and to Treat all Prisoners with the greatest Humanity and Tender ness— you are also to advise the Commiss'rs by Every Opportunity of all Transactions worthy their Notices— You are to be particularly Careful of all the Stores on board and see that all the Warrant Officers make Clear and regular returns to you, of all the Stores Expended every Month, and if found right, you are to Sign Such
returns; you are also at the End of the Cruize to lay before the Board, a Clear and regular return of all the Stores Expended during the Cruize as also of all such as were received on board as well as what remain without which no pay will be allowed—

'By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissr

(Annexed) In the Privy Council Tuesday July 14th, 1778
The Board advised that Capt'n Hall of the Notre-Dame be directed to put himself under the Command of Commodore Gillon to sail with him 100 leagues Eastward of this Coast & then to return immediately or accompany him to the Havannah as the Commodore shall think proper, and in case he shall go to the Havannah, that he return from thence to this Port directly or proceed to the West Indies with the Commodore as he shall direct, and in case also he should go to the West Indies that he then return immediately here—

By his Excellency the president
Ordered Accordingly

(Signed)—John Colcock Sec'y P'y. C—

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav' of
Capt'n. Will'm Hall his Acco's of Bounty and Addi-
tional pay allowed by Act of Assembly pass'd 21st March 1778...£1166. 6 —
Jos Stanyarne for 22600 Shingles ship'd on board the
Rattle Snake a £20 39 1000...£452 ——

The following Acco's were Ordered to be paid by the
Clerk
Paul Newman 10 days wages due him from Rattle
Snake...£28 ——
Step'n Hopkins going after Deserters for Notre Dame...£45 ——
Doct'r. D'Ubertas for Medicines for....Notre Dame...£92 ——
Edw'd. Shrewsberry for a Spar for the Eagle Pilot boat...£54 ——

£1837.6—

adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4th oClock—

Navy Board...Thursday 23rd July 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq', first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Edward Darrell, Esq'r—
The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—
The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav' of
Tho's Ferguson Esq. for Pork for the Navy............£1509. 12—
McCulley Righton a Cooperage bill.................. 129. 15—

£1639. 7—

adjourned to next Monday Even's 4 oClock—

Navy Board. . . . . . . . Monday 27th July 1778
Adjourned to next Thursday Even's. 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . . Wednesday 29 July 1778.
Extra Meeting
The Board Met According to Summons—
Present Edward Blake Esq., first Commissioner
      Edw'd Darrell, Geo Ab'l. Hall Thos Corbett
      Josiah Smith John Edwards. . . . . . . . Esq's—
The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—
      An Order of the Privy Council—
      In the Privy Council July 28th 1778—
      Ordered that the Overseer of the works at the North end of
the Town do furnish the Navy Board with such Number of Negroes
as they may require with a proper person as an Overseer, for finish-
ing the Ship Yard—
      By his Excell'y, the President with
      the advice of the Board
      (Signed) Jnº Colcock Sec'y Pr'y. Cl. .

The Original Served
on Tho's Butler Overseer
An Order of the Privy Council
      In the Privy Council 28th July 1778—
The Board advise that the Commissioners of the Navy be desired to
furnish & provide a proper Vessel to Carry as a Cartel or Flag of
Truce 100 prisoners of War to St. Augustine to be got ready as soon as possible. By his Excellency, the President
Order'd Accordingly
(Signed) Jno Colcock Sec'y P'r. C't.
Agreed to send Fifteen Negroes to work at the Ship Yard and Ten to Gadsdens wharf to Move the Mahogany lying there belonging to the Public with Two white Overseers, One for Each place—
Agreed with Capt'n. William Phillips in behalf of the Owners of the Schooner Call'd the Oak Hampton Packet to go as a Cartel or Flag of Truce to St. Augustine. *The Owners of said Schooner to find & furnish a White man and five Negroes; for which the Commissioners of the Navy agree to Allow the said Owners Forty two pounds Currency $9 day, the Vessel to be taken into pay on Friday next—
Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 'oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 30th July 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Geo Abb'. Hall
Tho' Corbett Edward Darrell } Esq'.
The Minutes of Last Meeting were read
The following Letter was wrote to his Excellency the president Navy Board 30th July 1778—

Sir.
The Commissioners of the Navy think it their duty to inform your Excellency, That Mr. Farrow who went out Pilot of the Brigg Comet and escaped from New York, has informed them that Capt'n. Pines and his Lieu'ts are still Confined there as prisoners, and they apprehend that the Lieu'ts of the Brigg Defence are also still Confined; The Commissioners mention this before the Cartel proceeds to St. Augustine imagining that Capt'n. Bachop & Osborn with their Lieu'ts. may (if sent to New York) be Exchanged for the above Mentioned Officers— And as a Speedy Release of the State officers would be an Encouragement to Enter into the Service they recommend the Consideration thereof to Your Excellency

By Order of the Board,
Edwd Blake first Commiss'
The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav’r. of Edw’d Weyman for Guns Twine & Nails dd Comiss’y £8863.11. 6
Jnº Calvert for Indico bo’t. for the Rattle Snake…..8040. 15.

[undecipherable] £16904 6 6

Amo’t. bro’t from the Other side [break]
Sam’l Paine Jun’r. for 57 Gall’s Taffie for ye Navy £7...399...—...—
ditto for 498º. Cordage a £70. for the Notre Dame 348—12...—
Capt’n Jam’s Briggs Amo’t. of his acco’t. for Sundrys Advanced & Supplies for the Schooner Rattle Snake 1001...17...—
The Trustees for the Rope Walk 1 Years Rent due the 1st March Last ordered to be paid by the Clerk— 100

£18753... 5. 6

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 o’Clock—

Navy Board . . . . Monday 3d August 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq’, first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Edw’d Darrell, Geo Ab’t. Hall Esq’t—
The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—
Mr. Stephen Duval Acquainted the Board that Capt’n Ingraham in a Schooner had Carried off one of the pilots belonging to the Eagle pilot boat notwithstanding they laid said boat in their way in Order to take him from on board the said Schooner— in Consequence of which the following Letter was wrote to Mr. William Morgan—
Navy Board 3d August 1778—

Sir,
Mr. Duval the Pilot having complained to this Board that Captain Ingraham in a Schooner belonging to You has carried a way a Negroe Pilot; The Board desire that You will take particular Care he be delivered in Charles Town as soon as possible the Law having inflicted severe penalties on those who Transgress in that respect—

By Order of the Board
Edw’d Blake first Commiss’t.

To
Mr. William Morgan—
The following Letter of Instructions was wrote to Capt'n. James Briggs by the first Commissioner and approved of by the board this Evening—

Navy Board 31st. July 1778—

Capt'n. James Briggs.

Sir,

With the Schooner Rattlesnake now under your Command, the Commissioners of the Navy Direct, that you do proceed with all possible Dispatch to the Island of St. Croix, where you are to dispose of the Cargoe (Agreable to the Inclosed Invoice and bill of lading) for the highest price you can Obtain, and after paying the Costomary port charges, and deducting five ₤ Cent from the Sales for your Commission, you are to Invest the Ballance of Nt. Proceeds in good high proof Rum of which you must be particularly Careful in the Choice; as Soon as the Cargoe is sold and the proceeds shipp'd, you are to proceed with all possible dispatch for Charles Town, or some convenient Inlet in the State of South Carolina. The Commissioners particularly recommend that you keep a good look out from the Masthead every hour in the day while at Sea, and by every means in your power avoid Speaking with any Vessel on either passage; and that you do Strictly Comply with all the Rules and Customs of the ports you may go into during the Voyage; that you take on board a Sufficient Quantity of Provissions and Stores of every kind to serve the Voyage; and that you avoid going into any Expences whatever on Account of the Vessel more than what you are absolutely Obliged to do—

By Order of the Board

Edw'd Blake first Commis'r

The Board agreed to go down to the Lighthouse on Thursday next at 6 oClock in the Morning and the Two Pilot boats were Ordered to attend for that purpose

The following Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of—

Sam'l Wells for Lumber Supplyed the Ship Yard £745.7.9.

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—
Navy Board . . . . Thursday 6th August 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner—
   John Edwards, Josiah Smith,
   Edward Darrell, Roger Smith,
   Edward Blake Esq. 
The Minutes of last Meeting were read—
The Commissioners being prevented (on Acco* of bad weather) from
going down to the Lighthouse as agreed on Monday last, they
further agreed to go down on Saturday Morning Next—
The following Order was drawn on the Treasury in Fav. of—
Capt. Isaac Harleston for Lumber Supplyed the Ship} £773.14—4
Yard........................................
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . Monday 10th Augst. 1778—
adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . Thursday 13th Augst. 1778—
adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . Monday 17th Augst. 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment—
Present Geo Ab. Hall, Josiah Smith, Tho* Corbett,
   Edw'd Darrell, Geo Smith, Jn° Edwards,— Esq*rs
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read
[Break] Letter to the Commissary

Navy Board Augst. 17th 1778—
The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that the Commissary
for the Naval Department do Immediately sell at Public Vendue all
such Bread in his Possession as is not fit for the Service of the Navy—
By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commiss*rs
On Saturday the 8th Ins. the following Commiss*rs Edward Blake,
Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell, John Edwards, Geo Ab*. Hall, &
Roger Smith, Esq—according to Appointment went down with the Two Pilot Boats, with an Intent to fix on a proper place to Erect a Leading Mark for Lawfords Channel but the wind blowing very fresh, which caused a great Sea prevented them from accomplishing the business.

The Clerk was Ordered to Summon Capt Philip Sullivan to Attend the Board on Thursday Evening

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav'r of William Trusler 5 Beef Accots. viz for

- The Notre Dame to the 31st July £1124. 12. 6
- Notre Dame's Prizes 278. 2. 6
- Rattle Snake 105. 7. 6
- Eagle Pilot Boat 130. 17. 6
- Tryal Pilot Boat 73. 10 — £1712. 10 —

Cap¹ Isa Caton for Mr. Jnº Dupey a Ball's due him £160 — —
Dan¹ Bourdeaux for Flour sold the Commiss'y £1148. 2 —
Jos. Kershaw for Flour sold ditto 4802. — —
McCulley Righton his Acco't for June & July £157. 5 —
Willm Sisk 2d Lieut of the Notre Dame wages due him to the 1st June last Ordered to be paid by the Clerk £331. 6 8

Adjourned to Next Thursday Evenº 4 oClock

Navy Board . . . . . Thur [break]
adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . Monday 24th Augº 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment—
Present Edward Blake Esq', first Commissioner
Josiah Smith George Smith } Esq's—
Edwd Darrell Roger Smith }
The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—
The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav' of—
Tarlton Brown disbursements for the Beaufort Galley £141. 14. 6—
Arch'd Gamble for wharfage & Storage on Gadsdens wharf— 822. 18. 8—
North & Trescot for sundrys Supplied the Commis-
sary . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 675. 7. 6
Dan'l ONeille for the use of the Rope walk . . . . . 200 — —

£3640. 0. 8—
Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . Thursday 27th Augt 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment—
Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner—
Josiah Smith George Abb'. Hall } Esq'r's—
Thomas Corbett Edward Darrell }
The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—
A Letter to his Excellency the President

Navy Board 27th Augt. 1778—

Sir/
The first Commissioner having rec'd the inclosed Letter from
Captain Pyne, Late of the Brigg Comet, the Board think it their
Duty to make Your Excellency Acquainted with it, at the same time
to recommend, that as we have Actual information of Many Men
belonging to this State, being confined at New York, a Cartel may
be sent there as soon as Convenient with the British Prisoners now
here, to Exchange for Captain Pine, and such other Prisoners of this
State as may be there.

ByOrder of the Board—Edw'd Blake First Comm' [Break] Letter to Capt'n. Hez'. Anthony—
Navy Board 27th Augt. 1778—

Capt'n Hez Anthony

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy have rec'd.
your Letter of the 19th Inst. offering to take the Command of the
New Brigg now Building— In Answer thereto they Inform you
that Capt'n Pynes's Services & Sufferings intitle him to a preference
in the Command of that Vessel, if he should be Exchanged in time,
and the Commissioners have some reason to believe that he will, but, if he should not, then it will rest with the Commissioners to recommend to the Legislature such persons who may offer, as they shall think Worthy, and in that case, Captain Anthony may depend that his Name shall not be forgot—

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commiss
A 2d Letter to his Excellency the President
Navy Board 27th August. 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Beg Leave to Inform Your Excellency, that Mr. Paul Pritchard has offered to Sell to them Three fourths of the Ship Yard at Hobcaw lately purchased by him from Begbie and Manson, together with the Negroes, Land, Timber &c. Agreeable to the Anexed Schedule, at the Rate of One Hundred and Three Thousand six Hundred Pounds for the whole, he to hold the Other Fourth, and to Superintend, Manage, Direct, and Engage for, and Provide, all Materials for Carrying on Business with Dispatch at said Yard, he to receive One Fourth part of the Neat Profits for his Trouble, and to Share as an Owner in the remaining three Fourths—

The Commissioners are of Opinion that the purchase will be Advantageous to the State for the following Reasons—

1st Because Mr. Pritchard (who is to Superintend) is a Man of Property, an Experienced Ship Wright, has long had Ship Yard, and understands the Management of Negroes, procure Timber, Plank, and other Materials for Ship Building with more Dispatch, and upon as reasonable Terms as any Person in the State—

2d Because the Situation at Hobcaw is much better than at Cochrans, as the Latter is so near to Town, that the people belonging to the Yard, as well as the Sailors belonging to the Vessels do Frequently come to Town, get Drunk, and quiet the Service, which may be Easily prevented at the former besides there is on the Premises at Hobcaw a great deal of Store room, very Substantial good Wharves and Other Conveniences Sufficient to Heave down Three Vessels at the same time, Whereas at Cochrans there is scarcely Storage, and the wharf will only admit of One Vessel to Heave down at a Time, And as there is a Prospect of having Several Frigates as well as Other Vessels, in the Service of this State, and it is Probable that many Vessels of War belonging to Other States may put into this Port to Clean and Repair, The Commissioners of the Navy do recom-
mend to your Excellency, that said Ship Yard &c—be Purchased for the use of the State, as the most Convenient, safe and fit place for a State Ship Yard—

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissioner

Ordered that Mr. Willm Sisk Late 2d Lieu. of the Notre Dame be Employed to Superintend the finishing and fitting the New Brigg at the State Ship Yard—

Mr. Duvall applied to the Board for a New Suit of Sails for the Eagle Pilot Boat—The Board thereupon Ordered that the said Boat be furnished with a New Suit of Sails immediately—

The following Orders were drawn for on the Treasury in favour of—

[Break] for Sundrys Supplyed the Commissry Viz
Notre [Break] for 3 Hhds. Rum. . . . . . £974—
Rattle Snake for Boards. . . . . . 1751.12
Flag of Truce for Boards for platforms... 58. 3.
Ship Yard for Timber. . . . . . 20.12—£2804.7—

Beaufort Galley Amo of Pay bill to the 17th Inclusive
Inclusive 3276.1.10
Sam Willason for wages due him from the Notre
Dame from 20th Jan'y to the 1st June a £21 7½ Mo. . . . . . 91 ——
adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . Monday 31st August 1778
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Geo Abb'. Hall, Esq'.
The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—
Sent An Order to Capt'. Robert Cochran to gether with an Extract from the Pilotage Law respecting the Powder receiver passed the 28th March 1778 viz:—

Navy Board 31st Augt. 1778—

Capt. Robt Cochran
Sir/
Please pay to Mr— John Calvert (agreeable to the above Clause of an Act of Genl Assembly) all such Monies
as you have received for Powder Money &c. after deducting the
Commission allowed by the said Act—
To Robt. Cochran Esqr. By Order of the Board
Powder Receiver— Edward Blake first Commissr
adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . Thursday [break]
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Josiah Smith Esqr. in the Chair
Thomas Corbett. Edward Darrell Esqr—
The Minutes of last Meeting were read—
Ordered that Mr. George Paget Pilot be Summond to attend the
Board on Monday Evening next—
Ordered that the Clerk do pay Sam Berreman a Marine on board
the Beaufort Galley Omitted in Pay bill .£43. 2. 6—
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . Monday 7th September 1778—
adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . Thursday 10th September 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake, Esqr. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Geo Smith, Edwd Darrell Esqr—
The Minutes of last Meeting were read
Agreed between the Commissioners & Danl O Neille that the Rope
Walks Accounts should be Settled by Jno Edwards Esqr Signed by
Edward Blake Esqr. first Commissioner & Danl O Neille
An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav. of—
Danl O Neille for the use of the Rope Walk . . . . . . £1000—
The Clerk Reported to the Board he had seen and spoke to
Capt Robert Cochran as Powder Receiver relative to the paying the
Ballance of Powder Money into his hands he gave for Answer he
should lay that Matter before the Legislature before he paid any
Money Out of his hands
Adjourned to next Monday Even. 4 oClock
Navy Board . . . . . Monday 14 Septemb— 1778
Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 O’Clock.

[Break] Board . . . . . Thursday 17th September 1778—
Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . Friday 18th September 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner—
Thos Corbett, Roger Smith, Geo. Smith . . . . . \} Esq’s—
Josiah Smith, Jn. Edwards, Edw. Darrell

The Minutes of last Meeting were read—
A Letter to his Excellency the President.

Sir
The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to Inform your Excellency that Mr. Paul Pritchard has applied to the Clerk of the Navy-Board for an Answer respecting the Purchase of the Three Fourths of the Ship Yard (Late Begbie and Mansons at Hobcaw) of which your Excellency was Informed before and Acquainted him that he Expected an Answer from the Board soon, or that he must do something with it, Intimating that he should Offer it to some Private Person, The Commissioners therefore beg leave to recommend to Your Excellency that said three Fourths of said Ship Yard be purchased for the use of the State as the Most fit and proper place for a State Ship Yard—

The Commissioners of the Navy also beg leave to Acquaint your Excellency that several Officers and Seamen belonging to the Navy of this State, who have been Captured by the Enemy, have returned to Charles Town and Demanded their wages to the time of their return, That altho some in like Circumstances have been paid by Orders of the Board, Yet they have never seen any Law or resolution that directs the pay of such Officers or Seamen as are Captured in the Service of this State; and as the Legislature is now sitting they have refused payment to Several who are Now in Town The Commissioners therefore wait your Excellency's Instructions respecting this Matter, as also whether or not such
Officers and Seamen are to be continued in the pay of the State after their return to Charles Town—
The Commissioners of the Navy also beg leave to Acquaint your Excellency that in their Opinion the Beaufort Galley may be Altered and made a much better Vessel for the Defence and Service of the State than she at present is, by raising her deck and running a Light waist on her, she may Mount Ten or Twelve Carriage Guns, and by rigging her as a Schooner or Brigg she may be Employed either as a Guarde de Coste or a Galley The Commissioners of the Navy therefore beg leave to recommend to your Excellency that the Beaufort Galley may be Altered Accordingly—

The Commissioners of the Navy also beg leave to Acquaint your Excellency that the Law that Constitutes the Navy Board will Expire the Eighth day of October next—

Navy Board 18th Sept. 1778— By Order of the Board
Edw'd Blake first Commiss't—

To His Excellency
the President—

The Board agreed to go down Tomorrow forenoon with the Two Pilot Boats to the Lighthouse to view the Beacon Erected and finished as a Leading Mark to the Ship Bar and also to fix on a proper spot to Erect a Beacon or Leading Mark for Lawfords Channel—
The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav'. of Thos Screvin 2 Acc's. for Lumber & Sparrs dd the Ship Yard £867. 0. 6.
Thos Ditchfield 1 days Rendevouse for Notre Dame 173 „ 17. 6
Dan'l Smith Commissary his disbursments to 29 Augs' 3913. 14. 11.

£4954 „ 12—11.

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

[Break]ard . . . . . . Monday 21st September 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edw'd Blake Esq'. first Commissioner—
Josiah Smith, Edw'd Darrell, Esq'ts—
The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—
The Following Commissioners went down on Saturday last as agreed on with the Two Pilot Boats to the Lighthouse and viewed
the Beacon or Leading Mark Erected and finished as a Guide for the Ship Bar and approved of the Same. They also fixed on a proper place or Spot to Erect a Beacon or Leading Mark for Lawfords Channel

Edw'd Blake Jnº Edwards Josiah Smith—
Edw'd Darrell Thoº Corbett Geo Abbº Hall Geo Smith

The following Letter was wrote to Robt Cochran Esqρ Powder receiver

Navy Board September 21º 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy in a Letter of 31º August desired that you would pay all such monies as you had received for Powder Money &c. after deducting the Commissions allowed you by Law into the hands of Mr. John Calvert, which you did not then Comply with, The Commissioners therefore Direct that you do pay Into the hands of said Calvert on or before next Thursday all such Monies you have received on that Account

To Robert Cochran Esqρ —

By Order of the Board

Edw'd Blake first Commissρ

Powder Receiver—

The following Advertisement was Ordered to be put in Timothys,¹ Crouches,² and Wells's³ Gazettes—viz⁴

All persons having demands against the Commissioners of the Navy of this State are desired to deliver them in properly attested to the Clerk of the Navy Board on or before the 8º day of October next

Charles Town 21º Septemº. 1778—

By Order of the Board

John Calvert Clerk—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favº. of—

John [Break] Erecting Beacon for the Ship Bar £2656—

[Break] djourned to Next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Extra Meeting Navy Boa[b]reak] Tuesday 22 Sep[b]reak]

The Board Met According to Summons—

Present Edward Blake Esqρ— first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Geo Smith Edw'd Darrell Thoº Corbett Esqρ—

The Minutes of last Meeting were read—

¹Peter Timothy: The Gazette of the State of South-Carolina.
²Mrs. Ann Crouch: The Charlestown Gazette.
³John Wells, Jr.: The South-Carolina and American General Gazette.
N° 1. A Note from his Excellency the president to the first Commissr

The President presents his Compliments to Mr. Blake wd. be glad he wd. turn in his mind some plan for Taking the Little Privateer that hovers about our Inlets— it is Suggest to me that the Pilot boats well Manned Assisted by some Barges wd. Certainly take her in her lurking place at Bulls Where she may pick up some of our Vessels— it is realy Disgracefull to let such a thing go unpunished— and the president would be very glad to Concur in any plan for her Captivity.... Thursday Morning

Edward Blake Esq'. to his Excellency the President in Answer to the Above Note N° 1—

Edward Blake presents his Compliments to his Excellency the President and is of Opinion that the Large pilot boat with Twenty five Men is Sufficient to take the privateer (said to be now Lurking at Bulls) but as it would be Imprudent to run any risque when we have sufficient force to send E B. would recommend that the small pilot boat with 15 or 20 Men be sent in Company with the Other— if his Excellency should Direct the Boats to be sent he may depend E B will do Every thing in his power to forward their going away this Evening— Some Men from the Regiments will be wanted—

N° 2 His Excellency the President to Edward Blake Esq'.

The President will be very glad Mr. Blake will take every Method to secure Success— the Weather being a little boisterous will probably detain the Rogue in at Bulls where she may be Nabbed—

[Break] Blake Esq's. Answer to the Note N° 2—

Edward Blake presents his Compliments to his Excellency and begs Leave to Acquaint him that the Commissrs of the Navy (in his Opinion) has no right to send the pilot boats anywhere out of the Pilotage without an Order from his Excellency for so doing, the Commissioners will therefore be Obliged to his Excellency for his Direction respecting the sending the Pilot Boats in Quest of the Privateer Supposed to be at Bulls— in the meantime the Necessary Orders will be given to the Commissary to Supply what Stores may be wanted—

N° 3 His Excellency the president to the Commissioners of the Navy—

Gentlemen

As I have Certain Intelligence that a Small Vessell of very Little force has been lurking about our Inlets and have taken
Several of our Coasters, and that she may Easily be taken by our Pilot boats properly Manned— I do therefore desire and require you will Order them to be Equiped and properly Manned, in order to go in quest of her to Bulls Island or any other Inlet where she may be Lurking, and to Cause her to be taken and bro{t, into port— I have requested Gen{ How to aid us with a party of the Troops which will render the Success of the Expedition more Certain— It will be necessary that the Boats are well assured of their superiority before they Venture too far and that they be Cautious to Secure a Retreat—

(Signed) Raw{ Lowndes— 22d Sept{. 1778

To the Commissioners }{ of the Navy

N{—4—His Excellency the president to the Commiss{s of the Navy—

The President having had the Concurrence of the Council in the proposition of sending the Pilot Boats after the small privateer beg the Commissioners will Expedite the Boats on that Errand— the president will give a Commission to the principle Pilot

Friday Evening—

A Letter to Mr{ Stephen Duvall.

M{. Duvall

Sir/

You are directed by the Commissioners of the Navy Board Immediately to take on board the Eagle Pilot Boat Provisions and Water for Twenty five Men for Three days, and all such Stores and Ammunition as may be wanted for said Boat and to have the Eagle Pilot boat in readiness to proceed to Sea this Evening Sept{. 22d. by Order of the Board

To Capt. Stephen Duvall Edw{. Blake first Commiss{r.

A Letter to M{. Alexander Elsinore

M{. Elsinore

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Immediately take on board the Tryal Pilot Boat Provisions and water Sufficient for Twenty Men for Three days and all such Stores and Ammunition as may be wanted for said Boat and to have the Tryal Pilot boat in Readiness to proceed to Sea this Evening—

Sept{. 22d 1778 By Order of the Board

To Alexander Elsinore Edw{. Blake first Commiss{r.
A Letter to the Commissary—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do furnish Mr. Duvall and Mr. Elsinore with Sufficient Provisions, water, Stores, and Ammunition for a Cruize of Ten days for the two Pilot Boats Eagle and Tryal—

Sept'r. 22d 1778—

To the Commissary of the Naval Department

A Letter to his Excellency the president

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to remind your Excellency that on the 27th Augst they Informed your Excellency that Several of the Officers and Men belonging to the Navy of this State were detained on board the Prison Ship at New York as prisoners of War, and that they apprehend Captains Bachop and Osborn with their Officers would be taken in Exchange for Officers of Equal rank belonging to the Navy of this State since which a Mr. Frisbie Late First Lieut. of the Notre Dame Captured in a Prise Ship has been set at Liberty on Parole till the first of January Next at which time he will be Obliged to return unless before Exchanged the Commissioners of the Navy therefore beg that your Excellency will be pleased to Establish some Certain plan for the Exchange of such prisoners as are Captured in the Service of the State in preference to those taken in Merchant Vessels

By Order of the Board

Sept'r 22d 1778—

Edwd Blake first Commissr

To

His Excellency the president—

Instructions for Capt. Stephen Duvall—

Navy Board 22d Sept'r. 1778—

Cap't Stephen Duvall

Sir/

With the Eagle pilot boat under your Command you are to proceed with all possible dispatch to Bulls Inlet in Quest of a small privateer Schooner which if you are so lucky to Meet there you are to Endeavour to take and bring to Charles Town, But should she not be there when you Arrive the Commissioners recommend that you Endeavour by every means in your power to Inform yourself which way they are gone If to the Northward that you pursue her as far as George Town Inlet and no Farther, Unless the Vessel is Actually in Sight— If to the Southward that you look into every Inlet as far as Port Royal and after Scouring the Coast so far, if no Certain Intelligence where you
may find her, You are to return to Charles Town— The Tryal pilot Boat Cap. Elsinore is ordered to Sail with you, and to Obey all such Orders as you may give him during the Cruize the Commissioners recommend that you pay particular attention to, and keep a good harmony between your own Men and the Officers and Men of the Detachment on board both Boats and that you be very particular in your directions to Cap. Elsimore so as to prevent a separation of the two Boats—

By Order of the Board

Edw'd Blake first Commissioner

To Cap. Stephen Duvall — — —

Commanding the Eagle Pilot Boat

Instructions for Alexander Elsimore

Navy Board 22d Sept. 1778

M'rs. Alex'r. Elsimore

Sir/

The Tryall Pilot boat under your direction being ordered in Company with the Eagle Pilot boat to proceed to Bulls Inlet in Order to find out Attack and take a small privateer Enemy on the Coast, you are to prepare your boat with all possible expedition to proceed to Sea Tomorrow morning under the Command of M'r. Stephen Duvall of the Eagle, and you are to Obey such Instructions and Signals as he shall give you, taking care not to Separate from him without Orders—

By Order of the Board

Edw'd Blake first Commissioner

To

M'r. Alex'r. Elsimore

Commanding the Tryall Pilot Boat—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . Thursday 24th Sept. 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournm't

Present Edw'd Blake Esq'r. first Commissioner

John Edwards Josiah Smith Edw'd Darrell Esq'r. —

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read

The Board Agreed with M'r. John Gaborial to Erect a Beacon or leading Mark for Lawfords Channel of the following Dementsions Viz. the Pole or Mast to be Seventy five feet High and Eighteen Inches Diameter with a Lanthorn or Grateing on the Top of Thir-
teen feet by Ten to be finished According to Agreement for Three Thousand Three Hundred & forty four pounds. £3344.

An Order on Mr Dan'l O'Neill at the State Rope Walk
Navy Board 24th Sept. 1778—

Mr Dan'l O'Neill
Sir/

Please deliver to Mr. Dan'l Smith or his Order on Sight Eight Empty Tar Barrels for the use of the Naval Department

By Order of the Board
To Mr. Dan'l O'Neill

Edw'd Blake first Comm't

at the State Rope walk

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav're of—

Henry Lindowre for Baking for the Navy £1850.6—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

The following Advertisement was Ordered to be [break]

All persons having demands against the Commissioners of the Navy of this State, are desired to deliver them in properly attested to the Clerk of the Navy Board on or before the 8th day of October next—

By order of the Board. John Calvert Clerk.

Navy Board . . . . . Monday 28th Sept. 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment—

Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner—

Edw'd Darrell Tho's Corbett Geo Abb't. Hall Esq'rs—

The Minutes of last Meeting were read—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . Thursday 1st October 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith Edw'd Darrell John Edwards Esq'rs.

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

A Letter to Capt'. Willm Hall

Navy Board 1st, October 1778.

Capt'n. Willm. Hall

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do attend the Board this Evening at Seven oClock & bring with
you the Log Book for the last Cruize and such Orders as you may have received from Commodore Gillon since you left Charles Town and that you do deliver to the Clerk of the Board Returns of all the Stores Expended during your late Cruize properly Signed and Certified also Indents from all Your Warrant Officers of such stores as is wanted for the Brigg Notre Dame to fitt her Out for Another Cruize—

By Order of the Board—
Edw'd Blake first Commiss'r

To Capt. Wm Hall Commanding
the Brigg Notre Dame
Capt. Wm Hall attended the Board and brought with him his Log Book and his Orders from Commodore Gillon

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . Monday 5th Octob' 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present   Edw'd Blake Esq'r, first Commissioner—
       Geo Abb't Hall Josiah Smith Edw'd Darrell}
       Roger Smith John Edwards - - - - - —

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—
A Letter was wrote to Capt. William Hall by the first Commiss'r and One to Mr. David Edgar dated the 3d Inst. and approved off this Evening which is as follows—
Capt. William Hall

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Imediately Carry the Brigg Notre Dame [break] Ship Yard and have her Cleaned and put in good repair with all possible Dis-patch to proceed on a Cruize and that you do not suffer your Men to leave the Vessel on any pretence without leave from yourself or the Commanding Officer on Board, and that you do give your possi-tive Orders that no Officer leave the Vessel in the day, or Sleep out of her one Night without leave, and that you do furnish the Board (by Monday next) with regular Returns of all Stores Expended during your Late Cruize, as well as of all received on board, and what remains in the possession of the different Warrant Officers, and that proper Indents be made for all such Stores as may be
wanted for the next Cruize and deliver them to the Clerk of the Board by Thursday next

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissr.

To Cap't. Willm Hall Commanding
the Brigg Notre Dame

A Letter to Mr. David Edgar

Navy Board Octr. 3d 1778—

Mr. David Edgar
Sir,

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that the Brigg Notre Dame be Cleaned and put in good and Sufficient Repair to proceed on a Cruize, with all possible dispatch

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissr.

To Mr. David Edgar at
the State Ship Yard—

A Settlement was made between the Commissioners of the Navy and Danl O'Neill Rope maker at the State rope walk to the First of June last when a Ballance appeared to be due from Danl O'Neill to the Commissioners of Eleven Hundred and Forty four pounds two Shillings and Three pence half penny, Two Coppys of the Settlement made and Signed by the first Commissioner and the said Danl O'Neill One Copy delivered to the Commissioners and the Other Copy to Danl O'Neill— due the State £1144.2.3½

Cap't William Hall attended the Board & delivered Returns from the Warrant officers of the Brigg Notre Dame.
The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favr of—
Danl O'Neill for the use of the Rope walk. . . . . . £3000 — —
John Gabriel in part for Erecting Beacons. . . . . . 1000 — —
Stephen Duvall the Eagles pay bill to the 4th
Inst £945 — —
ditto for Disbursements for ditto. . . . . . 101.15

Joseph Darling Making and Mending Sails—
for the Notre Dame 4 Accots. . . . . £662. 2. 6
for the Beaufort Gally. . . . . . 69 — —
for the Brigg Polly . . . . . . . . 86 — —

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£5863. 17.6.

adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board ———— Thursday 8th October 1778——
adjoined to next Monday Evening 6 oClock——

Extra Meeting

Navy Board . . . . . Friday 9th October 1778——
The Board Met According to Summons——

Present  Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
         John Edwards Geo A Hall { Esqrs }
         Josiah Smith Edw Darrell

The Minutes of last Meeting was read
A Letter from his Excellency the President

Sir,

I have this Morning received Intelligence from Mr Motte of the Capture of his Schooner by two small Vessels lying at Bulls which if Suffered to remain there will greatly Annoy the Trade— I therefore desire the favour you will Consult the Navy Board and Endeavour to send out some Vessel of Force Sufficient to take them as you know better than I do the Situation and Circumstances of the Vessels in Harbour, it is unnecessary for me to name any particulars— If any further Orders are Necessary from me from time to time you shall receive them with whatever Assistance I can Contribute being

Sir Your Most Obedt Servt.

(Signed) Rawes Lowndes——

To Edwd Blake Esq.—

A Note from the first Commissioner to his Excellency the Presidt Edward Blake presents his Compliments to his Excellency the President and Acquaints him that Mr— Livingston has offered the Continental Sloop Missapotamia which is now ready to Sail with near Forty Men on board, as a few Marines will be usefull Your Excellency will please send an Order for Fifteen with an Officer, also a pass for said Sloop to the Forts——

To His Excellency the presid——

By Order of the Board——

Edward Blake first Commiss——

9th. October 1778——

N. B. if your Excellency think proper to Order the Large Pilot Boat to go also, and will direct a party of Twelve Marines and an Officer, she may Sail this afternoon and be usefull——
A Letter to Mr. Duvall—

Mr. Stephen Duvall

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you Immediately send on board the Continental Sloop Missapotamia Capt. Briggs,— a good and Sufficient Pilot to go to Bulls, in Quest of two Small Boat Privateers now lying there

By Order of the Board

To Mr. Stephen Duvall } Edw’d Blake first Commiss’r

Oct’r. 8th — — — — —

A Letter from his Excellency the President

Sir/

I think it will insure Success if the Large Pilot Boat is sent out with the Sloop as she may cut them of in their attempt to Escape— Taking care to avoid Superior force I will immediately go to the General to Obtain an Order for a party to go on board each as you desire and will send it to you with an Order to pass the Forts—

Your Obed’nt serv’t.

To (Signed) Raw’s Lowndes—

Edw’d Blake Esq’— Friday Morning

Instructions to Capt. Stephen Duvall

Navy Board Octob’r 9th 1778—

Capt. Stephen Duvall

Sir

With the Eagle Pilot boat now under your Command you are to proceed with all possible Dispatch in Company with the Sloop Missapotamia Capt. Briggs in Quest of two Small privateer Boats said to be at Bulls, and by every means in your power Endeavour to take or destroy them The Commissioners of the Navy Recommend that you Endeavour all in your power to Cultivate Harmony and Friendship between your own people and the Continental Troops which go with you and that you always keep your Vessel Clear, and in good Order to Engage that you keep a Regular Watch of one half of the Troops, as well as boats Crew as well at anchor as under Sail, to prevent being Surprised by an Enemy and that you Continue to Cruize for Four days from the time you leave Cha’s Town Barr in such Station as to you appears most promising of Success unless the Sloop should return sooner in that Case you have Liberty to return also—

By Order of the Board

To Capt. Stephen Duvall— Edward Blake— first Commiss’r

Command’g the Pilot boat Eagle } Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board . . . . . Monday 12th October 1778—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq', first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Geo A Hall . . . . Esqs—
The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—
The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury, in [break]

William Glen Jun': for Live Oak Timber for the ship Yd
Saml Payne for 364 Gall Taffie sold the Commissary a £7.5.
Danl Smith Commissary his disbursments.
McCulley Righton his Acco', for Coupering Pork
Frances Boyd widow of James Boyd for wages due him on board the Brigg Notre Dame.
Edwd Darrell former Commiss'ry his acco' of Disbursments
Peter Dumont a Rendevouze Acco' for the Notre Dame
Catha Harvey hire of 2 Negroes at Ship Yard to 30th Sept.
Willm Trusler for 3 Beef Acco', viz
   Tryall Pilot Boat . . . . . . £265.10.
   Eagle Pilot Boat. . . . . . 312.7.6
   Beaufort Gally. . . . . . . 273.7.6.
   851.5 —

McKemmey & Saylor a Couperage bill . . . . . 1398.12.6

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . . . Thursday 15th October 1778—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq', first Commissioner
Geo Smith, Edwd Darrell, Roger Smith Josiah Smith Geo Abb— Hall. Esqs—
An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of Edwd Weyman 10th June 1777. for Bread Supplyed the £307 —
Navy which has been Omitted to be Charged before...
Ordered that Mr. Abell Frisbe go on board the Notre Dame and Act as first Lieut. on board the same

Ordered that the Tryall pilot Boat be Immediately sent to the Ship Yard to be repaired

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . Monday 19th, October 1778.

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq., first Commissioner

John Edwards, Josiah Smith, Edw'd Darrell Esq's—

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

The following Letter was wrote by the first Commissioner Yesterday and Approved of by the Board this Evening

Navy Board Octob'r 18th 1778—

Mr. McCulley Righton Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Immediately Collect together all the Boats, Flatts Peteaugus &c. Belonging to this State as well such as are at Sullivants Island, Haddrels Point, & Fort Johnson, as them in Charles Town, and have them all Cleaned and put in good repair, fitt and ready for Service on the Shortest Notice, and that you do Purchase a Sufficient Number of Oars and have in Constant readiness for all the Boats &c—

By Order of the Board

Edw'd Blake first Commiss'r

To Mr. McCulley Righton

Public Boat Keeper—

A Letter to Mr. David Edgar—

Navy Board 19th Oct'r. 1778—

Mr. Edgar Sir/

Please have a Boat belonging to the Public and sent you by Mr. Doughty Immediately put in good repair, and Please Enquire at the Yard about a Grapnall & Cable said to be Lost out of said boat when last at the Ship Yard. . . . . . . . . . . .

By Order of the Board

Edw'd Blake first Commiss'r

A Note to Abraham Livingston Esq'

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Present their Compliments to Mr. Livingston and are ready to receive the Papers respecting the Hobcaw Ship Yard and make payment as soon as duly Executed Oct'r 19th

13.—H. C.
Navy Board 19th Octr. 1778—
Ordered that the Commissary do furnish the Tryal Pilot boat with a New Jib Stay, Main Shrouds & Blocks—

Edwd Blake first Commissr

Ordered that all such Provission in the Commissarys Charge as is not fitt for Service be sold at Vendue—

Edwd Blake

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in favour of—
The Clerk of this Board his 2 Years Sallery to the 12 Inst. and Disbursements . . . . . . . . . . . . £7 10 2 15 9.

Edwd Blake for so much paid John Connor Late Mate of the Rattle Snake on Acco't of wages 104 — — —

Abel Frisbe first Lieut. of the Notre Dame his and his Two Boys wages . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 945 — — —

Rob't— Raper Ball'&c. due him for Negroe hire at the State Ship Yard filling in the wharf 122 10 —

Alex't. Elsinore for the Tryall pilot boat Pay Bill to the 13th Inst . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 627 4 —

Geo Layfield for Schooner hire assisting the Genl Moultrie when A Shore on the Barr. 400 — — —

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Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . Thursday 22d October 1778—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq're. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Edward Darrell Esq'rs—
The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—
The following Commissioners went to Hobcaw Yesterday in Order to take possession of the Ship Yard Negroes &c but was prevented by reason some Alterations were to be made in the Titles... George Abbott Hall, Tho' Corbett, George Smith Esq'rs, An Order from the Privy Council

In the Prevy Council Wednesday 21st October 1778—
The Board advised his Excellency to direct the Commissioners of the Navy to Issue Orders to the Pilots to bring all Flaggs of Truce or Cartels to an Anchor in Five Fathom Hole or off Morris's Island,
and then to give immediate Notice of their Arrival to the Commanding Officer at Fort Moultrie

By his Excellency the President
Ordered Accordingly,
(Signed) John Colcock Sec'y. Pr. C-

A Letter from his Excellency the President

Gentlemen/

As Flaggs of Truce frequently of late Arrive in this Harbour from the Enemy, which under Various pretences may probably have some Secret designs of gaining Intelligence or Making Discoveries of our Situation, It behoves us to defeat all such plans and Stratagems by restricting them to such a Station, and taking such Other Measures as will prevent their doing us any Hurt, You will therefore be pleased to give Orders to the Several Pilots, whenever a Flagg of Truce is brought in, that they Cause her to come to Anchor either in Five fathom Hole or near Morris's Island, and then forthwith give Notice thereof to the Commanding Officer at Fort Moultrie, who is directed to send a Guard on board, if it is necessary- the Pilots should also be Ordered to Assist in putting the Guard on board, In every such Case the Pilots should immediately make report to me.— I Likewise desire that Orders may be given to the Pilots to Inform every Master of Vessell whom they Bring into this Port, that by Law they are required to wait on the Govern'r. and Commander in Chief, as for want of this knowledge, they often incur a Penalty, which they would otherwise Avoid

I am Gentlemen

Cha$ Town 22d Oct. 1778—

Your Most Obedt. hume. Servt—
(The Commiss'rs., of the Navy)
(Signed) Raw$ Lowndes—

A Letter to M' Stephen Duvall—
Mr. Stephen Duvall

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do bring to Anchor Either in five Fathom Hole, or under Morris's Island, Every Cartel or Flagg of Truce, that may be bound into the Port of Charles Town, and that you do not on any pretence whatever bring any such Vessel Nearer to Fort Moultrie then above Directed, and as soon as Anchored and properly Moored you are to Acquaint the Commanding Officer at Fort Moultrie who is directed to send a Guard on board all such Vessels which Guard you are directed to Carry on board in the Pilot boat if required so to do by
said Officer, and immediately after proceed to Charles Town and Acquaint his Excellency the president

You are likewise Directed to Inform Every Master of Vessels that you may bring into this port, that by Law they are required to wait on the Govern'r. or Commander in Chief as soon as they arrive Otherwise they are Liable to pay a Penalty—

By Order of the Board

To Capt. Stephen Duvall
A Copy of the foregoing Letter was delivered to Mr. Alex't. Elsinore Commanding the Tryall Pilot Boat—
A Letter to Mr. David Edgar—
Mr. David Edgar

Sir,

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do with all possible dispatch repair and put in good Order all such boats belonging to the Public as may be sent to the Yard by Mr. McCulley Righton, as well as all such boats, Batteaus &c. as may be at the Yard, that they may be ready for Service on the Shortest Notice

By Order of the Board

Octob'r 22d 1778—
The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in favour of Nath'l Havens his Acco't. against the Men on board the Comet. Ballance to be deducted. . . . . . . [£1566 , 14—9
John Rose for hire of his Schooner Oakhampton as a Cartel to & from St' Augustine 46 days a £42 1932 — —
9 day
Cap't Ja's Mayberry his disbursements for the Beaufort Gally 446 — —
Lieu't Steph'n Hopkins for wages due him on board the Notre Dame to the 16th Inst. . . . . . . . . . . . . . 318 — —

£4262 , 14. 9—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 o'Clock—

Navy Board . . . . . . Monday 26th October 1778—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Edw'd Darrell Geo A Hall Esq's—
The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—
The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in fav' of Cap't Janies Mayberry a Qua'. Cask of Rum 27½ Galls
Purchased at St. Marys for the use of the Beaufort
Galley a £28 39 Gallon. ........................................ £770 — —
Thomas Buckle for Sail Duck & Twine dd Commiss'y. 1378 — —
Jona'n Sarrazin for Sail Duck dd Commissary. .......... 720 — —
John Smith for Sail Duck dd ditto. ....................... 1875 — —
Dan'l Bourdeaux Sail Duck dd ditto. ..................... 2800 — —
Abell Frisbee One Month wages due him as first
Lieu't. of the Notre Dame to the 20th Ins't. .......... 90 — —
................................................................. £7633 — —

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock.

Navy Board ............... Thursday 29th. Octo'r. 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq'r. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Edw'd Darrell Geo A Hall Esq'rs
Mr'., Paul Pritchard Attended the Board and Executed Titles to the
Commissioners of the Naval Department of Three Fourths of the
Ship Yard &c. at Hobcaw late Begbie and Mansons, and a Bill of
Sale for Fifteen Negroes Also His Agreement for his Performance
as Director and Manager of said Yard—
An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of Abra'm Levings-
ton Esq'r. and Paul Pritchard being for the Purchase of Three
Fourths parts of the Ship Yard at Hobcaw with the Negroes and
Appurtenances thereon for the use of the State of South Carolina
................................................................. £77,700 — —
Agreed that the New Brigg at the State Ship Yard be Called
the Wasp—
Agreed that the Commissioners go to Hobcaw on Saturday
Next to Receive and Take possession of the Ship Yard, Negroes
&c. in the name of the State—
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board ............... Monday 2d November 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq'r. first Commissioner
John Edwards, Josiah Smith, Edw'd Darrell, Esq'rs—
The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—
Orders was drawn on the Treasury in favour of—
Willm Hatch wages due him on board the Brigg Fair $175
American to the 1st Sept' Last:
Philip Gemble wages due him on board the Fair $175
American to the 1st Sept' last

$350

The following Commissioners went to Hobcaw on Saturday Last as agreed on and took possession of the ship yard Negroes &c. in the Name of the State Viz Edw'd Blake Josiah Smith & Geo Smith Esq's.

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6. O'Clock

Navy Board . . . . . . Thursday 5th, Novem'r 1778.

The Board Meet According to adjournment—
Present—Josiah Smith Esq'. in the Chair—
Edw'd Darrell Geo A Hall Roger Smith Esq's—
The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—
An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav'r of Dan'l O'Neill for the use of the Rope walk $2000

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . Monday 9th Novem'r. 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournm't—
Present Edw'd Blake Esq'. first Commissioner
Geo Ab'. Hall, Josiah Smith, Edw'd Darrell, Roger Smith, Esq's—
The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—
The Following Letter was wrote by the first Commissioner to his Excellency the President and approved off by the Board this Evening—

Navy Board Novembr. 6th. 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Beg Leave to Inform your Excellency, that some time past, Capt'n— James Pyne and Lieut' Wells Late of the Brigg Comet— returned to Charles Town from their Captivity, as did also Lieut' Willm Sesk of the Notre Dame, (who had been Captured in a Prize) on their Arrival here the Com—
missioners Directed them to look after the finishing and fitting of the New Brigg now Building at the State Ship Yard— said Brigg being now near Ready to be Launched— The Commissrs of the Navy Board beg leave to recommend to your Excellency Capt. James Pyne as a fitt and proper person to Command said Brigg, and Mr. Wells and Mr. Sesk as fitt and proper persons for Lieutenants for said Brigg.

To His Excellency

By Order of the Board

the President

Edward Blake, F

A Letter to his Excellency the President—

Gentlemen,

As I have not been favoured with the perusal of the Deeds for Conveying the Ship Yard at Hobcaw to the public either before or since the Execution, And Indeed did not know what was done in the Matter, till by mere Accident two days ago— And as it is probable I may be Called upon to know something of that Transaction, and should not Chuse to remain totally Ignorant in an affair that was refered to my Direction— I should be very glad to be favoured with the Sight of the Deeds, if it will not give the Commissioners too much trouble

I am Gentlemen

Your very Hbls Servt

(Signed) Raw* Lowndes*

6th Novr. 1778

To the Commissioners of the Navy Cha Town

Cap. Thos Pickerin and Joseph Foster's Letters was Laid before the Board by Mr. William Downs and agreed to be Considered at a future Meeting—

A Letter to His Excellency the President

Navy Board 9th Novemr. 1778—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to Acquaint your Excellency of the Arival of the Schooner Rattle Snake, with a Cargo of Ten Hhds. of Rum Four Pipes of Maderia Wine, and a Quantity of six quars. Cloths, as the Cloth and wine are Articles not wanted for the Naval Department, The Commissioners beg your Excellency's Directions, how they are to be disposed of and in what Manner the Schooner Rattle Snake is to be Employed after Landing her present Cargoe—

To

By Order of the Board

His Excellency

the president

Edwd Blake first Commissr
The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in favour of—
Tho's Hutchinson Esq. for Pork Supplyed the Com-

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Adjourned to next Thursday Even⁷ 6 oClock.

Navy Board . . . . . . Thursday 12th Novemb⁶ 1778
Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . May 16th Novemb⁶ 1778—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Josiah Smith Esq— in the Chair—
John Edwards Edwᵈ Darrell Roger Smith Esq—
The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—
The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in favᵉ of—
Gilbert Calm for wages due him on board the Brigg polly | £287— 9—4.
James Williams wages due him from the Brigg Comet | 270. 13. 4.
Jacob Boomer Beef Supplied the State Ship Yard to the 31st October | £1148. 12. 6—
John Calver the Notre Dames pay bill to the 20th October being 4 Months | 6029. ——
| £7735. 15. 2—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . Thursday 19th Novemb⁶ 1778—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner—
Josiah Smith, Edwᵈ Darrell John Edwards Roger Smith Esq. .
The Minutes of last Meeting were read.
A Letter to Mr. McCulley Righton
Navy Board Novem'r 19th 1778—

Mr. McCulley Righton

Sir/

The President Yesterday Informed me that Several of the Boats belonging to the State, Still remain at Sullivants Island altho you have been frequently Directed by the Commissioners of the Navy Board, to have all the Public Boats Carried to the State Ship Yard, to be put in good repair—I am realy sorry I am Obliged to say that the public Business has been Neglected in your Department, as if the Orders of the Board had been Complied with, it is probable Every Boat belonging to the State would at this time be fitt for Immediate Service— The Commissioners of the Navy Board Again Direct that you do have all the Boats belonging to the Public of this State Collected together and Sent to the State Ship Yard at Hobcaw, with all possible dispatch, and that said boats be put in good repair so as to be fitt for any Immediate Service, And that you do send a boat and hands to the State Yard at Cochrans for the Large Flatt and have her Imeditately Carried to Fort Johnson to take in some Cannon for Sullivants Island—

To Mr. McCully Righton

By Order of the Board public Boat Keeper...

Edward Blake first Commiss'r

Mr. McCulley Righton attended the Board and Acquainted the Commissioners he should decline Acting as Public Boat keeper at the End of this Month—

The following Advertizement was Ordered to be printed and One Hundred Hand Bills Struck— viz—

The Commissioners of the Navy are in want of a proper Person as Public boat Keeper, any person properly Qualified— are desired to apply in writing— Directed to the Commissioners of the Navy and deliver the same to

Charles Town

John Calvert—Clerk to the Navy board

An Order was given to McCully Rightton on David Edgar, at the State Ship Yard to deliver the public boats when repared and called for by him—

An Order to the Commissary—

Navy Board 19th Novem'r. 1778

The Commissary to Provide Twenty Bar[break] of Beef Fifty Barrels of Flower and what Canvass may be wanted for the Two Brigantines
To Mr. Dan'l Smith—

By Order of the Board

Naval Commissary

Edwd Blake first Commiss'r

The Board agreed this Evening that the New Brigg at the State Ship Yard now ready to Launch be Called the Hornet and not the Wasp as was some time ago agreed on—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in fav'r of—

Fredk Long wages due him on board the Comet— £350 — —

Smith & Darrell for Sail Duck Supplied the Commiss'ry 1198. 2.6—

Sam'l Payne for Cordage Supplied. . . . . . ditto . . 532.17.6.

Henry Lindoure for Baking & flower for ditto 1870 — —

£3951 — —

Adjourned to next Monday Even's 6. oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . Monday 23d Novem'r. 1778—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Morning 9 'OClock—

Navy Board . . . . . Tuesday 24th Novem'r 1778—

The Board Mett according to Adjournment

Present Edwd Blake Esq'. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith Edwd Darrell Esq'es—

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of Cap't William Hall for the purpose of Enlisting Men for the Notre Dame for five Hundred Dollars¹ or . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . £812. io. . . . . —²

A Note to his Excellency the President

20th Novem'r. 1778—

Edward Blake presents his Compliments to his Excellency the president and Acquaints him that the Notre Dame may be ready to proceed on any service in the Course of Ten days provided Cap't. Hall can get her Manned, the Usual method of getting Seamen for the Navy of this State has been by Opening a House of Rendevouze, which has been lately attended with a very great Expence Say from

¹Spanish milled dollars, not United States money.
²Currency of South Carolina.
Eighty to one Hundred pounds ^ Man, The Commissioners of the Navy are of Opinion if the Bounty was advanced to half that sum Men might be Inlisted for a Longer time then they have Usually been, but as the Bounty (for Seamen) Allowed by Law is Ten Pounds, some of the Commissioners are of Opinion that Bounty Cannot be Advanced without an Order from your Excellency, and as no time should be lost in getting said Vessell Mann’d the Commissioners of the Navy Board will be glad of your Excellencys Directions as Soon as possible

To his Excellency the president—

His Excellency’s Answer to the Above—

Gentlemen

The State of Georgia being now Invaded by a Land force from East Florida, and also threatened with an Armament by Sea, it behoves us to give her our utmost Aid and Assistance to Deliver her from her present perilous Situation, and we have Accordingly promised that we will exert ourselves for that purpose— You are therefore desired to use your Utmost Diligence and Endeavours to fitt out and Equip such a Force as in the present Situation can be procured, and to Man and furnish them in the best Manner you possibly can for sea in a warlike Manner, Giving a Bounty of Twenty Dollars ^ Man to Every able Seaman who will Inlist for the Servi[break] And promising the Owners of such Vessells as you shall take up, that the public will make good all damages or Losses that may be Sustained while they are in the public Service—The said Vessels to be Employed in the Defence of Georgia, and to be dispatched with the utmost Expedition for the purpose and to Oppose any Naval Armament that may be Employed against that State— You are requested to take the most Speedy and Effectual measures to Accomplish this Service— And also to fitt out and prepare for the same purpose the States Vessells the Notre Dame and Rattle Snake, and to appoint such Commanders as you shall Judge most proper to give Effect and Success to the Expedition— And you are desired to Call for the Aid and Assistance of all persons well disposed to the service of this State to furnish such Articles and Necessaries as may be wanting for furnishing and Supply—
The Commissioners of the Navy Board—
A Letter to Capt William Hall
Navy Board 23d Novemr. 1778—

Sir /

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do with all possible Dispatch get the Brigg Notre Dame fitted and Manned to proceed on an Expedition to Georgia, and that no delay may happen for want of Seamen the Commissioners Direct that you do Open a House of Rendevouse in Concert with the Other Vessels fitting out under the direction of a proper Officer who will be furnished with Articles for the Seamen that may Engage, to Sign, which Seamen are to be taken on board as soon as possible, and Allow Twenty Dollars Bounty to Every able Boydied Seaman that may Enlist for the Term of the Expedition—

By Order of the Board
Edwd Blake first Commr

A Copy of the foregoing was delivered to Capt James Pyne Commanding the Schooner Rattle Snake— Capt Benj Stone Commanding the Sloop Sally. Capt Jeremh Dickinson Commdg the Sloop Rachael Capt Wm Allen Commgs the Sloop Family Trader—

A Letter to his Excellency the President
Navy Board 24th Novr 1778

Sir /

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to Inform your Excellency that the Owners of the Different Vessels Intended for the Expedition to Georgia have agreed to let their Vessels to the public Your Excellency in Your Letter of 22d make no mention wether they are to be paid the Value the Owners put on them in case of loss or to be appraised nor wether the Hire is to be agreed for by the Commissioners, or settled by the Legislature The Com-
missioners, of the Navy Board will be glad of your Excellency's Instructions respecting these Matters

By Order of the Board
Edw'd Blake first Commiss'r

To His Excellency Raw's Lowndes Esq'.
President and Commander in Chief
of South Carolina

His Excellency the presidents Answer to the above.
The President and Council agree that the Commissioners appoint Three Indifferent persons to Value the Vessels that may be taken into the public service for the Defence of Georgia, and the public will be Answerable for the damage arising to the Owners while those Vessels are in the public Service by Loss— The wages to be allowed for the Hire of the Vessels to be referred to the Legislature—

In Council 24th Novr 1778
(Signed) Raw's Lowndes—

A Letter to the Owners of the Vessels Taken into the public service—

Navy Board Novemr 24th 1778—

Gentlemen
The Commissioners of the Navy have Just received Directions from the president to have the different Vessels taken into the Service of the State (for the Expedition to Georgia) Valued by three Indifferent persons, they therefore request that you will appoint a fitt and proper person to Value the Sloop Rachael on Account of the Owners, and the Commissioners will also appoint One on Account of the State, and in Case they Two should not agree, that they do appoint a Third person as an Umpire You'll please advise the Board as Early as possible of the person you appoint and Furnish a particular Inventory of all the sails, Guns Stores &c. of Every kind to be laid before the appraisers and with the Board —By Order of the Board

Edw'd Blake first Commiss'r.

To Richard & John Todd Owners of the Sloop Rachael
To ditto and Others Owners of the Sloop Family Trader
To Joseph Atkinson & Others Owners of the Sloop Sally—

A Letter to Mr' David Edgar—

Mr' David Edgar Sir

The Commissioners of the N[break] Board desire that you do come to Town Early Tomorrow morning and
bring with you One of the Hands belonging to the State Ship Yard with proper Tools to Make a Mould for a Breast Hook for the Sloop Rachael now in the States Service

By Order of the Board
Edw\textsuperscript{d} Blake first Commiss\textsuperscript{r}

Navy Board \textit{24\textsuperscript{th} Novr. 1778—}
Mr. David Edgar—
An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of Capt Willm Hall for 500 dollars to Enlist men for the Notre Dame £812.10—
Adjourned to Tomorrow forenoon 9 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . Wednesday 25 Novemr 1778—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq\textsuperscript{r}, first Commissioner—
Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell— Esq\textsuperscript{rs}— —
A Letter to Mr. John Dorsius——

Navy Board Novemr \textit{25\textsuperscript{th}, 1778—}
Mr. John Dorsius Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy Board being in Imediate want of a Boat, and proper Chains for the Yards of the State Brigg Hornet request that you furnish her with a proper Boat and Chains in return for those you had from the Public for the Ship General Moultrie—

By Order of the Board
To Mr. John Dorsius—
The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in fav\textsuperscript{s} of—
John Calvert to Inlist Seamen for the Georgia Expedition say 2000 Dollars is. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . £3250 — —
John Calvert the Beaufort Gallys Pay bill to 17\textsuperscript{th} Oct':
3 Mo\textsuperscript{s} 1132.10 — —
Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board. . . . . . . . Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} Novemr 1778—
Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Sir,

The Commissioners of the Navy agreeable to your Excellency's orders immediately took into the public service three sloops, in addition to the 'Notre Dame' and 'Rattle Snake' and the better to induce men to enlist, ordered a rendezvous to be opened, and having met this evening in order to enquire into the progress of the Captains in recruiting service find the difficulty of Manning the Vessels to be very great, there having been only 49 men enlisted in the different Vessels notwithstanding an expence of £3700 has already accrued at the rendezvous in addition to the bounty of twenty dollars per man, the Commissioners are at a loss how to advise your Excellency in the present case the Seamen in general complain of the bounty being too small, if a larger bounty would induce them to enlist, and the expence of the rendezvous saved, it would, in the opinion of the Board be in the end, the least expensive way of procuring Seamen, and they cannot help expressing their doubts of having all the Vessels manned with that expedition the nature of the service seems to require—

By order of the Board

To his Excellency

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Subjoined is a list of men on board the different vessels

Notre Dame 40 men Officers included—
Rattle Snake .8 men
Sloop Sally .18. men
Sloop Rachael .6. men
Sloop Family Trader 7. men

Officers exclusive
adjourned to next Monday
Evening 6 o'clock

Extra meeting—

Navy Board . . . . . Monday Morn. 30th Nov. 1778
The Board met according to Summons—
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner—
Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell Esqrs—
The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

A Letter to the Naval Commissary—

Sir/

Navy Board 30th Novem'r 1778—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Receive from on board the Sloops Rachael Cap't Jeremiah Dickinson, Sally Cap't Benja Stone and Family Trader Cap't. William Allen all such stores, as has been delivered (belonging to the public to the several Vessels on the service of the State) and that you do forbid the Butchers furnishing said Sloops with any Beef on Acco't. of the public, but if any of the Stores should be Expended by any of the Sloops, in that Case you are to deliver an Acco't. to the Owners of such Sloops, Charged at the Current price who must Settle for the same—

By Order of the Board
Edwd Blake first Commiss't

Gentlemen—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board have Received directions from the president in Council to discharge The Sloop Sally out of the Service of this state and return her to her proper Owners, you will therefore please Direct the Cap't. to deliver to the Commissary of the Naval Department all such Stores as have been delivered to him belonging to the Public while in the Service and please Accept the Thanks of the Navy Board for your Readiness in Letting your Vessel for the Service of the Public—

To Mr. Joseph Atkinson & Co. — By Order of the Board
& Other Owners of the Sloop Sally — Edwd Blake first Commiss't

A Copy of the above Letter was Directed to Richard & John Todd and Other Owners of the Sloop Rachael and Family Trader—

Navy Board 30th Novem'r. 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you call upon Cap't Pyne for the Articles of the Schooner Rattlesnake and that you use all your Endeavours to enlist Men for the said Vessel, giving a Bounty of Thirty Dollars for Every able Seaman who shall enlist for the Term of Six Months but to Open no Rendevouze.....

By Order of the Board—

Lieu't. Charles Crowley—

Edwd Blake first Commiss't
Navy Board 30th Novem'r 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do use your utmost Endeavours to Compleat the Number of Seamen for the Brigg Notre Dame and that you encrease the bounty to Thirty Dollars for every able Seaman who will Enlist and Sign Articles for the Term of Six Months and that no rendezoue be kept for the Future. . . . . . . . . . . . By Order of the Board

To Capt' Willm Hall of the Brigg Notre Dame

Edw'd Blake first Commissr

Navy Board 30th Novem'r 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do with all possible Dispatch get the Brigg Hornet Compleatly Fitted and Manned to proceed on a Cruize, and in Order to encourage Seamen to Enter into the Service of the State the president in Council has Advanced the Bounty to Thirty Dollars for every able Seaman that may Enlist for Six Months, The Commissioners recommend that you do Exert yourself all in your power to get said Brigg ready, as the Service of the state at this time Require it—

By Order of the Board

To Capt'n James Pyne

Edw'd Blake first Commissr

Adjourned to Six oClock this Evening

Navy Board . . . . Monday Evening 30th Novem'r 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq'r. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell Esq'r—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

The Board agreed with Mr. William Selthridge as Public boat Keeper in the Room of Mr. M'Cully Righton resigned—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav'r of Paul Pritchard for Sundrys purchased of him for the £4854. 2. 6 use of the Hobcaw Ship yard. . . . . . . . . . . . .

Dan'l ONeille for the use of the Rope walk. . . . . . . 2000 — —

£6854. 2. 6

Adjourned to next Thursday Even'g 6 oClock—

14.—H. C.
Navy Board . . . . . . . Thursday 3rd December 1778—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq., first Commissioner
   Roger Smith, Josiah Smith Edwd Darrell Esqrs—
The Minutes of last Meeting was read—
The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in favr of Willm Trusler for Beef Supplied the Notre Dame

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Am of Orders on the Treasury Con'd Over £3389.17.6

Martha Bochet Administratrix of Anth' Bochet dece'd for wages due on board the Brigg Defence from the 4th Jan'y to the 4th of Decem'r 1777 when he died a £28.30 M'o.

Seth Gilbert Blacksmiths work for the Sloop Rachael 143.7.6

John Burnhouse wages due him on board the Defence 196.10.8

£4337.15.8

Adjourned to next Monday Even'g 6 oClock—

Extra Meeting
Navy Board . . . . . . . Saturday 5th December 1778—
The Board Mett According to Summons—
Present Edward Blake Esq., first Commissioner
   Josiah Smith, Edwd Darrell, Geo Abt Hall, Jno Edwards, Esqrs
The following Letter was wrote by the first Commissioner dated the 4th and approved of by the Board this Meeting
Cap't Will'm Hall

Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Immediately Order the Sails of the Notre Dame to be Bent, and all the people belonging to said Brigg to repair on
board, and that the Brigg be Immediately put in Order to proceed to
Sea on the Shortest Notice
Navy Board 4th Decem. 1778  
   By Order of the Board
   Cap. William Hall...  
   Edwd Blake first Commiss

A Letter from his Excellency the president
The President having Received Information that a Privateer is now off the Barr (a Small Vessel) Recommend it to the Navy Board to send out the Notre Dame, and if she is not full Manned that the Crews of the Other Vessels should be Joined to Strengthen the Notre Dame, or such Other Method as the Navy Board shall think more proper to Dispatch her tomorrow Morning
The Commissioners of  
the Navy . . . . . .  

To his Excellency the president

Sir/

As soon as I knew the Brigg to be a Privateer I sent for Cap. Hall and gave Orders for the Sails of the Notre Dame to be Bent and Every Man belonging to said Brigg to repair on Board, and the Brigg to be got in readiness to Sail on the shortest Notice the Commissioners of the Navy will do Every thing in their power to forward her Sailing

To his Excellency the president

Friday Evening — — — — —  

Your Most Obedt. Servt

Edward Blake

A Letter to Cap. James Pyne

Cap. James Pyne

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Order all the Seamen Belonging to the Brigg Hornet to go on board the Brigg Notre Dame, and Obey the Orders of Cap. Hall and his Officers, during the present Cruize, which will not Exceed Ten days when they are to be returned on board the Hornet, Youl please Inform your Men that any Commission Vessel fitted as a Cruizer Taken by them during the Cruize will belong wholly to the Captors

Saturday Morning  

By Order of the Board

5th. Decem. 1778  

Edwd Blake first Commiss

N. B Any of the Officers of the Hornet that Chuse to go in the Notre Dame as Volunteers have the Commissioners Liberty to go—

A Copy of the above sent to Cap. James Mayberry—
To his Excellency the President

Sir,

As the Notre Dame has not her full Complement of men I have Directed an Officer to go round the Town with a Drum & fife and Endeavour to get a few Volunteers I shall be glad to know from your Excellency how long the Brigg is to remain Out, as Several persons would go for a few days, that will not go to be kept any long time. Your Excellency will also please advise the Commissioners of the Navy Board whether they are to give Capt. Hall his Orders or if he is to receive them from your Excellency, and will also please furnish papers for said Brigg to pass the Two Forts.

I am Sir

Saturday Morning

Your Most Obedt Servt

5th Decemr. 1778 — —

Edward Blake—

His Excellency the President
A Letter from his Excellency the President

Sir,

I should think it most Adviseable that the Notre Dame should Confine her Object soly to the protection of the Coas by no means to Extend her Cruize— As it will facilitate the getting of Volunteers that she should be Ordered in in a short time the Commissioners will be pleased to give Directions Accordingly— At the same time giving a Caution to Capt. Hall as the Enemy has a small fleet on the coast of Savannah to avoid falling in with a Superior Force.

Chas Town 5th Decemr. 1778 I am Your Obedt Servt.

To Capt Edwd Blake first)

(Signed) Raws Lowndes—

Commissr. of the Navy

Navy Board Decemr 5th 1778—

Sir,

The Commissioners of the Navy having received directions from his Excellency the president to Order the Brigg Notre Dame under your Command to Sea with all possible Expedition, in quest of a Privateer Brigg which appeared off the Barr Yesterday and fired on the Pilot Boat, you are hereby directed to proceed Immediately to Sea with the Brigg Notre Dame and exert your utmost Endeavours to discover, Attack and Take or destroy the said Brigg, or any other Enemy that you think prudent to Engage— The Commissioners recommend, if you do not discover the said Brigg presently after your going Out, that you Scower the Coast as far as Tybee to the Southward and Cape Fear to the Northward and if
you do not discover the said Vessel or other [break]es in the Course of Ten days; that you then Return to Charles Town—

You will for the Encouragement of your Crew Inform them that all armed Vessels fitted Solely for war that may be made prizes, will be the Entire property of the Captors.

The Commissioners have Ordered the Men and such of the Officers as chuse to go, from the Hornet and Rattlesnake on board the Notre Dame, which they hope with the Men you have on board, and the Volunteers that may offer will be a Sufficient Number— By Order of the Board.

To Edw'd Blake first Commiss'r

Cap't Willm Hall of the}
Brigg Notre Dame }

A Letter to his Excellency the President

Sir/

After having a Drum about Town all day with Two Officers Endeavouring to get Volunteers for the Notre Dame I am Just Informed by Cap't Hall that he has got but Two Men Enlisted and the promise of four as Volunteers, so that his whole Number Officers Included will not Exceed Fifty five or Sixty Men, Whereas the Common Complement Allowed is Eighty five, An Alarming Circumstance Add to this that I have applied to two of the Branch Pilots and both refused to go on the Service, I have Ordered the Brigg down to the Road, but unless more Hands can be Obtained, it will be Imprudent to send her Out—

Saturday Evening 5th Decem'r 1778—

His Excellency the president

A Letter from his Excellency the president

Sir/

I am of the same Opinion with you, that we Ought not to run Resque of Sacrefiseing the Brigg, to Order her Out with so few men. It will be Best Notwithstanding to keep her in readiness, perhaps a fitt of Zeal may Seize the Seamen, when they—hear that the Enemy heaves in Sight again— It is much to be Lamented that such a Languor should possess the whole Trade—without men nothing can be done

Your very humle Serv'

Edward Blake Esq'—

(Signed) Raw's Lowndes—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board: Monday 7th December 1778—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner Geo Abb\^{1}. Hall, Edward Darrell Esq\^{rs}—
Orders was drawn on the Treasury in favour of—
- the Clerk of this Board for Amo\^{t} of wages due Lieut. \{£775——
- Richard Wells of the Brigg Comet ...
- Cash borrowed of the presed\^{t}— of Congress 200 dollars 325

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Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board: Thursday 10th December 1778—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq\^{r}. first Commissioner
- George Abb\^{t}. Hall, Roger Smith
- Josiah Smith Edward Darrell \{ Esq\^{rs}—
The Minutes of last Meeting was read—
The Board Agreed that the Clerk should pay Capt. Will\^{m} Hall what Moneys are due him from Sundry Men belonging to the Brigg Notre Dame for Necessarys Supplied \{ £ them also) the wages due John Christopher and John Alfoney on board the Brigg Notre Dame Omitted in pay bill... ...
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Then Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock.

Navy Board: Monday 14th December 1778—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq\^{t}. first Commissioner—
- Josiah Smith Edwd Darrell Geo Ab\^{i}. Hall Esq\^{rs}—
The Minutes of last Meeting was read—
A Letter from his Excellency the president dated the 13th Inst—
Sir/

Coll\^{o} Smith has represented to me that a Schooner in which he with some Other Citizens are much Interested, and in which is also
the Baggage of a Detachment of the Artillery lately Ordered on duty to Fort Johnson—was drove on Shore at Long Island in the storm of Last Night where she is in great Peril of being lost and the Goods destroyed—I therefore desire you will Order the Rattle Snake Immediately down to her Assistance in Order to preserve if possible the said Schooner and her Contents—And to give Orders that the said Baggage belonging to the Detachment of Artillery if Saved to be delivered at Fort Johnson—

I am Sir Your Cha's Town 13th Decem' 1778— very humbl. Serv't.

To Edw'd Blake Esq'— (Signed) Raw's Lowndes

A Letter to Cap't Stephen Devall—

Sir/

Navy Board 14th Decem' 1778

Having received Information from his Excellency the President that a Schooner from George Town, in which the Baggage of a Detachment of the Artillery was on board—was drove on Shore on Long Island, the Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Immediately go with the Eagle Pilot boat to the Assistance of said Schooner, and Endeavour by every means in your power to save all the Baggage belonging to said detachment of Artillery—and all such other goods as you possibly can, and Deliver all such Baggage as you may save, at Fort Johnson.

Cap't Stephen Duvall
Leave a pilot to Carry out the Notre Dame.

By Order of the Board

Edw'd Blake first Commiss'r

A Letter to his Excellency the President

Sir/

Agreeable to your request, the Schooner Rattle Snake would have been Sent to the Assistance of the Schooner on Shore on Long Island had she been in Order for such service But at present she has no Sails Bent Ballast on board or Men belonging to her, as all her Men were turned over on board the Notre Dame, However I have Ordered the Eagle Pilot boat Immediately on that Service, and hope she will be in time to give the Necessary Assistance—I am Sir

Decem', 14th 1778— Your Most Obed' Serv't.

His Excellency

Edw'd Blake

the president
Orders to Capt William Hall—

Capt Willm Hall

Navy Board Decem'r 14th 1778—

Sir/

In your Orders of the Fifth Ins't the Commissioners of the Navy Board Directed you to Cruize on this Coast for the Enemy's Privateers, not Exceeding Ten days from the time you left Charles Town Bar, since which Two Sloops the Sally Capt. Benj. Stone and the Family Trader Capt Willm Allen—have been fitted out by the Merchants of Charles Town for the Like Service, with Orders to Cruize in Company with the Notre Dame, in Search of Several of the Enemys privateers—which have been seen Hovering on this Coast, not Exceeding Twenty days from the day they leave Charles Town Bar and to receive Signals from you to prevent any Seperation—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board therefore direct that you do furnish Capt. Benj. Stone of the Sloop Sally and Capt Willm Allen of the Sloop Family Trader, with proper Signals before you sail over the Bar of Charles Town and that you do Embrace the first Oportunity to proceed to sea in Company with the Sally and Family Trader, and Continue to Cruze together as far to the Northward as Cape Fear and to the Southward as far as Tybee Not Exceeding Twenty days from the time you Leave Charles-town Bar, During all which time you are to Take, sink, Burn or Distroy any of the Vessels or goods belonging to any of the Subjects of the King of Great Britain, Except such as may belong to the Inhabitants of Bermuda or New Providence And if you should be so fortunate as to take any prize during the Cruze you must send them into some port in this State and be particularly Carefull that you Secure your prisoners in such Manner so as to prevent their doing any hurt—and when you return into port you must Anchor in Rebellion Rhoad, and not Suffer any man to go on shore out of the Notre Dame till you have Liberty from the Board for so doing——

By Order of the Board

Edwd Blake first Commiss'

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in fav'r. of Willm Downs Admin'r of the Estate of Rich'd Belcher Dec'd for wages due the said Belcher as Midshipman on board the Brigg Defence.  £357 — —

Dan'l Smith Commissary his Acco't. of Disbursments to the 13th Ins't. 8187 .16 .2
Cap't Jn^o Hatter his Acco^t. of wages and a boat bo^t by him going as a Cartel to St Augustine. 

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\text{Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—} \\
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Navy Board. ... Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} Decem\textsuperscript{r} 1778—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board. ... Monday 22\textsuperscript{d} Decem\textsuperscript{r} 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^t. first Commissioner
Geo Ab^t. Hall Josiah Smith Edward Darrell Esq^t.\textsuperscript{s}

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

A Letter from his Excellency the President

Sir/

Mr. Timothy whose Zeal prompts him to recommend any thing which he thinks beneficial to the Cause has informed me that a very small Pilot Boat of the Enemy is now at the Light House Standing to the Westward, which may probably do us some Mischief—He thinks Our Pilot Boat well manned would be a Match for her—If you are of the same Opinion all Circumstances Considered I shall be glad you will do the Needfull—Mr. Timothy will write to Capt^n. Newton to put some men on board and give what Assistance he can.

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some Men who we will make no doubt will give yon Every Assistance in his power—

To Cap*. Stephen Duvall

P...S... since writing the above we are Informed that Cap*. Benj* Stone of the Sloop Sally is off the Barr, as the Owners of the said Sloop have Ordered him to Continue his Cruze the Commissioners request that you will Cruze a Long the C[break] in Company with Cap*. Stone, and Look into E[break]uthward as far as Tybee, and Endeavour by Every means in your power [break] distroy any of the Enemys Vessels you may discover on the Coast.

By Order of the Board

Edw* Blake first Commissr

A Letter to Mr. Willm Selthridge Boat keeper—

Navy Board 21st Decem* 1778—

Mr. Willm Selthridge

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Immediately go to Sullivants Island and have every boat belonging to the State Carried to the public Ship yard at Hobcaw and put into Immediate Repair, and that you do Visit the Two Ship Yards and see that all the public boats be fitt for Immediate Service and make a Return to the Board of all the boats belonging to the public and the Condition they are in by Thursday Next

To Mr. Willm Sethridge public Boat Keeper

By Order of the Board

Edw* Blake first Commissr

A Letter to Mr. Paul Pritchard

Navy Board 21st Decem* 1778—

Mr. Paul Pritchard

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Immediately put into Thorough repair all the public boats that are now at the Yard, or that may be delivered to you by the boat keeper, Leaving all other work untill that is Compleated, and to deliver any boat or boats after they are repaired to Mr. Selthridge, taking his receipts for them as public boat keeper

By Order of the Board

Edw* Blake first Commissr

A Letter to Mr. David Edgar

Navy Board 21st Decem* 1778

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you Lay by all Other work Except the repairs of boats untill they are Compleated, and
that you have them all put in proper Order with the utmost Expedition—You are at all times to receive such boats as Mr. Selthridge may deliver you to be repaired, and to deliver them to him [break] taking his receipt as public keeper without any further orders from the Board

To Mr. David Edgar

Edwd Blake first Commis

at the State Ship Yard

A Letter to Mr. John Gaboriel—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy having been Informed that the leading Mark to be Errected for Lawfords Channel which they expected would have been finished before this time is very backward—desire that you will take care to have this said leading Mark finished with Expedition According to your agreement

By Order of the Board

Edwd Blake first Commis

To Mr. John Gaboriel—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in fav of

Smith & Darrell for Canvass Supplied the Commissary £2065 — — —

Geo Campbell wages due him from the Brigg Comet 339 .10 — —

Jaš Allen wages due him from the Brigg Comet . . . 254 . 2 — —

Luke Hunt wages due him from the Brigg Polly . . . 198 . 2 — —

Jane Howe a Rendevouze Acco. for the Brigg . . .

Notre Dame Hornet Rattle Snake Rachael Sally . . . . . 4330 .12 .6

and Family Trader . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

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Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . Thursday 24th Decemr. 1778

adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy [break] . . . . . . . . Monday 28th Decemr. 1778—

T[break]ard Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edwd Blake Esq. first Commissioner

Edwd Darrell Josiah Smith . . . Esqrs—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read

The following Letters was wrote by the first Commiss the 23d Inst. and approved this Evening—
A Letter to his Excellency the president

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to Inform your Excellency that Contrary to Orders given Captn Hall by the Board, the Notre Dame is now at Anchor in Rebellion Road and begs to know whither your Excellency has given any direction to Captn Hall Respecting his coming into port,—if not the Commissioners will Immediately Order him Out to Continue his Cruize unless your Excellency should direct Otherwise—

Decemr. 23d 1778—

By Order of the Board

His Excellency the 

President . . . .

A Letter from his Excellency the President

Sir/

Captn Hall has this Moment left me I spoke to him a [break] his Conduct in a Manner I think it deserves his Coming into port Contrary to Orders and pretending it was Occasioned by his Egarness to give Notice of the Danger he thought the State in—and yet to delay so long coming or sending to [break] is realy strange—he desired to know if he was to go out again directly, and I told him to receive Orders from the Navy Board—but I think it w’d be best to know something more of the Enemies Fleet whether Real or in the Clouds before he goes— I am Sir Your Obed hble Serv

Edw’d Blake Esq—

(Signed) R Lowndes—

Decemr. 22d 1778 (a Mistake) 23d—

A Letter to Captn. William Hall

Captn Willm Hall

Decemr. 23d 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy are greatly Surprised to se the Notre Dame at Anchor in Rebellion Road, at a Time when you should be Cruzing to watch every Motion of the Enemy and give the Earliest Intelligence the Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Immediately proceed to Sea with the Notre Dame, and that you do Continue to Cruze Ten days from the time you leave Charles Town Barr (Unless Obliged by Stress of Weather or a Superiour Force of the Enemy to put into port Sooner) in such Station as Directed in your Orders of the 14th Instant, and that you do frequently Stretch in with the Barr and send to the Commissioners Every Intelligence of the Motions of the
Enemy During the Cruise as it is a Matter of the greatest Consequence to know where they are destined for—

By Order of the Board

To Capl. Willm Hall

of the Notre Dame

A Letter to his Excellency the President

Sir,

I this Moment received your Letter respecting Capt. Hall who I saw after he parted with your Excellency he Informed me that though I found fault with him for Coming in with the Notre Dame, that you approved of his Conduct I then desired to know if your Excellency had Directed him to go Out again or to remain in port, he Informed you had directed him to Call on the Commissioners for Orders, and I Immediately Ordered him Out to Continue his Cruize for Ten days Unless by Stress of Weather or any Superior force of the Enemy should Oblige him to return into port Sooner, and to Come frequently off the Barr, and give Every Intelligence he could get respecting the Motions of the Enemy, if your Excellency think proper to direct it, I will Order him to remain in port any time you please

Decem. 23d 1778

I am Sir Your Most Obedt Servt.

Edward Blake

A Letter to Capl. Willm Hall—

Capt. Wm Hall—

Sir,

Since delivering your Orders of this date, I have received a Message from his Excellency the president Advising that the Notre Dame remain in Rebellion Road till further Orders from the Commissioners of the Navy Board— You are therefore directed to remain with the Brigg Notre Dame in the Rebellion Road till you receive further Orders from the Board, and by no means Suffer any of the Men to go on Shore out of the Brigg, but to keep her in Constant readiness to proceed to Sea on the Shortest Notice

By Order of the Board

Wednesday Evening

23d Decem. 1778

A Letter from Capl. William Hall—

Sir,

It gives me the greatest Uneasiness to Acquaint you 12 of my Men have positively declared they will not go to Sea with the few hands we have on board they are most of them our best Seamen,
and say the whole Labour of the Vessel rests upon them—have put them in Irons and shall keep them so till I have the pleasure to know how I am to Act I remain. . . . . . . . . . . Your Most Obedt Hblt Servt

To Edward Blake Esq't.

(Signed) William Hall

1st Commiss't. of the Navy

N. B. Myself and Officers are very ready to go to Sea if you think proper—

A Note from his Excellency the president,
The president desires to know if Mr. Blake if there are Three Captains in the States Service now present Exclusive of Capt Hall—The president is affraid if there are not the Sailors Cannot be tried for a Capital offence Sunday Afternoon—

A Second Note from his Excellency the presid't

Sir/ 
I am of Opinion all Matters Considered that we Cannot pro-ceed to try the Men Capitaly—for want of a Sufficient Board of Officers to Constitute Court and therefore I wd recommend that they be tryed under the Articles for a Lesser Offence

Your Obedt Servt.

(Signed) R Lowndes—

Edw'd Blake Esq'r—

A Letter to Capt'. William Hall—

Navy Board Decem't. 27th 1778—

Capt Willm Hall

Sir/

In Answer to your Letter of this day— the Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Immediately Cause the Twelve Men who refused to go to Sea in the Notre Dame, to be Tryed by a Court Martial— and that you do Immediately after Court Breaks up Transmit to the Board the whole proceedings of said Court, and that no punishment be Inflicted till the Board has Determined thereon— By Order of the Board

To Capt. Willm Hall—

The proceedings and Judgement of the Court Martial Held on board the Brigg Notre Dame in Rebellion Road (on the Trial of Sundry prisoners on board said Vessel) being Transmitted to the Board the Commissioners approved of the Sentence— and wrote the following Letter to Capt William Hall—
Navy Board 28th Decem'r 1778—

Cap't. Willm Hall

Sir/ The Commissioners of the Navy Board having
Examined the proceedings of a Court Martial held on board the
Notre Dame the 28th Inst.— for the Trial of Sundry persons therein
Named for the Heinous Offence of Mutiny do approve of the Sen-
tence of said Court and Direct that the same be Inflicted as Early
as may be, first taking Care to have read the 14th 19th. & 34th Articles
of the Rules of the Navy and to Inform the prisoners that it is the
Determined Opinion of his Excellency the president, as well as the
Commiss'rs of the Navy, if they had been tried by a General Court
Martial and found Guilty they would have been liable to Suffer
Death—

To By Order of the Board

Cap't Wm Hall— Edw'd Blake first Commiss't

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav' of
Blakes & Sawyer for Beef and Tallow Supplied the
Commissary

Ordered that the Clerk do pay Henry

Hainsdoff for Carving for the Brigg Hornet

£2200 — —

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board. . . . . . . . Thursday 31st December 1778—

The board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner
Edward Darrell, Josiah Smith, Esq'—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

A Letter from Cap't. Willm Hall

Sir/ Notre Dame Decem'r. 29th 1778—

I Have inflicted the punishment on the prisoners— According
to the Decree of the Court Martial, the Pilot that boarded me this
day said that he could not Carry me Out the wind being too much
inn, would be glad to know if you have any further Orders I have
the pleasure Sir to be Your Most Hble Serv't.

To Edward Blake Esq'. } — (signed) William Hall
1st Commiss' of the Navy }
A Letter from his Excellency the President

Sir,

In the situation we are in without Intelligence or Information I think it very Necessary to Endeavour to procure some knowledge of the Enemy's Situation and Numbers and therefore would advise that the Pilot boat be sent out well Maned to make discoveries, taking care as much as possible to avoid danger and Surprize and to Secure a Safe retreat in case of being persued.

Chas Town 29th Decem'r 1778

Your Obedt. Hblt Servt—

Edwd Blake Esq'r—

(Signed) Rawst Lowndes—

A Letter to Capt. Willm Hall

Capt Wm Hall

Decem'r. 29th 1778—

Sir,

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Immediately proceed to Sea with the Notre Dame and that you do Endeavour to Stretch a Long the Shore to the Southward so farr (as if possible) to discover the Strength and Situation of the Enemy & to gain some Intelligence of their Destination, which you are to Communicate to his Excellency the president or the Commissioners of the Navy, as an Early Intelligence of the Enemy's Motions may be of the greatest Consequence to the State—

You are not to leave the Land by any Means Unless Obliged by Stress of Weather or by a Superiour Force of the Enemy, but you are to Endeavour all in your power to keep One of the Inlets to Leward of you so as to make a Harbour if any Enemy of superior force should Chase and out sail you— You are to Observe your former Orders respecting the time you are to Cruise—

By Order of the Board

Capt. Willm Hall—

A Letter to Capt. Stephen Duvall—

Capt Stephen Duvall

Sir,

By the particular desire of his Excellency the President, The Commissioners of the Navy Board 'Direct that you do as Early as possible tomorrow Morning proceed to Sea in the Eagle Pilot Boat and Stretch a Long the shore to the Southward as farr as (if possible) to discover the Enemy's Fleet, and Endeavour all in your power to gain Intelligence of their Strength and Destination, which you are to Communicate to his Excellency the president or to the Commissioners of the Navy Board as soon as possible, as an Early Intelligence of the Enemy's Motions may be of the greatest
Consequence to the State— The Commissioners recommend you keep Close to the Shore, and make a Secure Harbour Ever and that you do keep your Swivil Guns Mounted and Loaded your small arms Clean and always ready for use, and that you a Constant good Lookout to prevent being Surprized by any Boats & that your Cruize do not Exceed Three days from the time you Leave the Barr—
Cap'. Stephen Duvall

By Order of the Board—
Edwd Blake first Commiss

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Ended the 31st Decem 1778—

Extra Meeting—
Navy Board. . . . . . . Sunday 3d January— 1779—
The Board Met according to Summons—
Present  Edward Blake Esq'. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Roger Smith Geo Ab' Hall \ Esqrs—
John Edwards Edward Darrell . . . . .
The Minutes of Last Meeting was read
A Letter from his Excellency the president—
Sir/
As our Coasts are very much annoyed by little insignificant Cruizers, one of whom took last Monday a Sloop near or at the Inlet of S° Edisto— I Sumbit it to you and the Navy Board whether it is not Necessary to send out some fast Sailing Vessel to look into these places and give some Check to these daring Enterprizing Pickeroons as I have reason to think the very same Cruizer is now about the same place, I wish some Method Co'd, be devised to remove her or bring her in, as she is of no force at all and wou'd be a very easy Conquest to almost any thing
3d Janv. 1779—
(Signed) Raw's Lowndes
I am Sir your Obedt Servt
Edwd Blake Esq'. first' Commiss' of the Navy.

A Letter to his Excellency the president.
Sir/
Navy Board Janv 3d 1779.
In answer to your Letter of this day the Commissioners of the Navy Board recommend that the Eagle pilot boat be Immediately

---End of the third of the small books in which the original journal was kept.

15.—H. C.
Ordered out in quest of the Privateer Mentioned, and that some small swift Sailing Vessel be taken into the service and Employed as a Guarda Coasta to Cruize in Company with the Eagle—Messrs. Buckle, Poaug & Pritchard, have a Vessel very fitt for the service The Two former of them Gentlemen have offered the use of her to the state on being Secured in Case of loss, If your Excellency approve of the recommendation the Necessary Orders will be given by the Board as soon as Answer is received

By Order of the Board
Edwd Blake first Commiss

His Excellency the President—
A 2d Letter to his Excellency the President

Sir,

I just sent to Mr. Duvall to Inform him the Service of the Eagle Pilot boat was to go on, when to my very great Surprize he Inform[break] me that none of the people belonging to the boat (Except his own [break]) would go on the Service that they did Intend Quiting the Boat unless their wages was raised, I am Sorry for their Ingratitude—and am Satisfied that the raising their wages will not make them more Industrious, I am hopefull that hands will be got, so as to send her off tomorrow Morning, You may depend I will do all in my power to forward it.

Janry 3d 1779.

I am Sir
His Excellency the president

Your Most Hble Serv
Edwd Blake first Comm

Then Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . Monday 4th January 1779—
The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner—
Josiah Smith Edwd Darrell John Edwards Esqrs.

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

Agreed to Take the Schooner Rice Bird into the public Service and that Messrs. Willm Price and Saml Legare be applied to as appraisers of the said Vessel in behalf of the state and that Messrs. Buckle, Poaug, & Pritchard Owners of the said Vessel do appoint Two persons on their part as appraisers also—

Order of the prevy Council

January 4th 1779—

Ordered that the Commissioners of the Navy Board do Engag
the Schooner belonging to Capt. Buckle and Others as proposed for the Service of the State as a Guarda Costa and that she be the public risque

By his Excellency the pr
with the advice of the prevy

a Letter was received and read from Mr. Alex. Williamson—petitioning to be Clerk to the Hobcaw Ship Yard the Commissrs. agreed to the proposal in the said Letter, to allow the said Alexander Williamson £800 70s Year as Clerk to the said ship Yard as proposed—The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in fav. of Messrs. Moon & Jeffords for Iron Supplied the Commissary

| £1638-18 | — |
| — | — |
| £2043.18 | — |

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . . . Thursday 7th January 1779—Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . . . Monday 11th January 1779—The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell, Esqrs.—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—The following Notes was wrote by the first Commissioner and approved off by the Board this Evening—

A Note to Major Grimball¹

Edward Blake presents his Compliments to Major Grimball and will be much Obliged to him for the Lent of Two Hundred Musket Cartridges ready filled for the use of the pilot boat as they are going a way this Morning, If he can possibly spare Twelve Canisters filled for Two pound Guns it will ad to the Obligation—²

Thursday 7th January 1779—

Major Grimball

¹Major Thomas Grimball, of the Charles Town Battalion of artillery.

²On the margin is this note: "{| Borrowed the Cartridges | from the Grenadiers |}"
A Note to Mr. Joseph Atkinson

The Commissioners of the Navy Board presents their Compliments to Mr. Atkinson, and will be much Obliged to him for the Loan of a pair of small Carriage Guns with the stores and a few s[break] for the use of the pilot boat for a few days; as the Guns they Borrowed from Mr. Nelson will not do nor Can they get a Shott to Suit them—

Thursday 7th January 1779—

Mr. Joseph Atkinson

Orders to Capt. Stephen Duvall—

Navy Board the 9th January 1779—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board having received Certain Information of a Small (Enemy) privateer being in one of the Southern Inlets in this State that has Captured Several of our Coasting Vessels—They Direct that you do Immediately proceed to Sea in the Eagle Pilot Boat, and that you make the Best of your way to South Edisto, and Endeavour by every means in your power to Take or destroy said privateer or any Other Vessels or goods belonging to the King of Great Britain or any of his Subjects, Except such as belong to the Islands of Bermuda or new Providence

Should you not Meet the privateer at South Edisto, you are to proceed to St Helena and port Royal, and you are to Endeavour to gain Intelligence which way she is gone and if possible Overtake her, in Order the Better to Carry this Expedition into Execution The Commissione[break] have Directed Mr. Sisk first Lient... of the Hornet with a Number of the Seamen belonging to said Brigg to go in the Eagle and as the Commissioners Entertain a good Opinion of that Gentleman as an Officer they recommend that you do always Consult him on any Matter of Attack on or Defence against the Enemy, and that you do by every Means in your power Endeavour to Cultivate Harmony and good Order Among the Officers and Crew, and you do keep a Constant good Look out, to prevent being Surprised by the Enemy, and that you Continue to Cruize Six days from the Time you Leave Charles Town Barr, and that you do make known to Every man on board, that Every Vessel taken during the Cruze that is fitted out for the Sole purpose of a Cruizer is to belong wholly to the Captors and all Merchant Vessels One half to the State
and the Other half to the Captors and in Case of any Man being Maimed, or any way disabled in this Service to be Maintained and provided for as in the Navy of this State—all the Stores put on board by the president you are to Deliver at Beaufort agreeable to his Order to the Commissary there 

To Captn. Stephen Duvall

By Order of the Board
Edwd Blake first Commissr

A Letter from his Excellency the president

Sir,

I shall want Immediately a Small Vessel a Swift Sailor to go Express to Philadelphia, without loss of time. I am to Request you will take up such a Vessel and Order her to be got ready without the least delay to Carry Dispatches to Congress—

I am Sir

8th Janv. 1779—
Edwd Blake Esq'—
(Signed) Rawns Lowndes

A Letter to his Excellency the president

Sir,

Agreeable to your request of yesterday I have Enquired of Every person that I know to be Owners of such Vessels as would Answer to Send Express to Philadelphia, but Cannot get one on such Terms as I think will suit the Public— Mr. Corbett has a very fine schooner but says he Cannot possibly spare her, as he has no Other way to move his Family and property out of Town should the Enemy come this way, however if no Other can be got, and One must be had he will submit to let her go, but at present she has part of her Cargoe of Rum on board and must be Cleaned— Messrs. John Scott and Josiah Bonneau have One Equally fitt, both these Gentlemen are at George Town and I Cannot learn they have left any person to do their Business during their [break] Mr. James Nelson has One very fitt and ready Cleaned— Messrs. Thomas Buckle, John Poaug & Paul Pritchard has also one that is fitt and Capt. Dunscombe has a Small Bermuda Sloop ready cleaned and very fitt, the Answers respecting the Three last Vessels I send Inclosed for your Excellence's perusal, if Mr. Nelson's proposals is Accepted as it is the Only offer please Advise me and the Necessary Orders shall be given, or if any Other mode is to be Adopted to procure a Vessel
Youl please send an Order and the Commissioners will give Immediate Directions—

9th Janr^ 1779

To

His Excellency the presidents

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in fav'r of—

Ja's Bricken for Cleaning Guns for the Comet. . . . . . £68..10—

Henry McCleeve wages due him as Lieut. on board the

Notre Dame 135 — —

Willm Trusler 7 Beef Accounts— viz For—

The Notre Dame. . . . . . . . . . . . . 885 . 7.6

The Hornet. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 276 — —

The Eagle. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 181 . 2.6

The Rattle Snake. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 105 .15—

The Tryall. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 86 .12.6

The Sloop Rachael. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 79 .17.6

The Sloop Sally. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 62 .5— 1677 — —

£1880.10—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Thursday 14th. January 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith Edward Darrell Esqrs—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

The following Letter dated yesterday was wrote to his Excellency the President & approved of this Evening

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Beg leave to Inform your Excellency that Cap^t. Pinder of the Schooner Rice Bird Acquainted the Board that it was not possible for him to get said Schooner Manned unless a Bounty was allowed— they also Beg leave to Inform your Excellency that no Shott can be got in Town to Suit the Guns belonging to said Schooner they will therefore be glad of your Directions, whether to allow the Seamen a Bounty, or to deliver said Schooner to her Owners— also whether or not the Commissioners are to do any thing respecting Messrs— Scott and Bonneaus
Schooner which Mr. Wright offered to Hire to the State as a Packet—

By Order of the Board

Navy Board Janry 13th 1779

His Excellency the president

An Order was drawn on the Treasury dated the 8thInst. for a Negro Man Named Tower Hill purchased from John Wells in June 1777 for the use of the State Ship Yard £871.14.6

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . Monday 18th January 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edwd Blake Esq'. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Edwd Darrell Esqr—

The following Letter to Cap't. Mayberry was Ordered to be wrote by the Clerk—
Cap't Mayberry

Sir/

You are desired to Stop the Rendevouze and deliver a Copy of your Articles with the proper dates of the Entry of what Men are Shiped on board the Rattle Snake without Loss of time, and have every store taken on board, and the Vessel ready to proceed to Sea with all possible dispatch on a Cruize

Monday Evening By order of the Board

18th Janry 1779— John Calvert Clerk

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav'. of the Clerk of this Board the 16th Inst. for 2000 Dollars . . . . . . . . . £3250 ——
Cash Dr. to the Rope walk rece'd. by the Clerk of the Board from Danl O'Neill part Sales of a Negro 991.2.6

Jemey Sold Andrew Reid for £2000 . . . . . . . . . .

adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . Thursday 21st January 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edwd Blake Esq' first Commissioner—
Josiah Smith Edwd Darrell Esqr—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in fav'. of—
John Mortimer Williams, Amo' of wages due Wm Morgan Late Carp' on board the Brigg Comet 2 Mo's £99. 3. 4

& 25 days a £35
Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board . . . . . Monday 25th January 1779—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Josiah Smith Esq. in the Chair—

Edward Darrell, Geo Abt. Hall Esq—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read — — —

Instructions for Captn James Mayberry—

Navy Board 23d Jan'y 1779—

Captn James Mayberry

Sir/

The Schooner Rattle Snake under you

[break] Command Being Victualed and full Manned, and ready to

[break] proceed [break] a Cruize, The Commissioners of the Navy Direct

that you do with all possible Dispatch proceed to St. Helena Inlet in

Quest of Several small Enemy privateers that have for some time

past been hovering in the Different Inlets in this State, and taken a

Number of our Coasting Vessels, and as they will no doubt from

their late Success be Encouraged to return soon, You are directed

to remain in that Inlet for Ten or Twelve days, after which you are

to Confine your Cruize wholly a Long the Shore, from Tybee to the

Southward as farr as George Town Barr to the Northward, and to

be very dilligent in looking into Every Inlet a Long the Coast for

any of the Enemys Vessels, and make St. Helina the place of your

General rendezouze, as that Inlet has been mostly Resorted to by

the Enemy Pickeroon Privateers, You are to Continue your Cruize

in the Manner above Mentioned for Three Months, from the time

you leave Charles Town Barr, During which time you you are to

Endeavour by Every means in your power, to Take, Sink, Burn, or

distroy any of the Vessels or Goods belonging to the King of Great

Britain, or any of his Subjects (Except such as belong to the

Islands of Bermuda or new Providence) and should you be so

fortunate as to take any prizes you are to send them into Charles

Town, or some safe Inlet in the State, and to Treat all prisoners
that may fall into your hands with Humanity and Tenderness, and
Endeavour by every means in your power to Cultivate Harmony
and good Order among your officers and Men, and Advise the Com-
missioners by every Opertunity of every Inteligence worth Com-
municating, and should you have Occasion for any fresh provisions
for the use of the Crew During your Cruize, You have Liberty to
purchase as much Beef or Pork as will Amount to Two days Allow-
ance every week, and Draw upon the first Commissioner for the
Amount which shall be duly Honoured, You are to be very Carefull
that none of the stores be wasted, or wantonly Expended by any of
the Officers, and that fair and regular returns be made to you by
all the Warrant Officers, of all stores Expended every Month, and
if on Examination they are found right you are to Sign them, and
at the End of the Cruize, you are to Cause a General return from
each Warrant Officer of all stores received by him and Expended
during the Cruize to be delivered to the Clerk of the Board, as no
pay bill will be Allowed till Such returns are Made

By Order of the Board Edward Blake

An Order to the Commissary—

Navy Board Jan'y 25th 1779—

Sir/

You are hereby Directed Immediately to purchase sixty Barrels
of Flower on the Lowest Terms, to be Baked up into Bread for the
use of the Navy . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . By Order of the Board
To Mr. Dan'l Smith— }
Josiah Smith Jun'r
Naval Commissary }
NB, also provide 70 yards of Ordinary Canvass for waist Cloths to
the Brigg Hornet—

An Order was drawn the 22d Inst. in fav'r. of Dan'l }
ONeille for the use of the Rope Walk for . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . £2000 —

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . . . Thursday 28th January 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Josiah Smith Esq'r. in the Chair
John Edwards, Edw'd Darrell, Geo Ab't. Hall Esq'rs.—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav'r. of—

John Farrow for wages due him as Pilot on board the}
Brigg Comet 9 Months & 20 days a 35/. 5s day . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . £507. 10—
An Order to Captn. Willm Hall

Captn. Willm Hall

Sir,

You are hereby Directed to deliver to Captn. James Pynes four 4-Pounder Guns with their Furniture, also five Hundred Shott to Suit them with as Many fill’d Cartridges and Other Articles he may now want for the use of the Brigg Hornet Taking his receipt for the whole

By Order of the Board
Josiah Smith Junr.

An Order to Mr Joseph Darling

Mr. Joseph Darling

Sir

Captn. Pyne being in immediate want of the Seven Stearing Sails, begun Making by Mr. Wilkins the Commissioners request you will take them in hand and Complet the work to be done on them with all possible Expedition

By Order of the Board—
Josiah Smith Junr.

An Order to Paul Pritchard—

Sir

Captn. Pyne has informed the Commissioners of the Navy that the Boat Built at the Ship Yard for the Hornet is finished and that the price is One Thousand pounds, you are desired to Deliver Captn. Pyne the said Boat for which the Board will be Accountable— The Brigg Notre Dame is Ordered to Hobcaw Ship Yard and the Commissioners direct that you give her all possible Dispatch by laying by any private work that may Interfere— By Order of the Board
To Mr. Paul Pritchard—
Josiah Smith Junr.

The Brigg Notre Dame is Ordered to proceed to Hobcaw immediately to be Repaired and made fitt for Immediate service—with all possible Dispatch—

Addition to Captn. Mayberrys Orders of the 23d—

P. S. — Since writing the above The Board received a Message from his Excellency the President Desireing that you would be very watchfull at the Inlet least you Meet a Superier force, and that you do on Your Arrival at S’t. Helina Sound put your self under the Orders of General Bull or the Commanding Officer at Port Royal
You are therefore Ordered to Obey all such Orders as you may from time to time receive from said Commanding Officer then Adjourned to Next Monday} By Order of the Board

Evening 6 oClock . . . . . . . . . . . }

E. Blake

Navy Board . . . . . . . Monday 1st February 1779—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq first Commissioner—
       John Edwards Edward Darrell Esq—
The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—
A Letter to his Excellency the President

Navy Board 1st Febr?. 1779—

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to Acquaint your Excellency, that there is at Present a great want of Necessary Stores for the use of the Naval Department of this State which Accasions great Delays in fitting out our State Vessels the Commis-
sioners therefore beg leave to recommend to your Excellency that they be Authorised, to ship Adventures in a Number of different good Bottoms, and Import such Necessary Stores as may be wanted for the use of said Department, this Method they Conceive will [break] a great Saving for the State, and a Means of Equiping any Naval force with more dispatch then they have hitherto been able to do

By Order of the Board
To his Excellency the president— Edwd Blake first Commisr
Ordered that the Large Flatt be Immediately sent to the Ship Yard at Hobcaw, and be altered into a Gally for the purpose of— protecting the Inland trade of this State—
Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . . . . Thursday 4th February 1779—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner—
       Josiah Smith Edwd Darrell Geo Abt Hall Esq—
The Minutes of Last Meeting was read.
A Letter from his Excellency the President

Sir/
As the House of Representatives have desired that I would endeavour to Guard the Coast and Navigation of this State, &
Annoy the Enemy, by all the means in my power, I would for this purpose be inclined to purchase the Terantula, tho she may not be worth the Money Demanded for her I can get her for £14000—and as there is a Crew ready in her & I am told a very Active Commander I wish you would Consult him on the Terms on which he would Serve the public, And if you find you can Employ him without Clashing with Other Officers—I should be glad you would put him in Commission, and give him Orders to prepare himself to go on Duty—he tells me he can get Men off hand which is a very good Qualification and recommendation at this time

4th Febry 1779—
Edw'd Blake Esq'r —

(Signed) Rawl Lowndes—

A Letter to his Excellency the present in Answer to the above
Navy Board 4th Febry 1779—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy agreable to your Excellencys desire have Consulted Cap't Langen of the Terantula, who is willing to Serve the State in Capacity of Master and Commander of said Vessel, during the time she is in Commission, but the Commiss'rs cannot help mentioning to your Excellency their Opinion that the Terantula is not by any Means so well Calculated for the defence of the Coast, and Inland Navigation as the Eagle pilot boat, which can be Replaced in the pilotage by the Beaufort Pilot Boat at present useless there, The Commissioners will therefore be glad of Your Excellencys Directions which Vessel you would prefer that they may give the Necessary Orders to have her Cleaned and got ready with Dispatch—

By Order of the Board

His Excellency — Edw'd Blake first Commiss'r

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in favor of James Bryan the Rattle Snakes Rendevouze Acco£1222.10.—
Gamble & Ferguson for 10640th Iron...a £80 7/8 C'. 8512. — . —
Cap't Benj'a Stone Ball's. of the Sloop Sallys pay bill..517..10.—
Cha's Basdon for Carpenters work on board the Sch't
Rice bird 48. — . —

£10,300 — —

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board. . . . . . . Monday 8th February 1779—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Edward Darrell Geo Abbt Hall. Esqrs—
The Minutes of last Meeting was read
Ordered that the Clerk of this Board Advance to Mr. Nathl Havens purser of the Brigg Hornet in Order to purchase Sloops Taking his receipt for the same
Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board. . . . . . . Thursday 11th February 1779—
The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell Roger Smith, John Edwards—
The Minutes of last Meeting was read—
An Order from the President & Prevy Council—
In the Prevy Council February 1st—1779—
The Board Advised that the Navy Board be directed & Empow [break] to Ship in different bottoms to the West Indies to an Amount not exceeding Forty Thousand pounds Currency for the purchase of such Art [break] as are Necessary for that Department—By his Excellency the pres[break]
Signed) Ordered Accordingly by Jn& Colcock [break]
An Order from the Governor and Prevy Council
In the Prevy Council Febry 9th 1779—
The Board Advised that the Navy Board be directed to Order the Hornet to be Stationed at Stono River, with leave to Cruize Accasionally to the Southward but to a small distance from the Land that they have the Eagle pilot boat fitted out with dispatch for the protection of the Inlets
By his Excellency the Governr.
Ordered Accordingly—
(Signed) John Colcock Sev Pyr. Cl—
A Note from his Excellency the Governor—
The Senate and House of Representatives having requested that no Vessell may depart this port, the Commissrs of the Navy are
required to Order the several Pilots of this Harbour, not to Pilot, or Carry any Vessell to Sea untill further Orders—

To

Edw\textsuperscript{d} Blake Esq\textsuperscript{r}.

first Commiss\textsuperscript{r} of the Navy

A Note from his Excellency the Governor at Foot of One to the Clerk of this Board—

I think Mayberry should be sent for and Frisbie put in his Stead immediately— pray give Orders for it—

(Signed) J R—

A Letter to Lieu\textsuperscript{t} Abell Frisbee

M\textsuperscript{r}. Abell Frisbee

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy board Direct that you do Immediately Repair on board the State Schooner Rattle Snake now at Spencers Inlet, and that you take the Command of Said Schooner, and remain with her in Spencers Inlet till you receive further Orders from the Board, and that you do not Suffer any of the Officers or Men to leave the Vessel on any pretence, and that you do send Capt\textsuperscript{n} Mayberry Directly up to Town, as the Commissioners have Business of the Greatest Consequence to Communicate to him, Should Capt\textsuperscript{n}. Mayberry on any pretence refuse to Come up (to Town) you are to put him under an Arrest for which this shall be your Sufficient Warrant—

(Navy Board)

By Order of the Board

Feb 10\textsuperscript{th} 1779—

Edw\textsuperscript{d} Blake first Commiss\textsuperscript{r}

You are to deliver this Letter directed to Capt\textsuperscript{n}. Mayberry

A Letter to Capt\textsuperscript{n}. James Mayberry—

Capt\textsuperscript{n}. James Mayberry

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do on Receipt of this Immediately proceed to Charles Town, as the Commissioners have Business of great Importance to Communicate to you, and they have Directed M\textsuperscript{r}. Frisbee to take the Command of the Rattle Snake during your Absence from

\textsuperscript{1}The term of office of President Lowndes having expired and the constitution of 1778 having provided that the title of his successor should be changed to governor and commander-in-chief, the General Assembly on February 9th elected John Rutledge to be the first governor of the State of South Carolina.
her, This you are to Inform your Officers off and Direct that they 
Obey him as their Captain By Order of the Board
Navy Board the 10th Feb'y— 1779— Edw'd Blake first Commiss'r

A Letter to Mr. Stephen Duvall

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do not by any 
means Pilot or Carry to Sea any Vessel whatever, nor that you do 
not Suffer any of the pilots or hands belonging to the Eagle Pilot 
Boat to Carry to Sea any Vessel untill further Orders from the 
Commissioners of the Navy Board

Feb'y. 10th 1779— By Order of the Board
M'r. Stephen Duvall Edw'd Blake first Comm'r.

A Copy of the above dd M'r. Alex'r Elsenore of the Tryall pilot boat

Letters to Each Mess'r's. Luke Swain, Thos Ross & Wm Pharo-

Pilots—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do not 
b[break] any Means Pilot or Carry to Sea any Vessel whatever 
untill further Orders from the Commissioners of the Navy Board 

Feb'y. 10th 1779— By Order of the Board
Edw'd Blake first Com[break]
The Board agreed to have the Eagle Pilot Boat Sent to the Old 
Ship Yard (Late Cochrans) to be Altered as they may think proper 
to Direct— in Consequence of which the following Letter was wrote 
to M'r. Stephen Duvall—

Navy Board Feb'y. 11th 1779—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that the Eagle 
Pilot boat be Immediately Carried up to the Old Ship Yard (Late 
Cochrans) and that all her Stores be Landed and a particular 
Inventory of them be delivered to M'r. Calvert; that a Careful Hand 
be directed to remain on Board, and that you do Immediately take 
Charge of the Beaufort Pilot boat, and that she be Employed in the 
pilotage Business in the room of the Eagle.

To M'r. Stephen Duvall—

By Order of the Board
Edw'd Blake first Commiss'r

The Clerk was Ordered to pay Lieu't. Rich'd Wells)

Lieu't. of the Hornet his wages to the 10th Inst. £432 =

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—
Navy Board . . . . . . Monday 15th February 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq,. first Commissioner

Geo Ab. Hall, Edwd Darrell, John Edwards, Esqr—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

A Letter from his Excellency the Governor dated 13th Inst—

Sir/ Feb 13th 1779—

I Request that the Commissrs. of the Navy will, as Soon as possible Meet, Call together the Captains of Vessels in this Port, and the Ship Carpenters, and having Confer'd with them concerning the Building, or procuring, floating Batteries, Gallies, and Other Vessels, for the protection and Defence of the Harbours, Coast, and Inlets of this State, that they Digest, and report to me Such a plan or Scheeme for this purpose, as, in their Opinion will be most effectual and practicable Your Obedt. Servt.

Edward Blake Esqr.  

first Commisst. of the Navy of S Carolina

Resolved that the following persons be Summoned to attend the Board Tomorrow at 4 oClock in the afternoon to give their Opinion upon the foregoing Letter—viz


An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favr. of—

Nathl Havens wages due him as purser on board the Brigg Hornet to the 7th Inst. being 9 Mo5 a £35 . . . . . . . . . . . . £315 —

The Clerk was Ordered to pay Lien. Willm Sisk . . . . . . . . . 250 —

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—
Navy Board 16th February 1779—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy conformable to your Excellency's Letter of the 13th have consulted Messrs. Pritchard, Hamilton Edgar, Shrewsberry & Lawrence Ship Carpenters also Capt. Anthony who upon Stating the Subject to them are of Opinion that the following Vessels may be got ready—a Large Schooner at present belonging to Alexr Wright Esq. (who asks £16,000 for her and her Materials) may be Compleated in a fortnight to Mount 4-12 pounders to fight them on either Side. A Boat belonging to the public at Pritchards yard to mount 1-26 pounder—in 1 Month. A Boat belonging to Mr. John Berwick who asks £8000 for her to Mount 1-26 pounder 1 Month. A Boat on the Hard at Trotts Point Owner not known by the Commissioners to Mount 1-26 Pounder 1 Month. A Boat of Col. Laurens's to Mount 1-26 pounder 1 Month. The Beaufort Gally to Carry 2-12—and 8-4 pounders may be Launched in a Month. The Ribbs of a Ship now on the Stocks at the Ship Yard may be finished to carry 10-26 pounders to fight on either side to draw about 7 feet water & be ready in 3 Months if Materials can be procured and 30 hands.

The Commissioners of the Navy upon inquiring of the Ship Carpenters find that there are about 120 Ship Carpenters White and Black (Including their own hands) in and about Charles Town, many of whom are employed at Present upon private work and who the Commissioners are of opinion it may be necessary to have an Order from your Excellency to induce them to engage in the public Yards—

To His Excellency

By Order of the Board

Edw Blake first Commiss

the Governor—

Then Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock.

Navy Board. . . . . . . . . Thursday 18th. Febr 1779—

Adjourned to next Monday Even 6 oClock—
Navy Board. . . . . . . . . . Monday 22d February 1779—
The Board Met According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq. first Commissioner
Josia; Smith, John Edwards, Esq'—
The Minutes of last Meeting was read—
A Letter from his Excellency the Governor in Answer to One of the 16th—
Sir/ Cha's Town Feb'y 17th 1779—
I Laid the Inclosed Report before the Council—their Advice is, that the Commissioners of the Navy be directed to Engage and fitt for the public service the first Six Vessells therein Mentioned, that such 3 or 4 of them as will be most serviceable and can be soonest Dispatched be finished with all possible Expedition, that as many workmen as can be procured be Employed in that service— This Advice coinciding with my Opinion I Request that the Navy Board will take the most Effectual Means for carrying the Measure into Execution as speedily as possible— It is Expected that all private work, at Ship yards will be laid aside untill the public is served in this Matter so that they may be, done with the utmost speed, and you will notify to me the Names of any who refuse to Comply with this Expectation should there be any such which I hope there will not. I am Sir
Edw'd Blake Esq. first Comm'r. of the Navy Yr. very Hble Servt.
Mr. Wallace attended the Board this Evening and agreed to undertake to finish a Galley as soon as possible after he receives the Vessel for that purpose—
A Letter to Mr. Paul Pritchard of the 17th—
Mr. Paul Pritchard
Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy Board request that you do lay a Side all private work at the State Yard, and that you Employ all the Hands belonging to the Yard to work on the large Flatt and have her altered, Sufficiently Strengthened and Compleatly fitted as a Galley to Mount One Twenty six pound Cannon in the Bows and Two smaller Guns in the waist to fight them all on Either side Occasionally, with stocks to Mount Eight or Ten Swevels Guns, and to row with as many Oars as possible to be fitted with Masts and Yards, to carry two Latteen Sails. . . .
Febry 17th 1779—
By Order of the Board
Edw'd Blake first Commiss'
A Note to John Lewis Gervais Esq—
Edward Blake presents his Compliments to John Lewis Gervais Esq. and Acquaints him that the Commissioners of the Navy Board having received an Order from his Excellency the Governor to fit out Several Galleys for the protection of the Inlets in this State, have Consulted all the principle Carpenters on the most Expeditious way to Carry said Order into Execution, they recommend that the Commissioners should purchase Several Vessels Mentioned by them as fitt for that Service One of which belongs to the Honble. Henry Laurens Esq., as that Gentleman is off the State, and you have the principle direction of his affairs, the Board of Commissioners will be much Obliged to you if you will let them have her for the use above Mentioned which will be doing a very Essential Service to the State in General And whatever price she may be appraised at they will readily pay—

Febry. 18th. 1779
John Lewis Gervais Esq.

A Letter to Mr. Danl Smith Commissary—

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Endeavour by Every means in your power to procure— with all possible Dispatch Six 6 Inch Hawsers of Sixty fathoms Long Each, and all the small Cordage from One to Three Inches that you possibly can for the use of the Naval Department

To Danl Smith—
Naval Commissary
18th Febry. 1779

A Letter to Mr. David Edgar

Mr. David Edgar

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Naval Departm't Request that you do with all possible Dispatch finish & Launch the Beaufort Galley, and that you do Immediately furnish the Clerk of the Board with the Dentions of all the Sparrs, that the Rigging and Sails may be provided in time and that you do Engage any Number of hands you may think Necessary, and any Materials or Sparrs that may be wanted for said Vessel

Febry. 18th 1779

By Order of the board
Edw'd Blake first Commiss'
A Letter to Mr. Edward Shrewsberry—

Mr. Edward Shrewsberry—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy board request that you will Immediately Employ as many hands to work on the Schooner (Late Mr. Wrights) as you possibly can to advantage, and that you will with all possible Dispatch have her Altered and Completed for a Galley to Mount One Twenty six pound Cannon in her Bow, and to be able to fight 4. Eighteen pounders on Either side— By Order of the board Febry. 18th 1779— Edwd Blake first Commissr

Mr. Shrewsberry will be pleased to take Immediate Charge of Coll. Laurens boat now laying at Prioleaus Wharf and have her put in Immediate good Order for the service required

I am Sir

19th Febry. 1779—

Your Hbl. Servt.

Edwd Blake

A Note from the first Commr. to his Excellency the Governr— Edwr Blake Presents his Compliments to his Excellency the Governr and Acquaints him that on receipt of his Directions to fitt the Galleys he wrote to Mr. Gervais respecting Collo Laurens Boat and Acquainted him the State was realy in want of her, and beged he would spare her, that she should be appraised, and the Commissrs would pay the Value, he this Afternoon receivd. the Inclosed, and would be glad of your Excellencys Directions respecting her and whether or not the Commissrs may promise to return her to Mr. Gervais when the Public may be done with her, Should they be directed to take her—

She is now in Town and may be ready very soon E B— will be glad of your Excellencys Answer as Early as possible as an Answer cannot be given to Mr. Gervais till then—

19th Feb. 1779 . . . . . .

His Excellency the Governor

Mr. Gervais’s Letter refered to by the first Commissr.

Mr. Gervais presents his Compliments to Mr. Blake and Acquaints him that he Consulted Mr. Laurens’s Attorneys Concerning the Boat who are of Opinion that if she is absolutely wanted for public service, the public must have her, but they are sorry that after being Obliged to break up four plantations the means of receiving any Advantage from his Other plantation will b[break] taken away— particularly when it was considered that two yea[break] ago the
public had already a Vessel of his, and refused to let him have her again when the public wanted her no longer, be[break] she could be sold for more money at public sale, Therefore it would appear reasonable to leave him at least as the last resort, at any rate Mr. Gervais hopes she wont be appraised less than she Cost, and that when the public shall have no longer use for her he shall have the refusal at the same price he will be allowed, and that she shall be put in the same Order she is delivered—

Fryday 19th Feb'y. 1779—

His Excellency the Governors Answer—

I think the Terms proposed by Mr. Gervais reasonable viz That the public shd. allow what the Boat Cost and return her when they have no further Occasion for her at the same rate if Required but I pre- sume the former wo'd be satisfactory However when the public wants her no longer, the present Owner sho'd Certainly have her returned if he Chuses it with, any advance of price—

A Note to Mr. John Stevenson—

Mr. Stephenson

Sir/

please furnish Cap't. Pyne with a Schooner to take on board the Hornets Guns till the Brigg is Cleaned

22d Febr'y 1779— I am Yours &c

Edwd Blake

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in fav'r of—

Danl Smith Commissary to purchase Necessary stores for the use of the Navy dated 18th. Ins't. £2000 — —

Willm Russell for an Anchor for the Brigg Hornet. 1111. 5—

John Calvert for the Tryal Pilot boats pay bill to the 672 — —

John Scott Jun'r. for Mahogany for the Hobcaw Ship Yd 1712. 7—

Jacob Boomer 3 Beef Accnts. viz—

Ship Yard late Cochrans £800. 5

Notre Dame. 85. 10

Sloop Family Trader. 57. 7. 6 943. 2. 6

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 5 oClock—

£6438. 14. 6—
Navy Board. . . . Thursday 25th Febr 1779—
Adjourned to next Monday Evens 5 oClock—

Navy Board. . . . . Saturday 27th February 1779—
Extra Meeting
The Board Met According to Summons—
Present Edward Blake Esqr first Commissr
John Edwards Edward Darrell } Esqr—
Josiah Smith George A Hall. . .
The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—
A Note from his Excellency the Governor—

Sir/
Be pleased to put Captn Turner who is appointed to the Command of the Eagle Pilot boat the Necessary Instructions and Directions for having her Ready for Service, as soon as possible
Feb— 25th 1779—
To Edward Blake Esqr. first } (Signed) J Rutledge
Commisr of the Navy—
The Board agreed to Take Mr Wrights Schooner at the price pro
[break]osed by Mr. Thomas Waring which is. . . .£16000 —
Ordered that Captn Turner Ship hands for the Eagle Pilot boa[break] to make up his Complement Twenty five Officers Included—and that Messrs. Smith and Knights Ship Ten hands
Each for the Galleys to be Commanded by them—
A Letter to his Excellency the Governor—
Navy Board 26th Febr 1779—

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to Inform your Excellency that they are in want of a Quantity of Rum & Flower for the use of the Naval Department that the Commissary has Inform'd this Board that he Cannot purchase Flower under Seventy pounds £100 wt. and West India Rum One Hhd. Only for Seventeen pounds 10/- all Other persons Ask Twenty pounds £9 Gallon, Carolina Rum Fifteen pounds £9 Gallon The Commissioners will be glad of your Excellencys advice respecting the purchase of those Necessary Articles—

By Order of the Board
Edwd Blake first Commissr

His Excellency 
the Governor—
A Letter from the Clerk of this Board to the first Commissioner
Sir/

A place has lately Offered (that is purchasing Commissary of Public Stores) for which I offered myself a Candidate, and was Yesterday by the Governor and Privy Council, Elected to that Office on which I am Obliged to decline the Office of Clerk to the Navy Board, I hope no Gentleman of that Honorable Board will blame me for so doing. Mr. Edwards on my being Elected desired I would Think of some proper person to Supply or fill that Vacancy, I am of Opinion if agreeable to the Gentlemen of the Board, that Mr. William Birt is a fitt person for that office, who is willing to undertake it, Should the Gentlemen not think of any One Else they may think more fitt

Chas Town 26th Febr 1779—

I am Dr— Sir with due respect

To Edward Blake Esq†— first

Commiss† of the Navy Board

John Calvert

A Letter to Cap†. Robert Cochran

Sir/

Navy Board 27th Febr 1779—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board again request that you do Settle with Mr. John Calvert for all such Monies as has been received by you for Powder Money, Buoys & Beacons, as there is a Necessity of that Account being Immediately Settled, and the Money paid into the Hands of the Clerk of this Board

To Cap† Cochran—

By Order of the Board

Edwd Blake first Commis†

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board. . . . . . Monday 1st March 1779—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq†. first Commissioner

John Edwards, Roger Smith Edward Darrell Esq†s—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

Order of the Privy Council—

In the Privy Council Wednesday 24th Febr 1779—

Ordered that Willm Tryon late Lieut of the Notre Dame be appointed Captain of the Beaufort Galley he being the Eldest Lieut in the Service—

By his Excellency the Governor with the Advice of the Board —

(Signed) Jn° Colcock Secv. Pr. C—
Order of the Privy Council—

In the Privy Council Saturday 27th Febr 1779—
Ordered that the Navy Board do send out the Rattlesnake & Hornet on a Cruize that the Rattlesnake do land at Beaufort the Stores she has on board for that place, and then Join the Hornet and Continue Cruising with her for not more than Ten days and that the Rattlesnake do go to and be stationed at S* Helina

By his Excellency the Governor with the Advice of the Board

(Signed) Jn^o Colcock Secy Pr —

Instructions for Capt. Abel Frisbee—

Navy Board February the 28th 1779—

Sir/

With the Schooner Rattle Snake now under your Command you are to Embrace the first favourable Opertunity to proceed to Sea in Company with the State Brigg Hornet and the privateer Brigg Munmouth, and to Cr[break] in Company with them Vessels a long the Coast until you get as far to the Southward as S* Helina Sound, or Port Royal Bar which ever may be most Convenient and safe for you to go into, you are then to proceed with all possible Dispatch to Beaufort, where you are to Deliver all the Stores you have on board for that Fort, to the Commanding Officer there & take his receipt for the same, after Landing all the stores at Beaufort you are then to go to S* Helina and there remain, untill you receive further Orders from the Board, During the time you are on the Cruize, or that you may be Stationed at S* Helina, you are to Endeavour by every means in Your power to Take, Sink, Burn, or Destroy any Vessels or Goods belonging to the King of Great Britain, or any of his Subjects (Except such as belong to the Islands of Bermuda or new Providence, and all prizes Taken by you during the Cruize, you are to send to Charles Town or some safe Inlet in the State of South Carolina, and you are to Treat all presioners with Humanity and Tenderness and to Advise the Board by every Opertunity of Every Transaction worth Communicating, The Commissioners particularly recommend that you Endeavour by Every means in your power to Cultivate Harmony and Good understanding among the officers and Seamen, and that you Cause a regular and good Command to be Carried by all the Officers in their different Stations, and that you have the whole of the Vessels Company properly Quartered and Stationed, and regularly Exercised, to the Cannon and Small Arms Once Every Day, And that the rules of the Navy be Con-
stantly hung up in some public part of the Vessel where they may at all times be seen by any of the Crew, and that the same be publicly read to the whole Vessels Company Once every week— You are to be particularly Carefull that no Provissions or Stores belonging to Vessel be waisted or Extravagently Expended, and you are to Cause Ev Warrant Officer to keep an Exact and Regular Account of all Stores Expended in their Different Departments, and make a regular return to you Once Every Month, which you are Carefully to Examine and when found right to Sign them, and at the End of the Cruize, you are to Cause Each of them to Deliver to the Clerk of the Navy Board a General return of all Stores Expended, and of all Stores of Every kind that remain on Board, as no pay Bill will be allowed untiill such returns have been examined by the Board—

As an Encouragement to the Officers and Seamen in the Navy of this State, to Engage privateers belonging to the Enemy, the State has agreed that all Vessels fitted out by the Enemy against the United States of America Taken by any of the States Vessels shall belong wholly to the Captors, and if any Man in the service shall be anyways Maimed or Disabled in any Engagement with the Enemy, he is provided for, And if any man is killed and Leaves a wife and Child they are to be provided for by the State this you are frequently to Inform the whole Crew off—

By Order of the Board
Edw'd Blake first Commiss'

A Letter to Cap'. John Turner
Navy Board February 28th 1779—

Cap'. John Turner

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Naval Department Direct that you do Attend the Altering and fitting of the Eagle pilot boat and that you do hurry the Carpenters all in your power, and that no delay may happen for want of hands to man her, you are directed Immediately to Ship all your Officers, and Men, to Serve Six Months, And as an Encouragement for Seamen to Enter into the Service you are to pay to Every Seaman, at the time he signs Articles Thirty Dollars Bounty, for which purpose the Board will supply you with Money You are also to make out proper Indents of all such stores as you will want for a Cruize of three Months, and Deliver said Indents to the Commissary for the Naval
Department, who has Orders to furnish the same without Delay—

By Order of the Board

To Cap't. John Turner of the pilot boat Eagle

Instructions for Capt'n James Pyne

Capt'n James Pyne Navy Board February 28th 1779—

Sir,

The State Brigg Hornet of which you are Captain being now Compleatly fitted, well Manned, and having a full Quantity of Provisions and Stores, and now ready to proceed on a Cruiz[break] the first favourable Opertunity to proceed to Sea in Company with the State Schooner Rattle Snake Capt'n Frisbee, and the privateer Brigg of war Munmouth Capt'n Ingersall, and that you Continue to Cruize in Company Close a Long the Coast, as far to the Southward as Tybee, and as far to the Northward as Cape Fear, not Exceeding Ten days from the time you leave Charles Town Barr, during which time you are by every means in your power, Endeavour to Take, Sink Burn, or Destroy, any of the Vessels or goods belonging to the King of Great Britain or any of his Subjects, Except such as belong to the Islands of Bermuda or new providence and in order to prevent Separation during the Cruize you are to furnish Capt's. Frisbee and Ingersall with proper Signals, before you Sail Over the Bar of Charles Town The Commissioners particularly recommend that you do Endeavour by every means in your power to Cultivate Harmony and a Good Understanding, between all the Officers and Seamen, on board the Different Vessels, and that you Cause a regular and good Command to be Carried by all the Officers in their different stations on board the Hornet, and that you have all the Vessels Company properly Quartered and Stationed before you leave the Harbour, and that you Cause them to be regularly Exercised to the Great Guns and small Arms Once every day, and that the Rules of the Navy to be Constantly fixed in some public part of the Vessel where they may at all times be seen by any of the Crew and that the same be publickly read to the whole Vessells Company Once every week— You are not to Suffer any provissions or Stores belonging to the Vessel to be wasted or Extravagantly Expended, and you are to Cause every Warrant Officer to keep Exact and regular Accounts of all Stores Expended in their different Departments and make regular returns to you [break]very Month, which you are Carefully to Examine and when found right to sign
them, and at the End of three Months you are to Cause Each of them to return to the Clerk of the Board a General return of all stores Expended, and of all Stores of every kind that remain on board as no pay bill will be passed till such returns have been Examined— Should you be so fortunate as to take any prize, you are to put on board a proper person as prize Master with a sufficient number of men to Navigate her with Orders to proceed to Charles Town or some Inlet in the State of South Carolina, and to treat all prisoners with Humanity and Tenderness, and by Every Opertunity Advise the Board of Every Transaction worth Communicating— As an Encouragement to the Officers and Seamen in the Navy of this State to Engage privateers belonging to the Enemy, the state has agreed that all Vessells fitted out by the Enemy to Cruize against the United States of America, taken by any of the State Vessels shall belong wholly to the Captors, and in Case any man in the Service shall be maimed or any way disabled, he is provided for, and if any man is Killed in the service and leave a wife or Children they are to be provided for by the State, this you are to Inform the whole Vessels Company of—

By Order of the Board
Edw'd Blake first Commissr

A Letter to Cap't. Thomas Smith
Navy Board February 28th 1779—

Cap't Tho's Smith
Sir,

the Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Immediately apply to Mr. Edward Shrewsberry— for the Length of the Masts and Yards, that the Sails may be made for the South Edisto Galley, which is now fitting by him and which you are appointed Captain off, and that you do attend and Hurry the Carpenters all in your power— And that no delay may happen for want of hands to Compleat the Riging &c. [break] Commissioners Direct that you do Immediately Ship all y'[break] officers and Ten Men to Serve as Seamen for Six Months which is the Time you are to Enlist all your Men for, And to every Man Enlisting as above you are to pay Thirty Dollar[break] Bounty on his signing the Articles The Commissioners will furnish you with Money for that purpose— You are Immediately to make out proper Indents of all the Stores of every kind that you may want to Compleat and fitt said Galley for service, which Indent you are to Deliver to Mr. Daniel Smith Com-
missary for the Naval Department who has Orders to furnish the same without Loss of time—

By Order of the Board

Edwd Blake first Commiss'f

A Letter to Mr. Danl Smith Commissary—

Mr. Danl Smith

Navy Board February 28th 1779.

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Naval Department Direct that you do furnish Capt'n. Thomas Smith of the South Edisto Galley and Capt'n John Turner of the Eagle pilot boat with all such provisions and stores as may be wanted to fitt said Vessels for Service and that you direct the Different Blockmakers to make a Number of Six, Eight, Nine and Ten Inch Blocks for the different Galleys now fitting out, and that you also Engage Cables and Cordage to Supply said Vessels with, that no delay may Happen for want of any Article after the Carpenters are done with them

Danl Smith Esq'.

By Order of the Board

Commiss'f for Naval

Department...

A Letter to Mr. Samuel Beekman—

Mr. Saml Beekman

Navy Board February 28th 1779

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board are in Immediate want of a Compleat Sett of Blocks for the New Brigg now on the Stocks at the State Ship Yard (late Cochran's) they desire that you will with all possible dispatch Furnish said Blocks, And as there is a Necessity for fitting said Vessel for Immediate service with Dispatch, the Commissioners request that you will set a side all private work untill you have finished what may be wanted to Compleat said Brigg, as soon as the work is Compleated the Board will Order Immediate payment

M't.Saml Beekman & Co—

By Order of the Board

Edwd Blake first Commiss'f

A Letter to Capt'n. William Hall—

Navy Board 1st March 1779—

Sir/

The' Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do with all possible Dispatch get the Brigg Notre Dame Compleatly fitted and Manned to proceed on a Cruize, and in Order to Encourage Seamen to Enter into the Service of the State the Bounty is Advanced to Thirty Dollars for every able Seaman that may Enlist for Six Months, the Commissioners recommend that you do Exert yourself
all in your power to get said Brigg ready, as the service of the State at this time requires it—

By Order of the Board

Cap't. Willm Hall

Resolved that Three Negroes purchased by Mr. Paul Pritchard from Waring Esq., be for the use of the State Ship Yard at Hobcaw, and that the first Commissioner do Join in Bond with Mr. Pritchard for payment of the purchase Money for the said Three Negroes—

By Order of the Board

Edw'd Blake first Commiss'r

Mr. William Birt made application to the Board by Letter Directed to the first Commissioner to Become Clerk of the Navy Board in the place of John Calvert who has Resigned— The Board took Mr. Birts Application into Consideration and he was thereupon Sworn in, Clerk to the said Board—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in fav' of—

John Calvert for Amo's. of the Notre Dames pay'd bill to the 20th Febr. 1779 being 4 Months.$5151.6

White & Doughty for 33 Bbls Tarr sold the Commissary a 12

Tho's Corbett for 400 w't Shott...ditto..a 15/.

Willm Selthridge his acco't as Boat keeper to 17th

Jan'y—

James Bricken for Langrace & Sundrys for the Rattle Snake

$6241.13.6

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 5 oClock—

1Here ends the fourth of the small books in which the journal was kept, and here also end the entries by John Calvert. There is a break in the journal to Thursday, July 22, 1779. The next of the small books in which the original journal was kept, and which had been bound in with the other four by the New York authorities, was a little larger than the first four, and the fire burned it so deeply on the back that the stitching all came out, and when it was received from New York it was impossible to tell whether it had begun where Calvert's journal had left off and the part between March 1, and July 22, had been lost as a consequence of the fire, or whether that part of the journal had been kept in another small book that had never been acquired by New York.
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