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PREFACE.

That portion of the journal of the Commissioners of the Navy of South Carolina contained in this volume is a part of the records of the Commissioners of the Navy of South Carolina which were returned to the State of South Carolina by an Act of the General Assembly of New York in 1911. That portion of the journal covering the period from October 9, 1776 (the date of the organization of the board of Commissioners of the Navy) to March 1, 1779, was printed in one volume by the Historical Commission of South Carolina in 1912. That portion of the journal between March 1, and July 22, 1779, has been lost. The journal had been kept in five or six thin blank books. The authorities of the State Library of New York had all of the thin volumes in their possession bound into one volume and stated before the fire of March 29, 1911, which partially destroyed the State capitol of New York, that five of them had been so bound together. This volume was so badly burned in the capitol fire that when it was received in South Carolina it was impossible to tell whether the missing portion of the journal had formed a part of the fifth of these thin blank books and had become separated therefrom and lost at the time of the fire, or had been kept in a sixth thin blank book which had been separated from its fellows and lost prior to the coming of the records into the possession of the State of New York.

The thin blank book in which this portion of the journal was kept is a little larger than the four in which the journal was kept to March 1, 1779, and, as a consequence, the margins thereof suffered more damage than did those of the first four books.
Thursday 22 July 1779
Present Edward Blake Esq
Josiah Smith & Edward Darrell Esqrs.—

The following orders was drawn on the Treasury in favour of [word obliterated] following Persons—

William Logan Esq. for hire of the Sloop Sally on a Voyage to St. Eustatia, in the Public Service
Mresses Blakes & Sawyer for hire of Sloop Argo on a Voyage to St. Eustatia, in the Public Service
Mr. Joseph Atkinson, for hire of Sloop Fancy, on a Voyage to St. Eustatia in the Public Service
John Minott for 48 days hire of Negro Man Charles & his Acco for the Battoes
Paid by W Burt, Charles Day, for 48 days work on Battoes & his Acco
Wm. Burt for Amot. of Pay Bill for Volunteers on board the Brigg
Wm. Burt for Amot. of Pay Bill for the Eagle
Cap. Benj. Stone for Amot. of the Pay Bill for Sloop Rachel, in the Public Service
Wm. Burt for Amot. of the Pilot boat, Crisis pay Bill

Amot Bro. Over

Saml. Beckman & Co for Amot. of his Acco for Sundries

A Note from His Excellency the Governour
General Lincoln having requested a Pilot Boat to Send with a flagg to Sevannah, The Commissioners of the Navy will order one of the Pilot Boats (if to be Spared) to proceed on that Service

(Signd) J. Rutledge

To July 22nd. 1779

Edw. Blake Esq. 1st. Commrs. of the Navy

A Letter to His Excell'y John Rutledge Esq'.

Sir/ Navy Board July 22nd 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy have received your Excellency's note informing them that Genl. Lincoln has Aquested a pilot boat to goe with a flagg to Sevannah and desiring them to Order one for that Service, and begg leave to Acquaint your excellency
that they think it would be better to provide a Nother Vessell for that Purpose as the Branch Pilots, not receiving any pay, think it a hardship to be Ordered on Service that put them out of the way of procuring Subsistence and at the same time think it may be of bad Tendency, on acco* of the Negro Pilots being liable to be inveigled from the Boats and got into the Enemys Service; for the above reasons the Board begg leave to Recommend that a nother Vessel be Employed for the Service of a [break]lagg——

By Order of the Board
E. Blake 1st [break]

Adjourned to Monday Morning

Monday 26., July 1779——
Present Edward Blake Esq*. 1st Commr.,
Josiah Smith & Edward Darrell Esqrs.——

A Letter to Capt*, James Pyne
Navy Board 26th., July 177[break]

Capt*, James Pyne

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct th[break] you do Immediately bring to Charlestown the Rutledge Galley and take on board water and Provisions for 2 Months and have the Galley in readiness to proceed on Service on the Shortest Not[break]

By Order of the Board
E. Blake 1st, Comm[break]

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury, in favour these Person’s Viz*.

Wm*, Burt for Amo* of the Pay Bill for the] £804.16[break] Prison Schooner Pack Horse $9 pay Bill dl’d. .
John Hardy for Amo* of his Acco* against the Prison Schooner 277 [break]
Richd*. Fordham, for Amo* of his Acco* against the Brigg* Bee 1554.10 [break]
Monsure Lator for Amo* of his Acco* . . for] 484.3 [break] Doctrs*. Instruments for the Revenge Galley——
John Hugel for Amo* of his Acco* . . for work at] 247——
the State Ship yard
Joseph Bee. for Amo* of his Acco* for the Rutledge & revenge Galleys 1514 [break]
A Letter of Instructions to Cap'n Wm Hall

Sir/ The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Embrace the first favourable Opportunity to proceed to Sea in the Notre Dame, in Company with the Brigg. Beaufort, and that you do furnish Cap'n. Tryon with proper Signals to prevent your being Seperated during the Cruize, which you are to be particularly careful not to do, unless obliged by Stress of weather or a Superior Force of the Enemy, as soon as you get over Charleston Barr, you are to proceed with all possible dispatch to Georgetown and there take under your Convoy a Vessel Called the Rice Bird, with her you are to proceed in Company with the Beaufort, with all possible Dispatch, for Charlestown Barr; and by no means Suffer the Beaufort, or rice Bird to Seperate from you till you see the Rice Bird safe over Charlestown Barr, after which you are to Cruize in Company with the Beaufort, along the Coast not Exceeding Eight days, during which time you are to take sink, Burn, or distroy any Vessels or goods belonging to any of the Subjects of the King of Great Britain except such as belong to Bermuda or New Providence, should you be so fortunate as to take any prizes you are to be particularly careful to put a proper Person on board as prize Master, with a Sufficient num[break] to Navigate her with orders to proceed to Charles-
town, or some other porte of South Carolina, and not to [break] of
the Provisions and [break] to be wasted or Extravagantly Expended,
and that all the officers make regular returns to you agreeable to
your former Instructions, you are to Endeavour by every means in
your power to Cultivate Harmony and good order among the
Officers and Crew as soon as your Cruize, is Ended you are to Call
of Charlestown Barr, and Advise the Commissioners by Letter by
the Pilot boat of every Circumstance worth Communicating during
the Cruize and by no means leave the Vessel yourself or Suffer any
of [break] Officers or men to goe on shore till you receive Orders
from the Board

By order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comr

A Letter of Instructions to Capt. Wm. Tryon
Captn. Wm Tryon
Sir/
The Brigantine Beaufort being Clean and well
fitted having her Compliment of men provitions and water on board
The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Embrace
the first good Opportunity and proceed to Sea in Company with the
Brig Del Notre Dame, and that you do Continue to keep Company with
and by no means Seperate from her during the Cruize, before you
sail over Charlestown Barr, you are to Call on Capt. Hall for proper
Signals, which you are to pay due attention to, to prevent Sepera-
tions, you are to Obey all Orders from Capt. Hall as Commanding
Officers, as soon as you get Over Charlestown Barr you are to pro-
ceed in Company with the Notre Dame for Georgetown, and there
take under your Convoy a Vessel Called the rice Bird, with her you
are to proceed in Company with the Notre Dame with all possible
dispatch for Charlestown Barr, after which you are to Continue to Cruize with the
Notre Dame, along the Coast not Exceeding Eight days [break] which time you are to take Sink Burn or destroy any [break] belonging to the King of Great Britain [break] you be so fortunate [break] Careful and put a proper person on board as prize [break] Number of men to Navigate her, with orders to proceed to Charles[break] or Some Inlet in the State of South Car-
olina, and not to plunder or abu[break] any prisoners but treat them
with the Greatest humanity and [break] you are to Endeavour all
in your power to Cultivate Harmony and good Order Among the Officers and Crew, and to Cause all your Officers to Carry a Steady and regular Command, and se that no provisions or Stores be wasted or wantonly Expended, and to Cause all your warrant officers to make Just and regular returns of all Stores Expended during the Cruize, and of all remaining on board at the End of every Month, at the End of the Cruize you are to Come of Charlestown Barr, and to advise the Commissioners by Letter, by the Pilot boat of every Occurrence worth Communicating during the Cruize, and by no means leave the Vessel yourself or Suffer any Officer or men to goe on shore till you receive Orders from the Board.

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm

A Letter to Capt. Willm Hall
Capt. Wm Hall—
Navy Board 28 July 1779

Sir/

There being forty Barrels of pork in the Hands of Mr. Wm. Cole Merch. in George Town, which he purchased sometime since for the use of the Navy, you are hereby directed to receive the Same from him and to have it brought round here, either in the Schooner Rice Bird (if she has room for it) or to have it divided on board the Brigg. Notre Dame and Beaufort, Say twenty Barrels in each Vessell

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm—

[Break of half a line] Excellency John R [break]
[Break] Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to Acquaint Your Excellency that the three Gallies, are Nearly Complated by the Carpenters, but that no Captns, is yet Appointed for them, nor is [break] Possible to get men to Enter for them Vessels on the wages allowed by the State, The Commissioners of the Navy Board begg leave to recommend to your Excellency that the men Serving on board any Gal[break] in the Service of this State be allowed Seventy pounds $ Month and One hundred Dollars Bounty on their Signing Articles to Serve Six Months, and That the Captns, and Officers of the Galleys should all[break] have their wages Advanced, as they have no Chance of taking any Prizes, & must depend wholly on their wages for their Own and fami[break] Subsistance

By Order of the Board
E. Blake, 1st Comm[break]
A Letter to Capt. Thomas Smith

Capt., Thomas Smith  Navy Board Aug. 3rd 1779

Sir,

The Commissioners of the Navy Board

Inform you That you are appointed to the Command of the

Galley now in the hands of Mr. David Hambleton and Direct that

you do have said Galley properly rigged and fitted with all possible

Dispatch so as to be ready for any Service on Shortest Notice, and

that you do recommend to the Board proper fit persons, for

Officers, and Engage as many men to Serve on board her or any

other Vessell in the Navy of this State (for Six Months) as you

possibly can, on the Same terms you Enlisted Men for the South

Edisto Galleys with a promise if the Governor should order the

wages to be advanced, to Seventy pounds $2$ which the

Commissioners of the Navy Board have recommended $3$ done,

that they shall be allowed the Same, in the mean time $4$ Delay may happen, The Commissioners direct that you $5$ a few

hands on the best terms you can to get the V


Cap. John Hardy

Sir,

The Commissioners of the $6$ that you
do have the Pack Horse Prison Vessel under you $7$ Immediately removed into the Middle of the River nearly opp to the Exchange and have her well moored and that you do hire hands for that purpose on the best terms you can, and as soon as the Vessell is properly moored that you report to the board

By Order of the board

Copy of the above wrote to Capt. Daniel E. Blake 1st. Commr—
Rhoads of the Prison Brigg Salley & Cap. Andrew Rogers of the Prison Ship Earl of Chester

A Note from His Excellency The Governour

The Commissioners of the Navy will be pleased to Order the Prison Vessels removed into the Stream of Cooper River, furnished with the hands required by the Commissary of Prisoners on the best

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2The top of the page, containing the beginning of this letter, with its heading, was burnt off.
terms they can be procured— Captns. . . to Sleep on board Every Night

(Signed) J Rutledge

(this order to be Copyed before the Letter to)

Augt. 4th 1779—

Cap't Hardy

A Letter to Cap't Stephen Devaul

Navy Board 9th Augt. 1779

Cap't. Stephen Devauull

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy board direct that you do take the Charge of the Crissis Pilot boat, with all Stores belonging to Said boat Agreeable to Inventory di'd Cap't Turner, and that you have a Strict watch kept on board her

By Order of the board

E Blake 1st Comm't

Edw'd Blake p'd. Cap't Benj'n. Ford two hundred & forty Eight Dollars. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . £390. . . —

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[Break] Navy Board [break]

[Break] Commissioners of the Navy, direct that you do Imm[break] make a report to the Board of the State and Conditi[break] of the Rutledge Galley, under your Command, the Number of [break] and Officers belonging to her, and the Reasons why you cannot procure Seamen

By Order of the Board

E. Blake 1st. . . Comm[break]

Copy of the above wrote to

Cap't. Sisk, Cap't Boitar

Cap't Tho's Smith, Cap't. Benj'n. Ford, of the Other Galleys—

A Letter to His Excellency the Governour

Sir/

Navy Board 16 Augt.— [break]

The Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to Inf[break] your Excellency that they are greatly in want of Cordage, Canvas and Other Stores for the use of the Navy Department, which Arti [break] cannot be purchased at any price in this State, they there-fore begg leave to recommend to your Excellency that liberty be giv[break] to Export about three hundred Barrels of Rice to the
West Indies to Import Such Necessary Articles as the Commissioners may direct for the use of that Department

By Order of the boa[break]
E Blake 1st. Comm[break]

His Excellency the Governour

A Letter from His Excellency the Governour

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy May Export three hundred Barrels of Rice, as they desire for the Purpose mentioned in your Letter.

Your most Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) J Rutledge
Wednesday Morn[break]

An Order was Drawn on the Treasury in favor [break of a word or two at the end of the line, and of a line or two at the bottom of the page where burned.]

A Letter to [break]
Cap't. John Hardy

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy [break] that you do Immediately Carry the Schooner Pack Horse to Hobcaw and there have her graved, and Cleaned with all possible Dispatch and then Immediately bring her Back to Charlestown, and take on board Such Prisoners, as the Commissary of Prisoners may Direct

An Order was drawn on the Treasury By Order of the Board in favour of Tho's Smith for 'a mast Supplied the Notre Dame, at Georgetown...£162.10/...—

An Order to Mr Paul Pritchard

Mr Paul Pritchard
Navy Board Aug't. 21st. 1779

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy board Direct that you do Immediately Clean & Grave the Schooner Pack Horse — —

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Comm'
A Letter to Captn Wm Hall

Captn Wm Hall

Sir,

Your Letter in the Pilot Boat, Just came to hand in Answer thereto you are to Continue to Cruze in Company with the Brigg Beaufort, agreeable to your Orders deliverd from the board; the Commissioners have only to recommend that you do not Seperate from the Beaufort, nor Suffer Captn Tryon to Seperate from you, on any Account what ever— and that you keep so close to the Land along the Shore, as to prevent being cut off by any Superior force and that you do Stretch a Long the Shore, to the S. ward as far as North Edisto, and Endeavour all in your power to take or distroy two small boats which are hovering in and about the mouth of that Inlett— You are to be particularly carefull not to Venture too near to any Ship, till you are well Satisfied of her Strength as the Ariel 20 Gunn Ship has been Seen Cruzing off this Barr, Someti[n] after Cruzing along the Shore, the time limited in your for you are to hove of the Barr, and Advize the [break of word or two at bottom of page]

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Navy Board 24 Aug— 1779

A Letter to Captn Wm. Tryon

Captn Wm. Tryon

Sir,

In your Instructions from the Navy Board you was directed to advise the Commissioners by every Oppertunity, of every Occurrence, worth Communicating du[n] the Cruize, they are Surprized that so little regard has been [break] to that part of their Orders, the Commissioners of the Navy board direct that you do Continue to Cruze along the Shore agreea[n] to your former directions, and that you Obey all orders rec[n] from Captn Hall; during the Cruze as Commanding Officer and that you do not by any means Seperate from the Notre Dame, unless obliged by Stress of weather or to avoid being Captured by a Supe[rior] force and at the End of the Cruze advise the Commissioners by Letter the State of the Beaufort and of every Occurrence during the Cruize——

By Order of the Board

E. Blake 1st Comm[n]
A Note to His Excellency the Governour

Navy Board Augt— [break]

Edw'd. Blake presents his Compliments to his Excellency the Governour and Acquaints him that the Notre Dame & Beaufort are the Barr, and will be glad of his Excellency's Directions to Order them into port or Continue to Cruize on the Coast twelve or fourteen days longer, EB is of Opinion it will be to the advantage of the State for them to remain Cruizing, as Number of Vessels belonging to Charlestown, is Expected Different Ports in the Course of that time—

A Note from His Excell[en]y the Governour

Sir

Be pleased to Give Orders, for the Notre Dame Cruizing as you Propose, the bottom of the page being burnt]

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Navy [break]

Mr. Wm Saltridge—

Sir/

You are Immediately to send to the Yard at Cochran's all Such public boats as want any repa or to be Cleaned that they may be put in good Order and be ready for any Service when wanted—

By Order of the board

E Blake rst. Comm'.

A Letter to Cap't. Wm Hall

Cap't. Wm. Hall

Navy Board 30th. augt— 79

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Continue to Cruize with the Brigg 'Notre Dame in Company with the Brigg, Beaufort, in Such Station as directed in your former Orders, untill the 12 day of Sept. next unless Obliged to put into port Sooner, by Stress of weather, or to avoid being Captured by a Superior force of the Enemy, you are not by any means to part with the Beaufort, nor Suffer her to part from you if it can possibly be avoided, and as there is great reason to Expect a Number of Vessels from the West Indies in the Course of ten days you
are therefore to keep a good lookout for them, and give every assistance in your power to get them Safe into port, you are also to give the Earliest Intelligence, of the appearance of any fleet on the Coast and of any Intelligence worth Communicating.

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm=

[Top line of page burnt off]
[Break] Cap't. Wm Tryon
Navy Board 30th aug't. 1779

Cap't— Wm Tryon

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Continue to Cruize with the Brigg Beaufort, in Company with the Notre Dame in Such Station as directed in your former Orders, untill the twelfth day of Septem'. Next, and that you do not by any means Seperate from the Notre Dame, unless forced by Stress of weather, or to avoid being Captured by an Enemy of Superior force, and that you do Obey all Orders you may receive from Cap't. Hall during the Cruize as Commanding Officer.

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm[break]

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Copy of [break of half a line]

Representatives the 31. Day of August 1779

Resolved, That the Pay of the Officers and Seamen of the Several Galleys in the Service of this State, in future, be as follows that is to Say—

The Captain four Dollars $\&$ day and two Dollars for his Table
The Lieutenants three dollars $\&$ day
The Doctor
The Master
The Boatswain
The Gunner
The Purser
The Carpenter
\{ Sixty Dollars $\&$ Month \}
The Seamen Forty five Dollars $\&$ Month Each

Resolved, That the Sum of one Hundred Dollars be allowed and paid as a Bounty, to each and Every warrant and petty Officer and
able Seaman, who shall Enlist to Serve on board the Said Galleys for the Term of Six Months——
Resolved, that there be allowed and paid for the Hire of Twenty able Bodied Negroe Men, to be Employed on board each of the Said Galleys, The Sum of forty Dollars $^2$ Month each, That the Said Negroes be duly Appraised and Valued when taken into the Service, And that Satisfaction be made to the Proprietors of Such of the Said Negroes as may be maimed killed or Captured by the Enemy while Employed in the Said Service,—
Resolved that this house will make Provision for Defraying the Expenses that may be Incurred in Consequence of the foregoing Resolution
Ordered, That the foregoing Resolutions be Sent to the Honorable the Senate for their Concurrence——

By Order of the House
Tho$^s$ Farr, Spea

In the Senate 1$^a$. Sept$^r$. 1779
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[Break of half a line] be returned to the House of Representatives,

By Order of the House
Ch$^8$– Pinckney President

A Letter to Dan$^l$. Smith Esq$^r$—

Sir

Navy Board Sept$^r$. 4$^th$. 1779—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Immediately on Receipt of this, Contract with Mr. Dorsius & Mr. Bellemy to Supply the Navil Department with twenty thou[break] Pounds weight of Ship Bread, to be baked with all possible Dispa [break] the whole to be deliverd by a Certain day; and that you do Immedi[break] Purchase from Cap$^t$. Buckle or any Other person as much Cordage [break] will be Necessary to Compleat all the Gal-

By Order of the B[break].

E. Blake, 1$^a$ Comm$^r$:
A Letter to Cap't. James Pyne

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct, that you do Immediately on rec* of this, Endeavour by Every means in your Power, to Enlist Seamen and able bodied Negroe Men to Serve on board the Rutledge Galley for Six Months, and that you allow One Hundred Dollars Bounty to every able Bodied Seaman and forty [break] dollars ♢ Month, and for every able Bodied Negro man forty Dollars ♢ Month, the Negro to be appraised, and the Owner to be Set[break] in the Value, in Case of being killed Captured or maimed by the Enem[break] The Commissioners also direct that you do with all possible Dis[break] have the Rutledge Compleatly fitted, and ready for Immediate [break]

By Order of the Bo[break]
E. Blake 1s [break]

Copy of the above wrote to the following Captns:

A Note from the [break]
The Governour Requests that Cap't. Blake will give the Necessary Orders to the Rice Bird, The Beaufort & Notre Dame and the [break] Vessells going to Join the French Fleet

Saturday 4th Sept°. 1779

A Letter to Cap't Wm Hall

Cap't. Wm. Hall

Navy Board 4 Sept° 1779

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Naval Department direct that you do Immediately proceed with the Notre Dame in Company with the Beaufort as farr to the Southward as Georgia and Join Count D Easting fleet and put yourself under his directions while he remains on that Coast in Order the Better to Enable you to Execute this Order the Commissary has Sent you a Supply of Provisions by the Rice Bird—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm'r—
A Letter to Capt Wm Tryon—
Capt. Wm. Tryon
Navy Board 4th Septr. 1779
Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Immediately proceed with the Briggt. Beaufort in Company with the Notre Dame as farr to the S°. ward as Georgia and their Join Count DeEastang fleet and follow any directions you may receive from him while on that Coast, and to Enable you to Execute this Order the Commrs— has Sent a Supply of Provisions by the Schooner Rice Bird.

By Order of the Board
E Blake first Commr.

A Letter to Capt. Poinsett of the Schooner Rice Bird
Sir/
Navy Board 5 Septr. 1779—

With the Schooner Rice Bird under your Command you are to Proceed with all Possible Dispatch to the S°.ward in Quest of the french fleet and as soon as you Join Count DeEstang you are to follow his directions [break] he may want the use of the Rice Bird, after which you are to make [break] your way Back to Charlestown if on your way you should fall [break of three or four words] Dame & Beaufort you are to deliver the Proviti[break]
[A line or two burnt off at the bottom of the page]

[Break] Capt. Stephen DeVauill
[Break] DeVauill
Navy Board 4 Sept [break]
Sir/

By the Particular request of the Governour the Commissions of the Navy Board direct that you do Immediately proceed to Sea with the Pilot Boat under your Command and Carry Such of the Pilotts which are going to the french fleet as you can Immediately Collect and put them on board the french frigatt which is now in the offin in Sight of the Town, and bring on Shore Such Officers as may want to Come with dispatches for the Govern[break] or Councill—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Comm[break]
To the Pilotts Going to the French Fleet  
Navy Board 4th Sep[break]

Gentlemen  

One of the French Frigatts being now in Sight of the Barr, Probably Came for the Express purpose of Procuring Pilotts for the fleet— The Comissioners of the Navy Board request that you hold yourselves in readiness to go on board her on the Shortest Notice Such Gentlemen as chuse to proceed in Either of [break] Pilott Boats, or in the Schooner Rice Bird may do So— But the Comissioners Recommend it as the Safest as well as the Quickest Passage to goe in the Frigatt—

By Order of the Board  
E Blake 1st Comm[break]

To Messrs. Cap't. Tucker, Minott, Stone &C—

A Letter to Cap't. John Addison 4 Sept'. 1779—  
Cap't. John Addison

Sir/  
The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do proceed with all possible dispatch with the Schooner G[break] Moultrie under your Command to the Southward and Ende[break] by Every means in your Power to Join the french fleet, and p[break] yourself under the directions of Count DeEstang during his [break] to the S°.ward as soon as he has done with you you are to.[break] of your way to Ch°.town—

By Order of the Boar[break]  
E [break]

This Note to be Copyed after this Letter¹

E Blake present his Complyments to his Excellency the Governour and Acquaints him that Addison Schooner will be ready to proceed to the Fleet in two Hours, if your Excellency think proper to have her Sent E B will give Orders—  
She is a fine Schooner for the purpose and he a Very Active Skilful Man—

By all Means—²

An Order was [break of half a line] Wm. Burt for Am't: of the Pay Bill of the [break of two or three words] Galley Cap't. Boitar.—

¹The original note is pasted to the page.  
²This in the handwriting of Governor Rutledge.
A Letter of Instructions to Cap't. Boitard

Cap't. Marshal Boitard                              Navy Board 8 Sept. . . . 1779—

Sir/ The Lee Galley being now fitted Victuled & Manned
and ready to proceed on a Cruize, The Commissioners of the Navy
Board, direct that you do Embrace the first fair wind and proceed
with all possible dispatch to Count DeEstang's Fleet, and on your
arrival their Acquaint him that you are Directed, by this Board to
Obey any Orders he may give you which Orders you are to
Endeavour by Every means in your Power to Carry Into Execution;
As soon as the Count Informs you that he has no further use for
the Galley you are to make the best of your way into S°. Edisto Inlet
and their Cruize for the Protection of the Inland Trade, Till you
Receive further Orders from this Board, during the whole of your
Cruize you are to Endeavour by every means in your Power to take
Burn Sink or distroy any Vessels or goods Belonging to the King
of Great Brittain or any of his Subjects, But by no means Suffer
any of your Officers or men to goe on Shore Either in this State or
Georgia to Plunder or Distress any of the Inhabitants, But Such as
are well known to be Enemys to the Cause of America and in that
Case you are not to Suffer any of your People to dispose off or Con-
ceal any Articles whatever till such things have been regularly Con-
demned in a Court of admirallity you are to be particularly Carefull
of all provisions and Stores and that none be wasted or Extrava-
gantly Expended, and that the Prop[break]officers keep Exact
Accounts, and make regular Returns to y[break] Stores Expended,
which Return you are to lay before the [break of three or four
words] pay Bill will be allowed [break of six or seven words] from Ch*.
town you are to draw on the Board for Payment, taking care to
send Certificates of every Article so Purchased and draw for, and
your drafts Shall be duly Honoured—

By Order of the Boar[break]

E Blake 1st Comm[break]

Copy of foregoing Instructions wrote
to Cap't. Corvaizer of the Galley Marquest of
Brittany

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of the following
Cap[break]
Cap't. James Pyne. for two thousand Dollars..................£3250.
Cap't. William Sisk for two thousand Doll$................ 3250.
Cap't. Benj* Ford. . for two thousand..d°.................. 3250—
8th,, Sept*. 1779——

£9750.
Copy of a Note to Capt. Benj'n Ford

Capt. Ford is directed by the Commissioners of the Navy Board to deliver to Capt. Pyne or Sisk all the Men that belong to his Galley to Serve on board Either of them Galleys during the Short Service they are now going on. By Order of the Boa[break]
9 Septr. 1779 E Blake 1st Comm[break]

A Letter to Mr. Paul Pritchard

Navy Board 10th Sept [break]

Mr. Paul Pritchard

Sir/ The Commissary is in want of a Num'r. of Oars for Boats & Schooners, and the Commissioners of [break]
Navy Board Direct that 25 pair be Immediately prepa[break] and Sent to Town and Deliverd to Mr Dan'l Smith—

By Order of [break] E Blake [break]

A Letter [break]

Capt. James Pyne

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do proceed on the Rutledge Galley of which you are Capt'n. with all possible dispatch to the Southward in Serch of the Enemy and use every means in your Power to take or distroy any of the Enemys Vessels or Boats, where ever they may be found, you are by Every Opportunity to Acquaint Count DeEstang of your Situation and to desire his directions how to proceed with the Galley, and endeavour by every means in your power to Carry into Execution all Orders Rec'd, from him—

Should you not receive orders from Count DeEstang, and General Lincoln, or the Commanding Officer of the American Army, should require any Immediate Service from you you are to receive his orders, and Endeavour all in your power to Execute them with Resolution and Dispatch, you are to act on every Occasion in Conjunction with the Revenge, unless orderd by Count DeEstang or the Commanding Officer of the American Army on Separate duty you are as Senior officer to deliver to Capt' Sisk Orders in writing, whenever you have Occasion to send him on any Duty, and you are to be Particularly Carefull of all the Stores and provisions that none be wasted or Extravagantly Expended and you
are to advise the Commissioners of Every Occurrence worth Communicating during your Cruze, and Should you have Occasion for any fresh Provisions for the use of the Galleys you are to Purchase it and Draw on the Board for the amount which Draft will be duly honoured. You are not on any pretence whatever to Suffer any Officer or Men to goe on Shore out of either of the Galleys to Plunder or take anything from any of the Inhabitants of this State or Georgia, unless Such as are well known to be Enemys American Cause and in that Case you are not to Suffer any offi [break] or make away with anything till Regularly [break] [Bottom line burned off]

[Break] to Capt Wm Sisk
Navy Board 10th. Sept. 1779

[Name illegible]

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do proceed in the Revenge Galley, of which you are Cap [break] with all possible dispatch to the Seward in Serch of the Enemy, and [break] every means in your power to take or destroy any of the Enemys Ves[break] or Boats wherever they may be found, you are by every Opportunity to Acquaint Count DeEstang of your Situation, and to desire his directions how to proceed with the Galley, and Endeavour by Every Means, in your Power, to Carry into Execution all Orders reed. from [break] Should you not receive Orders from Count DeEstang, and Genl Lincoln, or the Commanding Officer of the American Army, should require any Immediate Service from you, you are to receive [break] Orders and Endeavour all in your Power to Execute them with Resolution & Dispatch, you are to Act on Every Occasion in Conju[break] with the Rutledge Galley, unless orderd by Count DeEstang or the Commanding Officer of the American Army, on Seperate duty and you are to Obey all Orders from Cap't. Pine, as Senior Officer, and you are to be particularly Carefull of all the Stores & provisions that none may be wasted or Extravagantly Expended, and you are to ad[break] the Commissioners of every Occurrence Worth Communicating during your Cruze, and Should you have Occasion for any fresh Provisio[break] for the use of the Galley you are to Purchase it and draw on the [break] Board for the amount, which draft will be duly Honoured you are not on any Pretence whatever to Suffer any Officer or men [break] goe on Shore out of your Galley to Plunder
or take anything from any Inhabitant of this State or Georgia, unless such as are known to be Enemies to the American Cause, and in [break] are not to Suffer any Officer or men, to Sell or make way [break] thing till Regular Condemned in a Court of admiralty

By Order of the B [break]
E [break]

A Letter [break]
Mr. Paul Pritchard

Sir,

In the late Gale of wind Count DeEstang's Ship had her Rudder hurt and is in want of Timber to make a New One also Timber to make three or four other Rudders for Ships of the Line—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Request that you do Supply all the undermentioned Timber with all Possible dispatch as the safety of the Ships greatly depend on your Exertion in this Matter

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Commr

1 Peice 42 feet 8 Inches long
   2 feet 1½ In Square Oak
2 Pieces 35 feet Long—13 Inch Square—Oak
1 P. 37. d. 4 Inches long 1 feet 7½ In Square, Pine
2 p. 37. d. 4 In. long 1 feet 9 1/3 In Square. Oak
1 p. 32 feet long...1 feet 4 In Square, Pine
1 p. 30 feet Long—10 2/3 In Square. Oak
1 p. 52 feet Long —— 2 feet 2 In diameter for a bow Spritt
1 p. 59 feet long ......20 Inches Diameter. for a d°
1 p. 80 feet long. 17 Inches in the Slings, for a yard
1 p. Pine 77 feet long 20 Inches for a Jyboom for the longua Dock
1 p. Oak 15 feet long 15 Inches Square for an anchor Stock—

A Letter to Cap. Wm. Hall
Cap. Wm. Hall Navy Board Sept 11th. 1779

Sir,

The Commissioners of the Navil Department Direct that you do Immediately Proceed to Sea in the Notre Dame, with all Possible dispatch, and Endeavour to Join Count DeEastings fleet, which is now of the Coast of Georgia, as soon as you Join the
French Fleet you are to wait on the Commanding Officer, and Receive Orders from Him Respecting your Duty which Orders you are Punctually to Obey, As soon as Count DeEstang Shall acquaint you, that he has no further Service for the Notre Dame, you are to Proceed with all Possible dispatch for Charlestown—during your Cruize you are to advise the Commissioners by every Opportunity of Every Occurrence worth Communicating—

By Order of the Board

E. Blake 1st. Com".

A Letter to Mr David Edgar

Mr. David Edgar

Navy Board 13th Sept. [break]

Sir/

Youll please remove from the Ship y[break] all the Tools & Ct. that belong to the Public, and have them Delivered to the Commissary for the Navil Department as soon [break] Possible, and deliver to Cap. Cochran the Yard & Such S[break] as were hired from him—

By Order of the Board

E. Blake 1st. Com 1[break]

Two slips of paper, containing the following memoranda, were pasted to the page containing the two foregoing letters:

We the Subscribers being Called upon by Capt. Thos—Buckle to value two Negro Men Named Bacchus & Pomp'y both good Coopers to be taken in the sea Service on Board of the Ship Bricole Capt. David Lockwood

Charles 16th 1780
town

Do give our opinion that the above two Negroes Named Bacchus & Pompey are worth Twenty thousand pounds Current Money of So. Carolina each.—

E. North

Chs.town So Carolina 16th Feb 1780

Daniel Smith

1780

To Anthy Jnº Kosskey

March 10 To making one Gallows for

the row galley 22ts@£13.£286.0.0.

Endorsed: John Koskey

Acco—
Navy Board Wednesday [break]

Extra Meeting—

Present Edw d. Blake Esq. 1st. Comm—

Josiah Smith & Edw d. Darrell Esq—

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

Wm., Trusler for amo. of 3 Beef acco ts., Viz—

the Notre Dames acco. £384. Rattle Snake £87—10/,

Public £45———— £516.10. ——

Wm. Burt for Amo. of Tryall's Pilot Boats pay Bill £1050—

do.—do. for Pay Bill of Prison Brigg s. Sally—681.15/ £1731—15—

do.—do. for Amo. of the Pay Bill of So Edisto Galley—2761—14—6

Cap t.. Benj.. Tucker, for 169 Oznab s Frock &

Trousers @ £30 5070. —— ——

James Bricken for Amo. of his Acco. against the So.

Edisto Galley 420—10—

Ruth—Stone & Wm. Croskey for 2 Negroes bought by

Paul Pritchard 6310. ——

Blakes & Sawyer, for Amo. of their Acco ts. for Rum

& Rice—— ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— 2380.——

£19190..9 ——6

Blakes & Sawyer for a hhd Rum 118 Gs @£46,

(order drawn 30 July) 5428. ——

The following Advertisement was Put in Messrs. Wells & Timo thy's Gazetts

All Persons having any Demands against the Commissioners of the Navy, are Desired to deliver in their Accounts Properly Attested by the [break]th day of October Next to Wm Burt, Clerk of the Navy Board

Adjourned to Thursday Afternoon [break]

[Break]y Board Thursday 16 Septem— 1779.

[Break] Meeting

Present Edward Blake Esq— first Com[break]

Josiah Smith & Edw d Darrell Esq—

The following orders were drawn on the Treasury for in favour of [break] Following Persons—Viz t. .
To Francis Kinloch Esq.— for the Schooner Watboo) £25.00.
To Wm. Stone for amo1 of his Acco1 for Bringing down Wraggs Schooner, &c
To Fardo & Galliard for Amo1 of theiracco1s. for boards, dl'd David Hambleton & Acco1. dl'd.
To Jacob Boomer for Amo1 of 15 Beef acco1s. & acco1 dl'd.
To Wm., Burt...for Amo1 of the Revenge Galleys, Volunteer’s Pay bill
To Robert Beard for Amo1 of hisacco1 to 19th...July last.
To Benjamin Hawes for amo1 of hisacco1 against the Beaufort
To John Turner for amo1 of hisacco1 for Bounty p’d for Shiping men on board the Eagle Pilot Boat...
To Messrs. Sam1. Prioleau Jn1 - & Co for Amo1 of 2 Acco1s. for Sundy1s— bo1— by Dan1n Smith, Commissary—
To Daniel Jinkins for Amo1 of his Acco1. for Beef Supplied the Notre Dame & Bellona—

Friday [break]

Extra Meeting
Navy Board
Present Edwd Blake Esq[break]
Josiah Smith & Edwd Darrell Esq1—

The Following Orders was Drawn on the Treasury in favour of the Following Persons.——
Thomas Bourke for Amo1 of his Acco1 for Langrage
Supplyed the So1- Edisto Galley——£274. — — — — —
Wm1- Clarke for Amo1 of his Acco1. against the Crisses Pilot boat
Wm. Burt for Amo1. of Pay Bill of the Ship Count
of Sabran Capt1 Gasquay
Thomas Shewbrick for amo1. of two Accounts....
Amo1. of Acco1. for Negroe Wages £295. Amo1.
of Acco1 for [undecipherable] £1527.10/ £6072.

Adjourned to Saturday 4. oClock
Navy Board 18 Sept. 1779

[Break] Meeting

Josiah Smith & Edw. Darrell Esq.—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of the foll[break] Persons—

Thomas Stewart for amo. of his Acco. against the
Lee Galley for £786. 5/- amo. of acco. against 1
the Carolina Galley £540
Benjamin Jinkins for amo. of his acco. for Beef
Supplyed the Brigg— Notre Dame & Bellona,/ 1597[break]
dl'd E. B=/
Katharin Harvey for amo. of hir acco. for Negroe’s
Hire at Cochran’s Ship. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 568[break]

£3493[break]

Adjourned to Monday 4. OClock
afternoone

Navy Board, Monday 20th., Sep[break]  
Present Edw. Blake Esq— first Comm[break]
Josiah Smith & Edw. Darrell Esq—

A Letter to Mr. John Gaborell
Navy Board 20th. Sept. 1779

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire you will attend the
Board tomorrow afternoon at 5. OClock as they will be glad to
know why the leading Mark, which you so long Since Contracted to
put up for Lawfords Channel is not yet Compleated—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm—

Adjourned to Tuesday afternoon 4, O,Clock—
[Break]y Board

Tuesday 21st., Septemb'r., 1779
Present Edw'd Blake Esq'r., first Comm'r.
Josiah Smith & Edw'd Darrell Esq'rs—

The Following Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of the fol[break] Person.—
George Hutton for Amo' of his Acco' against the £138[break]
S'o. Edisto Galley for wages due him. . . . . . .
Adjourned to Thursday after Noon 4, O.Clock—

Navy Board, Thursday 23rd. . . Septemb'r. . . 1779—
Present Edward Blake Esq'r. . . . first Com[break]
Josiah Smith & Edw'd. Darrell Esq'rs. . . .—

The following Order drawn on the Treasury, for in favour of the [break] Person...
Daniel Smith, Commissary for the Navil Department £[break]
on acco' . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
Adjourned to Monday 4, O.Clock [break]

Navy Board Monday 27th Sept'. Adjourned to Tuesday 4 O.Clock

Navy Board, Tuesday 28th. . . Septemb'r. . . 1779—
Present Edw'd Blake Esq'r, first Comm'r
Josiah Smith & Edw'd Darrell Esq'rs—

* The following Orders drawn on the Treasury in favour of the Following Person—Vizt
Blakes & Sawyer for Amo' of Iron bo' for the Hobcaw
Ship Yard by E Blake— — — — — — — — — — 3045,—
Wm Burt for Amo' of Acco', for Cordage bo' of Sam'
Paine for the Galley Debrettency——— 287 ——
the Clerk was orderd to pay Wm. Cameron acco\}$ \{ 60 —
against the Brigg\'} Beaufort

| £3392.. — |

Adjourned to Thursday 4—OClock—

[Break]y Board Thursday 30\th.. Septem\r.. 1779—
Present Edw\d Blake Esq\r. first Comm[break]
Josiah Smith & Edw\d Darrell Esq\rs—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the Following Person’s—

| Seth Gilbert for Amo\t. of his Acco\t. against the Rut:\ledge Galley ———— | £409. |
| Benjamin Ford for Amo\t. of his Acco\t against the Galley Carolina for Seamen’s Wages— — — — — | 1194„ [Break] |
| W\m Burt for amo\t. of the Prison Brigg\t Salley, for Amo\t. of Wages due Cap\t Dan\l Rhoads——— ———— | 528.. |

| £2132„ [break] |

Adjourned to Friday 4. O.Clock

Navy Board, Friday 1\st., October 1779—
Present, Edw\d Blake, Esq\r. first Comm\r—
Josiah Smith & Edw\d Darrell Esq\rs—
Adjourned to Monday, 4. O.Clock—

Navy Board Monday 4\th., Octo[break] Present Edw\d. Blake Esq\r. 1st. Comm\r*
Josiah Smith & Edw\d Darrell Esq\rs—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the Following Persons. Viz\t..
W\m\,, Saltridge for Amo\t. of his Acco\t. as boat\]
keeper from 1\st.. June to 14\th.. Septem\r last \{ £1621.. 5.. —
| \{ £1621.. 5.. — |
Nathl Libbe for Amo. of his Acco. against the Galley Debritteney — — — — — — — — — — — — — 549. — —

Wm. Burt... for Amo. of Pay Bill of the Crisses Pilot Boat

Wm... Johnson for Amo. of Sundry Acco's... against the Galleys, Pilot boats Brigg... Notre Dame & Brigg Beaufort — — — — — — — — — 18192... 5... —

Josiah Smith for Amo. of Acco's., against Desaus... sure Smith & Darrell for Acco's dl'd — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 45731... 15... —

£67039... 5... —

Inserted before the Orders above

A Letter to Mr. Wm Saltridge

Sir/ Navy Board 4th... Octob... 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Immediately Collect all the Boats belonging to this State, and that you lay before the board on Tuesday Next, an Exact return of all the Boats, and the State and Condition of each, as no pay Bill will be allowed till such returns is made, and all the Boats Collected in Charleston — —

By Order of the Board
E Blake, 1st... Commr —

Adjourned to Thursday. 4... O... Clock —

[Break] Board Thursday 7th... Oet... 1779, — —

Present Edw. Blake Esq... 1st Commr —
Josiah Smith & Edw. Darrell. Esq's... —

The following Orders drawn on the Treasury in favour of the Following Person —
Daniel Rhoads, for amo. of his acco. against the £144... [break]
a Note to Wm Burt

Navy Board 8th. Octr. 1779—

Mr Wm. Burt

Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you write a Letter to Cap†. Hall of the Notre Dame and one to Cap [break] Boitard of the Lee Galley and Acquaint them of all the articles Sent for the use of the different Vessells—

By Order of the Board

E Blake i Comm[break]

A Letter to Cap† Wm Hall

Capt. Wm Hall

Sir/

By Order of the Commissioners of the Navy Board I now Send you by the Eagle Pilot Boat, two anchors a Hhd West India Rum, 3 Barrels Pork, two Tearces bread & two Bbls Rice which I wish Safe to your hand: & am Sir your most Hb [break]

Wm. Burt

A Letter to Cap† Boitar

Capt. Boitar

Sir/

By Order of the Commissioners of the Navy Board I now send you by the Eagle Pilot boat, 2000w Gunpowder, (for Cannon). 50w for Musketts, 400-18w „ Shott 200-12w Shott. 2 Rhems, Cannon Cartridge Paper, 4 quires Muskett [break] 50w. Match Stuffe—2–18w Rammers & Spunges, 1 Hhd West India Rum 6 Barrels Pork—600w Bisquets, 2 Tierces Peas. one d° Rice 1 furkin Butter—all which I wish Safe to your hand

& am Sir your Hble Servt

Wm Burt

Copy of Advertisement

Navy Board 8th—Octr—1779

Wanted for the use of the Navil Department, Two hundred Barrels of good Salted Beef, and three Hundred Barrels good Salted Pork, any Person willing to Supply the whole or any Part thereof are desired to give in their Proposals in writing to Wm Burt,, Clerk of the Navy Board, or Danl Smith Commissary of the Navil Department.
Copy of a Letter to Cap*. Richd Ham

Capt. Richd Ham

Sir

With the Eagle Pilot boat now under your Command you are to proceed with all possible dispatch to Georgia where you are to deliver Such goods as you may have on board for the use of the army, to the Proper Officers Appointed to Receive them. You are then to proceed to the Brigg* Notre Dame and deliver on board of her all such Stores and Provisions as has been put on board by the Commissary for that Vessell, after which you are to follow all such Orders as you may Receive from Count DeEstang manding Officer of the french fleet.

By Order of the

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Copy of [break] Cap* Benjn... Ford

Cap* Benjamin Ford

Navy Board 12th,, Oct[break]

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do proceed in the Carolina Galley of which you are Cap*. with all possible dispatch to Savannah in Sarch of the En [break] and use every means in your power to take or distroy any of the Enemys Vessells or boats, wherever they may be found, you are by every Opportunity to Acquaint Count DeEstang of your Situation and to desire his Directions how to proceed with the Galley, and Ende[break] by Every means in your power, to Carry into Execution all Orders from him, Should you not receive Orders from Count DeEstang, and Ge[break] Lincoln, or the Commanding Officer of the American Army should require any Imediate Service from you, you are to receive his [break] and Endeavour all in your Power to Execute them with Resol[break] and dispatch, you are to act on every Occasion in Conjuction with with the Rutledge Galley, unless ordered by Count DeEstang or the Commanding Officer of the American army on Separate duty and you are to Obey all Orders from Capt Pyne as Senior Officer, and are to be particularly Carefull of all Stores & provissions that none may be wasted or Extravagantly Expended and you are to advise the Commissioners of every Occurance worth Communicating during [break] Cruize, and Should you have Occasion for any fresh provisions [break] the use of the Galley, you are to Purchase it, and draw on the Board for the amo*, which Draft will be duly honoured, you are not on any Pretence whatever
to Suffer any Officer or Men to go on Shore out of your Galley, to Plunder or take anything from [break] Inhabitant of this State or Georgia; unless such as are well k[break] to be Enemys to the American Cause, and in that case, you are n[break] Suffer any Officer or men to sell or make way with any [break] till Regular Condemned in a Court of Admiralty

By Order [break]

[Navy Board [break]]
Present Edw[d] Blake [break]
Josiah Smith & Edw[d] Darrell Esqrs. — The following Order was drawn for in favour of the following Persons
McCulley Righton for Amo[t] of his Cooperage acco[t]. 2968. 2. 6.
Thomas Cole for amo[t] of his wages due him from Ship Genl. Moultrie 1737. 5. —
Benj[a] Ford for to pay Bounty to men for the Carolina Galley 2437. 10. —
Daniel Smith for an Order on acco[t], of his acco[t]— 20000. — — — — — — —

£27142. 17. 6.

Adjourned to Monday after Noon 4. OClock—

Navy Board Monday 18th. Oct'r. 1779—
Present Edward Blake Esq'r. first Comm'r—
Josiah Smith & Edw[d] Darrell Esq'r.
Adjourned to Thursday Evening 4 O. Clock

Cap't Stephen Devaull A Letter to Cap't. Stephen Devaull Navy Board 26th Oct'r.—79

Sir. The Commissioners of the Navy department direct that you do Immediately proceed in the Eagle Pilot boat, with all possible dispatch to the French fleet, and attend on them agreeable to any Orders you may Receive from the Commanding Officer till such times as he may give Liberty to the Pilotts belonging to this State to leave the fleet, as soon as you can get the Pilotts you are to
Proceed directly for Charlestown; but on no pretence whatever leave the Fleet so as to Endanger any of our Pilotts being Carried of in the Fleet—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Commr.

[Break of several words] on the Treasury for in favour [break]

[Break] from His Excellency the Governour
By Advice of the Privy Council I do hereby Authorize and Require you, to Cause the Eagle Pilot boat to be Impressed and taken for the Public Service; Agreeable to the directions of the Ordinance of the General Assembly in Such Case made & provided; passed the [break] day of October A. D. 1778 for which this Shall be your warrant

(Signed) J Rutledge——

To Edw'd Blake Esq'. first Commr.}
of the Navy of S'. Carolina—— {
27th. Octr. 1779— (Copy of appraisement of the Eagle Pilot Boat)
The Subscribers being Appointed by the Commissioners of the Navy to appraise the Schooner Eagle, do upon Oath Value her agreeable to the within Inventory at the Sum of Seventy thousand Pounds Curry the 27th. Octr. 1779—

{2 Letters over leaf from the Governour
{to be Inserted before this Letter to Cap't Poinsett}

A Letter to Cap't. Poinsett; of the Schooner Rice Bird—
Navy Board 28th. Octr. 1779—

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Immediately Take on board the Rice Bird, such provissions & Stores as Gen'l Lincoln may have Occasion to Send for the use of wounded Troops on board the different Vessels at Ogechia, and that you do Apply to him for Such provisions and Stores, and proceed with Same with all possible dispatch for Ogechia and deliver them again to his Orders.............

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Commt [break]

A Letter from His E[break]

Sir/
The Eagle Pilot boat is to be taken [break of three or four words] under the authority of the Ordinance for Impressing Boats H. C.—3.
&C— But I have not that Act be me and do not Recollect, what Steps is required to be pursued in Such a Case I therefore wish you would Order Devaull to Stay till I can get a Sight of the Law, which will be about 9 to Morrow Morning—I am your most Obedi Servant

Wednesday 20th. . Oct—1779—

J Rutledge

Charlestown 26th. Oct—1779

Sir /

I desire that you will as soon as Possible procure a nother Pilot Boat to be Built, & fitted for Service, for the use of this Port & am

Your most Obedi Servant

(Signd) John Rutledge

N B These 2 Letters to be Coppyed before the Letter to Captn Poinsett

[Break] Board, Thursday 28th., October 1779—

Present. Edwd. Blake Esqr. first Commr—

Josiah Smith & Edwd Darrell Esqrs,

The Following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the Following Persons Vizt:—

David Edgar for Ball of his Accot... due him from the State Ship yard at Cochran's... £2153.2

Wm Sommarsall for Amot. of his Accot for 38 bbls Rice dl'd the Commissary $ Bill dld 10744.

Benja. Hawes for Amot. of his Accot. against the Revenge Galley. 203.15

Wm Burt for Amot., of Septimus Robinson Sail Maker Accot. against the Brigg. Beaufort 715.—

Mary Darling Adminr. of Est. of Joseph Darling for amo of the following Accots./ Notre Dame £242.10/. Brigg Beaufort 2305.

Wm Burt for Amot. of Pay Bill of the Eagle Pilot Boat... £3122. £311.18
The Clerk was ordered to write a Letter to Mr. Pritchard desiring him to attend on the Board immediately—
Adjourned to Monday 4. O.Clock

Navy Board, Monday [break]
Present Edward Blake Esq. 1. Com[break]
Josiah Smith & Edward Darrell Esq's—
Adjourned to Thursday 4, O, Clock

A Letter to Capt Poinsett
Capt. Poinsett
Navy Board 4 Nov'. 1779
Sir
You are to deliver the Schooner Rice Bird to Capt. Wm Sisk who is appointed to the Command for this Voyage and you are to deliver him a particular acco't. of all the Stores belonging to her, and take his Receipt for the Same—
I am Sir your Hble Serv't
Edwd Blake 1st. Comm'r

A Letter to Capt Wm Sisk
Capt. Wm Sisk
Navy Board 4 Nov'. 1779
Sir/
You are to take the Command of the Rice Bird to goe to Georgia as a flagg, for which Purpose you are to wait on Gen'l Lincoln to know what Officers and Prisoners are to goe with you, and you are to take as many hands from on Board the Revenge Galley as will be necessary to man her and take provisions & water on board Immediately that you may Sail this Morning with out fail—you are to give Particular Charge to the Lieu't of the Galley about the Stores &Ca, and on your Return so that none be lost, you'll also desire Capt Poinsett to deliver an Inventory of all Such Stores as is on board the Rice Bird for which you are to give him a Receipt so that [break] may be Returnd at the End of the Voyage
By Order of the [break]

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A Letter to Capt Wm Hall
[Break]
Navy Board 6 Nov'. 1779.
The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do send from on board the Notre Dame a proper Officer to take care of
the Revenge Galley and all her Stores, and that said Officer be directed to remain on board, and to act as Commander till Capt. Sisk returns from Savannah, and that he don't suffer any of the People belonging to the Galley to leave their duty—

By Order of the Board  
E Blake 1st. Commrr—

A Letter To M'r... Stephen Devaull

Sir/  
By desire of his Excellency the Governour, The Commissi [break] of the Navy Board direct that you do Immediately take Possession of the Eagle Pilot boat, belonging to the State of South Carolina, and that you do take a particular Inventory of all Stores, and if any Person Refuses to let you have Quick Posses [break] or if any of the Stores are wanting which you left on board you [break] to Acquaint His Excellency thereof and he will order a guard to put you in possesion, & a Return of Such Stores as may be want [break]

By Order of the Board  
Navy Board 6 Novr 1779  
E Blake 1st Commrr—

A Letter to Capt¹. Boitard

Sir/  
Navy Board 6 Novr. 1779  
With the Lee Galley under your Command you are to Proceed with all possible dispatch to Charlestown in Company [break] the Marquest of Brittany Galley, The Commissioners Recommend That you do proceed in land, and that you do not Separate from the Marques of Brittany on any Pretence,

By Order of the [break]  
E Blake, 1st. Com[break]

A Letter to [break]  
Navy[break]

Sir/  
With the Marquest of Brittany Galley under your Command you are to proceed with all possible dispatch for Charlestown in Company with the Lee Galley, and that you do not Separate from her on any pretence whatever, The Commissioners of the Navy particularly Recommend that the Six Negroes mentioned in your Letter belonging to Mr Gibson be taken Care of and Brought to Charlestown in the Galley

By Order of the Board  
E Blake 1st. Commr.
P. S. we have neither Beef or Pork at Present, in the Store to Spare
Such as is fit to Send, you are to Purchase Beef for the Vessel, as
you Come along, and that no accident may happen for want of Salt
The Commissioners now Send two Busts—

A Letter to Capt Benjn. Ford

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy Board Received Information
by Mr. Agnew, of your being with the Carolina Galley at Beaufort,
they really Expected to have received a Letter from you, Informing
them the State and Condition of the Galley, and any Other Occurre-
rences that might have been worth Communicating Agreeable to
your Orders from the Board, The Commissioners recommend that
you be Particularly Carefull and keep a good look out to prevent
being Surprized by the Enemy—

By Order of the Board
Navy Board 6 Novr. 1779—

E Blake 1st., Commr

[Break]y Board Monday 8 Novr., 1779—
Present. Edwd Blake Esqr. 1st. Commr—
Josiah Smith & Edwd Darrell Esqr—

A Letter to Mr Paul Pritchard

Mr Paul Pritchard

Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy direct that
the Schooner Pack Horse, and the S. Edisto Galley be Immedia
[break] Graved & Cleaned, and put in good Order for Immediate Service

By Order of the Board.
E Blake 1st. Commr

A Letter to Mr Paul Pritchard

Navy Board 8th... Novr. 1779

Mr. Paul Pritchard

Sir/
The State being in Immediate want of a
good Pilot boat, The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that
you do lay before the Board by Thursday next an account of the
Expences of Building and CompleteLy finishing the Hull [break] Spars of a Boat of about 42 feet long to be built purely for fast sa [break] The Commissioners Recommend that the whole of the frame Except the flore Timbers be of Ceadar, and that you do fix the Earliest time for Compleating her, 

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Commr.

A Letter to Mr. Daniel Smith Commissary—
Mr. Danl Smith
Navy Board 8 Novr. 1779

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Immediately purchase for the use of the Navy Department Two hundred Busl Salt and One hundred Barrels flour, Ten Hhds Taffia & two Puncheons of Rum

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Commr.

Mr. Smith to remember to get the two Suits of Sails and what Canvas remain in the hands of Mrs. Darling & Mr. Robertson Sail Makers—

The following Orders were drawn on the in favour of The following Person
John Farrow, for Amo of his Acco. for Pilotage of Vessels
Benjamin Worthing for Ball of his Account due him) £153.15/.
from the States Shipyard——

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A Letter to Capt. Wm Hall

Sir/

Navy Board 8 Novr. 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you have the Brigg Notre Dame Carried to Hobcaw Shipyard and have her put into proper Order for Sea, with the Greatest Expedition

By Order of the Board
E. Blake first Commr—

Adjourned to Thursday 4. o. Clock—

[Break]y Board Thursday 11th. Novr. 1779

Present Edwd Blake Esq'r, 1st: Commr
Josiah Smith & Edwd Darrell Esq'r,—
The Following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of
The Following Persons—
William Choplin, for amo of 2 Orders for Beef
  Supplye'd the Carolina Galley £918.15/
Paul Pritchard for Amo of his Order in favour of
  Robt. Bruce, on Acco of the State Ship yard
  Hobcaw
Robert Larry for Amo of Wages due him from
  the Brigg Polly while in the Service of the
  State
Daniel Smith for Ball due him on his Acco to
  1st. Octr. 79. 22582
John Hardy for Amo of Acco due him from Prison
  Schoonr Pack horse

Adjourned to Monday 15th. Novr 1779
4. O, Clock.

Navy Board, Monday 15th. Nov [break]
Present Edward Blake Esq', first Comm[break]
Josiah Smith & Edward Darrell Esqrs,—

A Note to Mr Paul Pritchard
Navy Board 15th.. Novr 1779

Mr. Paul Pritchard

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board
direct that the Brigg, Notre Dame be Immediately put in thorough
good repair for any Service she may be Ordered on

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Commr

The Following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of
the Following Persons Viz,
Cap't. Lafont, for 3 Hhds Taffia supply'd the Car-
 olina Galley Qtv 168 Galls @ £32—10/—
Wm Burt for Amo of the Pay Bill of the Brigg
  Notre Dame to 3 Novem—£10119.6.10
A Letter from His Excellency the Governour—

Sir/ Novr. 15th,, 1779.

I wish you would have a Report made Respecting the two french Flutes as soon as Possible, and know the Price of them also Pray where were the Galleys according to the last Acco‡ you have of them

Your most Obedt Servt

Signed

J Rutledge

Adjourned to Thursday 18th,, Novr,, 1779

[Break]y Board Thursday 18th.. Novr. 1779—

Present Edwd, Blake Esqr. 1st. Commr—
Josiah Smith & Edwd Darrell Esqr‡s—

A Letter to Capt. Benjn., Ford

Capt. Benjn., Ford

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do remain with the Carolina Galley to Cruize between St. Helena Sound in land and Beaufort, untill you receive further Orders from the Board and that you do be Particulary Carefull that you be not Surprized by the Enemy and if in want of any Provisions that you purchase and draw on the Board for the Amount which draft will be duly Honourd, you are to Advise the Board frequently as well the State and Condition of the Galley as of any Other Occurrence worth Communicating, and to be particularly Carefull that Exact Returns be made of the Expenditures of all Stores & provis[break]

By Order of the Board—

E Blake 1st Commr—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the following Persons—
Ichabod Atwell for amo‡. of Board Supplyd David
Hambleton, for the Revenge Galley——— £171. [break]
Wm. Burt for amo‡. of Eight Casks Rum, dl'd.{}. 13617. [break]
the Commissary &9 acco‡. dl'd. . . . . . . . . . .

Adjourned to Monday 22 Novr—
4. O.Clock afternoon—
A Letter to Capt Boitard

Captn. Boitard

Navy Board [break]

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do Immediately Cause all the Powder to be delivered from on board the Genl Lee Galley into the Magazine at Cummins' Point and that you do Carry the Galley to hobcaw and have her cleaned and Graved and fitted for Service with all possible dispatch and that you do Endeavour all in your Power to Enlist thirty five Sea-

men besides Officers to serve on board her or any Vessell in the Navy of this State for Six Months, and as an Encouragement to men to Enter into the Service you are to allow to every warrant & petty Officer, & able bodied Seaman One hundred Dollars, and Monthly wages agreeable to the List Annexed, Vizt. Capttn. Four Dollars ² day & two Dollars for his table, Lieutenant three Dollars ² day, 

Doctor, Master, Boatswain, Gunner, Purser, & Carpenter Sixty doll$ ² m$. the Seamen forty five dollars ² M$ each—

You are as soon as Possible to deliver to the Board a pay Bill for Such as are Entitled to their discharge, and a proper Return of all stores Expended during the Cruize—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Commfr—

A Copy of the above Letter wrote to Capt— Corverser,

of the Marquest of Britteny Galley

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board being Informed that there Remains on board the Notre Dame only a few Boys to do the Work of the Vessell, and that Provisions is taken from the Butcher for thirty two hands, The Commissioners of the Navy Board therefore direct that you do see the People belong[break] to the Notre Dame Musterd on board Every morning and give an Order on the Commissary for the Navel Department to furnish [break] Provisions & C* for the Number of hands actually Employ[break] on the Business of the Said Vessell—

By Order of the Board—

E Blake 1st. Commfr—
Navy Board, Monday 22 Nov'r. 1779—
Present, Edw'd. Blake Esq'. 1st: Comm'r
Josiah Smith & Edw'd Darrell Esq's—
The Following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for in favour
of the Following Persons—
James Roach for Amo$^t$ of his Acco$^t$ for Cordage. . .\£1018. .—
Charles Boucheneau for Amo$^t$. of Acco$^t$ for Rum
      dl'd the Commissary 3282. [break]
John Gerley for Amo$^t$. of Acco$^t$. for Oakum for
the Revenge Galley 500. [break]
William Burt for Amo$^t$. of Pay Bill, of Volunteers
for the Revenge Galley 1797 [break]
Jacob Boomer for Amo$^t$. of 16 Beef Acco$^t$s. 59
acco$^t$ dl'd 700 [break]
Paul Pritchard for Amo$^t$. of an Order on acco$^t$
of [break] the State Ship yard Hobcaw [break]

A Letter to Capt Wm Hall
Cap't. Wm. Hall
Navy Board [break]
Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct
that you do attend the Board on Thursday Next to Inform them
of the State and Condition of the Notre Dame, and the Reasons why
their Orders of the 19$^{th}$. Inst— has not been Observed they are
Sorry that so little regard has been paid to the orders from the
Board and do assure you that unless you do in future punctually
Obey, all orders from this Board that you will Oblige, The Commis-
sioners to take Such Steps as will be disagreeable to them—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Comm'r

Adjourned to Thursday 4. O'Clock afternoon

Navy Board, Thursday 25$^{th}$., Nov'r. 1779
Present Edw'd Blake Esq'. first Comm'r
Josiah Smith & Edw'd Darrell Esq's—
The Following Order was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of
the Following Person
Wm. Burt for Amo$^t$ of Pay Bill of the Genl Lee Galley £6283.12.6
Wm. Gowdy for amo$^t$. of 8 Kegg Butter, dl'd the Com-
missary
3885. .—
. —
A Letter to His Excellency the Governor

Navy Board 23rd Novr. 1779

Cap't Boitard & Corversier have frequently applied [break] me to know if the Goods taken out of the wrecks in Georgia and Brought in the Lee & Marques of Britteny Galley might be Sold and the Proceeds divided between the Crew of them two Galleys I as often Inford them that the Commissioners of the Navy had no power to direct any matter respecting of prize Goods, The Cap[break] both Called on me this afternoon and Informd me that they had Just Come from your Excellency, and that you told them the Matter lay wholely with me to order the Sale, or deliver up to the Captors, but as the Navy Board has no power to direct such Matters, I shall be obliged to your Excellency to order wither the things be divided or delivered, wholly to the Cap[break] if the Latter I hope it may be given as an Encouragement for their Services on this Particular Occasion, otherways they may Claim the whole of any prize taken in future.

I am your Excellency most Obed[break]

Serv't—

E Blake——

A Letter to Cap't Wm Sisk

Navy Board 26th Novr [break]

The Commissioners of the Navy Board, direct [break] you do Immediately Collect together on board the Revenge G[break] all the Men belonging to Said Galley, and that you report to the [break] Board this Evening the State and Condition of the Galley, the [break] of men belonging to her, and recommend Proper Person[break] for to Serve on board as Officers,

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Com[break]
A Letter to His Excellency the Governor

Sir/

Navy Board

I some days Past wrote to your Excellency, Informing you of the frequent Applications made to me by the Crews of the Lee & Marquest of Britteny Galleys and Requested your Excellency's directions about the Goods brought in them Vessells— I called at your Excellency's house this afternoon, but you was not at home. I am Realy Sorry I am obliged to trouble your Excellency about a matter, that I have no Business with, more then to Satisfy a Number of men who appear to be verry dissatisfyed at being kept out of what they think their right, and that it is in my power to Releive them, I will be obliged to your Excellency if you will direct in what manner, the Goods are to be disposed off, wither to be deliverd to the Crew or divided, I would not pretend to Advise in any Respect, but as the Value is so verry Trifling I think it may be an Encouragement to Seamen to Enter on Board the Galleys to give the whole to them in the Manner I mentioned from the Board

I am Sir your Hbl Servt

(Signd) E Blake 1st Comm-

A Letter from His Excellency the Governour

Sir

You will be pleased to order that all the Goods brought in by Lee & Marques of Britteny Galley, be properly divided amongst the as a reward for their Extraordinary Services

I am Sir your

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[Break]vy Board Monday 29 Novr - 1779
Present Edwd Blake Esq. 1st Commr—
Josiah Smith & Edwd Darrell Esq's—

A Letter to Cap't. Boitard

Sir/ Navy Board 29th, Novr - 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that that the
Amount of all the goods taken from on board the British Vessels in
Georgia and brought in the Lee Galley be divided among the
Capt's... Officers and Crew of Said Galley agreeable to the Rules of
the Navy of this State for the division of Prises, and that you do
Inform the Officers and Crew that the Governour has directed the
whole of them Goods to be divided among the Crew, as an Encour-
agement for their Spirited Behaviour on the late Expedition to
Georgia—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Comm[break]

Copy of the above Letter wrote to
Cap't. Corviser, of the Marquest
of Britteny Galley—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in f[break]
of the Following Persons—
North & Trescott for Amo1 of Acco2 of Acco3. against the
Eagle Pilot Boat - 2964.12... [break]
d0...d0... for amo1 of Acco. Supplyd the Lee
Galley 1300...-. [break]

Christopher Willman for amo1 of Acco. for Beef
Supply the Commissary - 3991... [break]
Messrs. DesausSure, Smith & Darrell for Amo1 of
their Acco3. 23435...[break]
Edward & J. Blake for Amo1 of their Acco1: for
Sund's Supplyd the Commissary - 19[break]

Wm Sisk for Amo1 of 2 Acco3. pd on acco1 of the Revenge G[break]
Richd Fordham for Amo1 of acco1 against [break]
Amount of orders Brought [break]

A Letter to His Excellency the Governour*

Sir/ Navy Board 29th Novr 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to acquaint your
Excellency that Cap't. Pyne has attended the Board, and acquainted
them with the loss of the Rutledge Galley, which he was obliged to
Surrender to the Enemy at Tybee and Complains of Capt. Hall, of the Notre Dame not affording him proper assistance. The Commissioners request to know whether any Inquiry is to be made, respecting the Reason of the loss of Said Galley.

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st., Commr—

The Commissioners desired the Clerk to acquaint Mr. Pritchard that they Intend going to the State Shipyard at Hobcaw on Friday Next 3 Decr. 79—

Adjourned to Thursday 2nd., Decr
4. O. Clock afternoon—

[Break] Board Thursday 2th Decemr 1779—

Present Edw. Esq. 1st., Commr—
Josiah Smith & Edw. Darrell Esqrs,—

Adjourned to Monday 6 Decr. 1779—

A Letter to Capt. Wm Sisk—Navy Board 6th., Decr. 1779

Sir /

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that the Revenge Galley be Immediately waterd, and got in Readiness to Proceed on a Cruize, and that you do apply to the Commissary for Provisions and Such Stores as is actually wanted to Compleat her for three months—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Commr.

A Letter to Capt. Boitard

Capt. Boitard Sir/ Navy Board 6 Decr. 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that the Lee Galley be Immediately, Cleaned & fitted to proceed [break] a Cruize, and that you do Endeavour by Every means in your Power, to Enlist forty able bodied Seamen, to serve on board s[break] Galley for Six Months, agreeable to Encouragement mention [break] in Orders to you of the Sixth Ultimo, and that you do apply to the first Commr. for money to pay the Bounty—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1
A Letter to Capt Corversier

Sir/
Navy Board [break]

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that the Marquest [break] Britteney Galley be Immediately Carried to Hobcaw and Cleaned & fitted for a Cruize with all possible dispatch, and that you do Endeavour by Every means in your power to Enlist Forty Seamen to Serve on board Said Galley, or any Other Vessell belonging to the Navy of this State for Six Mo[break] agreeable to the Encouragement mentioned in Orders to you of the 6th Ultimo, and that you do apply to the first Commrs. for money to pay the Bounty—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Commr—

A Letter to Mr Dan Smith

Sir/
Navy Board 6 Decs. 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do with all possible Dispatch, furnish Capt Sisk for the use of the Revenge Galley with Sufficient water Casks, Rum & provisions of all kinds, to serve Forty men, three Months and that you do also furnish him with all Such Necesssary Stores as he may want to Compleat Said Galley for a Cruize

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Commr—

[Break]avy Board Tuesday 7th, Novr. 1779—
Present Edward Blake Esqr. 1st. Comm[break]
Josiah Smith & Edwd Darrell Esqrs. —
The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for in fav [break] of the Following Persons— Viz—
Mathias Wolf for Amo. of his acco. for Beef, Supply'd the Commissary . . . . . . £13431 17 [break]
Philip Hart for amo. of 8o lbs. Flour, dl'd the Commry 48542 ——
Wm Burt for Amo. of Pay Bill of the Marquest of Britteny Galley . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8364 1 [break]

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Adjourned to Thursday
9 Novr. 1779
4. O.Clock, afternoon
A Letter to Cap*. Sisk/

Cap*. Wm Sisk
Navy Board 10th Decr. 1779

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Inform the Board this Evening by Letter if the Revenge Galley is ready to proceed to her Station, at One of the Inletts, or at what time she will positively be ready to proceed and what Number of men you have belonging to the Galley, as Service of the State Require, that the Galley should be Stationed at the different Inletts to protect the Inland Trade

By Order of the Board
(Sign’d) E Bl[break]

A Letter to Mr Paul Pritchard

Mr. Paul Pritchard/

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct, that you do with all possible dispatch, have all the Galleys Cleaned & put in thorough good repair as there is an Absolute Necessity that all them Vessells should proceed to their different Stations at the Inletts, for the Protection of the Inland Trade The Commissioners therefore Request that all other Business be Laid aside till them Vessells are finished—

By Order of the Board
(Sign’d) E Blake 1st Commr.

[Break]y Board Monday 13th, Decr 1779—
Present Edw, Blake Esq 1st: Commr—
Josiah Smith Edw Darrell & John Edwards Esq[break]

A Letter to his Excellency the Governour

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board begg Leave to Inform your Excellency that the Eagle Pilot boat is now clean and Ready to proceed on any Service, and will be glad to be Inform'd by your Excellency in what manner that Vessell is to be Employed, if in the Pilottage, Mr Devaull is ready to [break] Charge of her, They also begg Leave to Inform your Excellency that the Rice Bird has been
Laying without any proper Comm[break] Since Cap\(^t\) Sisk Returnd from Georgia with the flagg— The Commrs', will be glad to be Inform'd from your Excellency what manner that Vessell is to be Employed, and if any Person is appointed to the Command—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Commr

His Excell\(\)y. John Rutledge Esq\(t\)

The following Order was drawn on the Treasury for in favr. of Wm Burt for Amo\(^t\) of Pay Bill of the Revenge Galley £4117.. 3

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Adjournd to Thursday 4. O.Clock

Navy Board. Thurs 16\(^th\), Dec\(^f\) 1779—

Present Edw\(^d\) Blake Esq\(t\). 1st Commr,,

Josiah Smith & Edw\(^d\) Darrell Esq\(t\)

Ad[break]

A Letter [break]

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Rec\(d\) your Letter of the 5\(^{th}\). Inst\.. with the Indent, Inclosed [break] Such articles as could be got Ready, The Commissary sent you Yesterday by a Canoe, the Remainder he has orders to send by the first good Opportunity; In your former Orders you was directed to Cruize between Scull Creeck & St. Helina Sound; The Commissioners of the Navy Board now direct that you do proceed Immediately to Scull Creek with the Carolina Galley and that you do Remain in that Station till further Orders from the Board, That you be Verry Carefull and keep a boat Rowing Guards, as well to prevent any Boats going to the Enemy as to prevent being Surprized by the Enemy

By Order of the Board

(Sign'd) E Blake 1st Commr.

A Letter to Mr. Charles Crowley

Sir/

Navy Board 16\(^{th}\). Dec\(^f\) 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Immediately Proceed on board the Revenge Galley Cap\(^t\) Wm Sisk,
and act on board said Galley as Lieut., and that you do call on the
first Commissioner tomorrow Noon to Receive your Commission—
By Order of the Board
(Sign'd)
E Blake 1st Commr—

[Break]vy Board, Monday 20th., Decr... 1779—
Present Edw'd. Blake Esq'. 1st Comm[break]
Josiah Smith & Edw'd Darrell Esqrs—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of
the following Persons, Vizt...
David Hambleton for Amo’t. of 13 different
Accounts. of Accounts. dl’d — — . . . . . . . . £5528. 12/[break]
Capt Boitar, for Amo’t., of Blocks & Junks, dl’d
the Commissary Account. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3196. — . [break]
Simon Tuffts for Amo’t. of his Accounts, for 2 bbls
flour for the use of the Ship Genl. Moultrie
Wm— Johnson for Amo’t of the following Accounts—
Viz.— Carolina Galley £277. 5.—Revenge
galley £164. 10/. Rice Bird £15

£9696. 7. [break]
Paul Pritchard, on acco’t. of State Ship yard & Co.£28365. 7. [break]

£38061. 15[break]

A Letter to Capt. James Pyne—
Sir/ Navy Board 20th... Decr— 1779
Capt. Wm Hall having Resigned his Commission as Cap[break]
of the Notre Dame; The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct
that you do proceed on Board said Vessell, and take the Command
of her, as Capt’n... and have her fitted and p[break] in good Repair
to proceed on any Service—

By Order of the B[break]
(Sign’d) E Blake 1st. [break]
A Letter to Cap† Wm [break]

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct, that you [break] with all Dispatch with the Revenge Galley under your [break] to South Edisto Inlett, and Cruize from thence to St Helena [break] Occasionally and Endeavour all in your Power to Annoy any Enemy that may be there, and to protect the Inland Navigation all in your Power; you are to be Vigilant, and take great Care you are not surprized, by the Enemy; you are also frequently to advise the Board of your Situation and of any Occurrences Material; you are also to purchase any Provisions you may want on your Cruize and draw order [break] on the first Commissioner for the Amo† thereof, and be carefull that Proper Accounts are kept of all Expenditures and that Proper Returns be made thereof

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Commr

It is Recommended to you to Correspond frequently with Cap† Ford of the Carolina Galley, that you may Act in Concert; upon any Occasion that may Require it

A Letter to Mr Paul Pritchard

Sir/ Navy Board 21st Decr 1779

I am Inform’d that the Stores belonging to the Different Vessels, belonging to the State, now at Hobcaw, are liable to be lost, or Embezled by the People, for want of the Different Officers, for each Vessell, to take proper Care of them— The Commissioners of the Navy Board therefore Request, that you will cause all the Stores to be Removed, out of the Different Vessels into some safe store, and that the Clerk of the Yard do take an Inventory of each Vessells Stores, and have them Placed Seperate in the Store, your Compliance with the above [break] will oblige, the Commissioners of the Navy B[break]

By Order of the B[break]
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A Letter to His Excellency the Governour

Sir/ Navy Board 22 Decr [break]

Agreeable to your Excellency’s desire, the Commissioners of the Navy Board did on Monday Last send Orders to Cap† Pyne, to take the Command of the Notre Dame; and yesterday they Received
the Inclosed Letter, which they send for your Excellencys Perusal:—
The Commissioners also at the Same time gave orders to Cap†. Wm Sisk. of the Revenge Galley to proceed to his Station at St. Hel [break] sound, he yesterday waited on the first Comm†. and Inform’d [break] that he had no pilot (for the S° Ward) nor doctor, and that [break] People would not goe in the Galley to the S° Ward; But that they would be Satisfied to goe to the N° Ward, as they had been given to understand, by Some of the Planters about Santee [break] that a Large Subscription would be made and given to the Ca[break] of any Galley that might be Stationed at Bulls——
The Comm[break] of the Navy Board are Verry Sorry that they are obliged to Trouble your Excellency so frequently about Matters Respecting the Na[break] Department; But they are obliged to acquaint your Excellency with the Cause of any Delay in the Service, as it is not in their Power to Oblige Men to Enter into, nor make the few Officers already in it do their duty when Ordered;

By Order of the Board
(Sign’d) E Blake, 1st, Comm[break]

A Letter [break]

Cap†. James Pyne Sir/

By desire of his Excellency the Governour, The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do in Company with Cap†. Wm Sisk, Immediately go on board of the Bricole & Trout, and Receive all the Stores belonging to them Ships Agreeable to Inventory deliverd you by his Excellency the Governour——

By Order of the Board
(Sign’d) E Blake 1st Comm†.

P. S, you are to goe on board the above Mentioned Ships, Early to Morrow Morning
for the Purpose above Mentioned—
Copy of the above Letter wrote to
Cap†. Wm Sisk, (Same day—

[Break]avy Board, Monday 3rd, Janv. 1780
The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the Following Persons Viz†.

George Croft for Amo†. of Rum, dl’d Cap† Wm
Tryon by Mr. James Gordon, at George Town £4200. [break]
20th., Aug†. 79
Edward Weyman for Amo*: of his Acco* for Sundrys dl'd the Commissary . . . . . .
Meyer Moses for Amo*: of his Acco* for Sundrys dl'd the Commissary ———

\[14,845...\text{[break]}\]
\[11,046.,4,,\text{[break]}\]

\[£30,091.4.\text{[break]}\]

Adjourned to Thursday 4. O. Clock—

A Note to Mr. Stephen Devaull

Mr. Devaull Navy Board 5 Jan^v. 1780

Will please to deliver the Small Pilot Boat, into the Care of Mr. John Farrow, who is appointed to the Command—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r

A Note to Cap^t. Jam^s Pyne

Sir/

You'll please to deliver all the Provisions left on board the Bricole, by the French Cap^tn.. that was not Mention'd in the Inventory—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Com

Cap^t James Pyne

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A Letter from His Excell^y John Rutledge

Sir/ Jan^v 6th—1780

Upon talking to the Pilots this Morning, at Council, they have agree'd that Swain & Farrow shall goe in the Ranger and the Eagle Tender, and that the fees of the Pilotage, earned by the Crissis, whilst the Eagle is Employed, as a Tender to the Ranger, shall be Equally Sharred, amongst her Pilots, & the late Pilots of the Eagle—

I think I some time ago, desired you to give the Necessary Orders for Building a Nother Pilot boat, for the use of this Harbour, be pleased to direct that She be Compleated with the utmost dis-
patch

I am Sir your Hble Serv^t

(Signd) J Rutledge—
Navy Board — — Thursday 6 Jan 1780 —
Present. Edw d Blake Esq r. 1 s. Commissioner
Josiah Smith & Edw d Darrell Esq r —
Adjourned to Monday 10 th. Inst
4. O. Clock Afternoon

A Note to his Excell’ v the Governour
Edw d. Blake Presents his Compliments to his Excell’ v the Govern’ r. and Acquaints him that he has Just been Inform’d, that the Carolina Galley Cap’t. Ford is Lying in a Verry dangerous Situation [breakjt Several of her hands have Lately Left her, and that she [break] taken by any of the Enemys boats, if she [break]

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[Break] vy Board Monday 10 th. Jan 1780 —
Present Edw d. Blake Esq r. 1 st. Comm’ r.
Josiah Smith & Edward Darrell Esq r

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for, in favour of the following Persons—
Wm Burt for Amo t. of 20 keg Butter, dl’d the ) £8320. — [break]
Commissary & Acco t. dl’d him . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
Wm Burt for Amo t. of the Pay Bill of the Crissis
Pilot boat . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1800. — [break]
Josiah Dupont for 5318 w. Beef, dl’d the Commis-
sary . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 6647 .10 [break]

£16767 10 [break]

Adjourned to Thursday 13 th Jan 1780 — 4. O, Clock afternoon —

A Letter from His Excell’ v the Governour
Sir /
Commodore Whippel having Inform’d me that he is much in want of a Vessel to Carry wood, for Supplying the Contine[break] Frigates, under his Command, and that there is a Schooner called the Pack Horse (which would Sute His purpose) at the States Ship
yard, I Request that you will give Orders for her being deli[break]
to Such Persons as he shall Direct
To I am your Verry Hble Ser[break]
Edw’d Blake Esq;,
12 Jan’y 1780—

(Signd) J Rutledge

a Note to Mr. Dl Smith

Sir,

Be pleased to deliver to the Order of Commodore Whipp [break] the Sails belonging to the Pack Horse
12 Jan’y 1780

By Order of the Bo[break]
E Blake [break]

A Note to Mr. Paul Pritchard

Sir

Be Pleased to deliver to the Order of Commodore [break] the Schooner Pack Horse

By Order [break]
[Last line burnt off]

A Letter from His Excell’y [break]

Sir,

It appearing necessary to have the Bricole (of wh[break] Commodore Lockwood will take charge, for the Present) mounted with the heavyest Mettall, and otherways fitted for Immediate Harbour Service, you will be pleased to direct that the most Effectual means be used for Compleating this Business with the utmost Expedition—
12 Jan’y 1780

I am Sir your Verry Hble
Serv’t

(Signd) J Rutledge

A Letter to Mr. David Hambleton

Mr. Hamilton

Sir/ The Commissioners of the Navy request that you
do to Morrow Morning Early goe on board the Bricole, and Carry
Six good Hands to Stantion and other ways secure the upper deck
of said Ship, so as to make her fitt to mount heavy Cannon for
Harbour Service, and whatever Necessary work Commodore Lock-
wood may want done to make her Compleat, or Convenient, you
will please do it with the utmost dispatch as the Service of the State
at this time Require it—
. 12. Jany 1780—

Navy Board—Friday 14th, Janv 1780—
Present Edw'd, Blake Esq'r. 1st. Com[break]
Josiah Smith, Edw'd., Darrell & John Edwards Esq'rs,—

A Letter from His Excell'y the Governour

Sir/ Monsure Durumain will goe to Sea, with the French [break] under his Command, Accompanied by two of the Continental Frigates, and a Tender as soon as Possible) which Devaul thinks may be to Morrow Morning, in Order to Cruise to the Southward for Several Days, in hopes of Intercepting some of the Enemy's, Transports Expected at Georgia, and Supposed to have been separated by the late Tempestuous weather; He requires a Coasting Pilot for each Vessell— I therefore request that you will cause six to be Immediately procured for his Service—
It is an Important One, and the Present dispatch is Necessary— I hope the Service will not be Impeded by a want of Pilotts—
I am Sir.your Hble Serv'
(Sign'd) John Rutledge—

A Letter to His Excell'y the Governour

Sir/ Navy Board 14th. Janv 1780—
The Commissioners of the Navy Board, Agreeable to your Exce[break] request desired the attendance of a Number of Persons Acquainted with the Coast; when the undermentioned, agree'd to goe on the Service required—The Commissioners request that your Excellency, do Recommend Cap't. Jere'h. Dickinson to Mon's. Duremain to go in his Ship, and to his particular Notice as he is best Ac[break] with the Coast and ready to Serve on Any Application; we [break] also apply to Cap't: Peacock, and Endeavour to Engage him [break] Service—
Cap't Jerem'h. Dickinson,,

By Order of the Board,
John Deall; John Whitaker

E. Blake 1st. [break]
Layfield
The Following Orders were drawn [break of several words] for in favour of the Following Persons Viz*:

David Hamilton for Amo* of his Acco* against the Lee Galley, Acco*, d'd.  
Edward Shrewsberry for Amo* of his Acco* against the Carolina Galley Acco*, d'd.  
Wm., Clarke for Amo* of his Acco* against the Eagle Pilot Boat Acco*.  
Wm. Burt for Amo* of the Pay Bill of the Brigg*, Notre Dame.  

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\text{£25464—15—3} &
\end{align*}
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Adjourned to Monday Afternoon
4. O. Clock.

An Order of Council
In Council 14 Jan° 1780

Order'd
That the Commissioners of the Navy be requested to pay the Pilots Employed about Count D'eEstangs fleet, and furnish the Board an Account

Sign'd
Wm Nisbett Secy P. C—

Order from His Excell° the Governour
14 Jan° 1780

The Commissioners of ye Navy are desired to Supply the Schooner Speedwell Capt. D'eBurdot with Provisions for Twenty men for three Weeks—

Sign'd
J Rutledge

A Letter to His Excell° the Governour
Navy Board 18th Jan° 1780

The Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to Inform your Excellency that Capt. Dickinson, has declin[break] going as Pilot of the French Commodore, and that Capt Peacock has Offered to go provided he is allowed Fifty Dollars a°day, and to have One thousand Dollars advanced him to provide such Necessaries as he is in Immediate want of. The Commissioners will be
glad of your Excellencys Answer as Early as Possible and to be furnished with Six Warrants as Each pilot request One—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm

His Excellency returned in answer to the above Letter that the Commissioners must Comply with the above Request—

Navy Board Thursday 20
Present Edw. Blake Esq 1st Comm
Josiah Smith & Edw. Darrell Esqrs.

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for in favr of the following Persons—

William Peacock for so much Advanced him to goe Pilot of the French Commodore Mons. £1625.—

Duremain 1000 D

Gideon Dupont for Amo of Beef d’ld the Comm: 3786..5.—

Lewis Giel for Amo of his acco. for Baking bread—2459.—

David Lockwood for Amo of an Order, on Acco. of ye. 1625.—

Bricole

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Adjourned to Monday 24th., 1780
4. O. Clock Afternoon—

A Letter to Capt Boitar
Navy Board 24th.. Jan’ry 1780

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board, direct that you do cause the Lee Galley now under your Command to be fitted with all possible dispatch to proceed on any service you may be Ordered, and that you do Endeavour all in your power to Enlist a Sufficient Number of Seamen and proper Officers to Man Said Galley (on the Encouragement allowed by the State) and that you do apply to the first Commr for money to pay the Bounty to Such Seamen as may Enlist to Serve [break] Six Months

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st
A Note to His Excellency the Governour

Mr. Blake Presents his Compliments to his Excellency the Governour, and Acquaints him that he Sometime past directed Capt. Pyne, to Carry the Ship Trout to the State Ship yard at Hobcaw, as a place of Safety, Capt. Pyne having Inform[break] him that her Cables were but Indifferent,—

he also begs leave to Inform his Excellency, that the Comm[break] of the Navy Board have never received any directions respect [break] the fitting of the Bricole & Trout, or any Information of the Appointment of Capt. to the Command of them Ships other [break] then by Verbal Messages—he will therefore be much Oblig [break] to his Excellency, to Acquaint the Board in what Manner he would have them Ships fitted, weather for harbour or Sea Service, and if any appointment to the Command that the Commissioners may give the Necessary Orders to have them Completed with Dispatch, if the Trout is to be fitted for a Cruzing Ship, Capt. Pyne Says it will be necessary to [break] off her upper Deck, which will be attended with Considerable Expence & Delay——

Jan'y 24th 1780——

To His Excellency the Governour——

Ann Order from Councel: 24th Jan'y 1780

Orderd

That the Commrs. of the Navy be directed to have the Vessells called the Bricole the Trout, the Notre Dame & the Galleys Immediately fitted for Harbour Service, that they Employ the Ship Carpenters belonging to the Public and as many private Ship Carpenters as can be procured allowing the Private Carpenters, a Consideration for their Services [break] Rate they now work at

Sign'd.

Wm Nisbett Sect'y P. [break]

In Council 24 Jan'y 1780

Orderd

That the Vessells Called the Rice Bird [break] Immediately fitted for River Service [break of a line and a quarter]

A Letter from His Excellency [break]

Sir /

Upon Inquiry I found that the Clerk of the Council had Neglected to furnish you with the Orders passed thereby relative to the
Navy of this State, But as soon as the Council broke up to day, I sent him to you, with an Extract from their Journal of what passed this Morning on that Subject, and I presume you received it. I Earnestly request the Greatest attention, and Exertions of the Navy Board to have the Matters thereby directed, accomplished with the utmost dispatch and am Sir Your Very Hble Serv[break]

Sign'd J Rutledge

P.S.
Commodore Lockwood is appointed to the Command of the Bricole, Cap't. Pyne of the Trout— & Cap't. Sisk of the Notre Dame
The Commissioners of the Navy will be pleased to recommend to me as soon as Possible, proper Persons to fill up the Several Vacancies in the Marine department

A Letter to M's Paul Pritchard
Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board request that you do with all possible dispatch have the Ship Bricole & Trout the Briget Notre Dame & all the Galleys put in good repair for Immediate Service and that you do hire as many private Carpenters to assist them belonging to the State Yard, as you can possibly Employ to advantage, and the Board will allow the same wages as Private Employes do, The Commrs— make no Doubt but you will Exert yourself in a particular Manner to Compleat the above Mentioned Vessels as the [break]vice of the State Require it

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st[break]

[Break] 24th Jan'y 1780

A Letter to Cap't James Pyne
Sir/

His Excellency the Governour haveing Informd the Board of your appointment to the Command of the Trout— The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do with all possible dispatch get her fitted and ready for harbour Service, they make no doubt, but you will pay the Greatest attention, and Exert yourself in a particular manner to Get her ready as the Service of the State at this Time require the Greatest dispatch

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm'r

Copy of the above wrote to Cap't Wm Sisk
A Letter to Cap't David Lockwood
Sir/ Navy Board 25th Jan'y 1780
The Commissioners of the Navy Board being Inform'd by his Excellency the Governour, of your appointment to the Com[break] of the Ship Bricole, they request that you do with all possible dis-patch get her fitted and ready for Harbour Service and that the Greatest attention and Exertion be used to Compleat her as the Service of the State at this time require the utmost dispatch
By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Commr

A Letter to Coll'o. Jn'o. Creighton
Sir/ N Board 25th. Jan'y [break]
His Excellency the Governour having directed that the Schoon-ers Pack Horse & Rice Bird be deliverd to you— The Commission-ers of the Navy Board request that you do App[break] some person to Receive them and the Stores belonging to them as Early as Possible this day, when Cap't. Wm Sisk will deliver the Rice Bird in Charles town, and Mr Paul Pritchard [break] deliver the Pack Horse at Hobcaw
By Order of the B[break]
Coll'o Jn'o. Creighton E B[break]

A Letter to Cap't Wm Sisk
Sir/ Navy B[break]
The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do d[break] the Schooner Rice Bird to Coll'o Jn'o- Creighton or his orders and that y[break] do take an Inventory of all her Stores, and a Receipt for the Same which Receipt you'll please deliver to the Clerk of the Board
By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Com'r=

A Note to Mr Paul Pritchard
Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy Board request that you will deliver the Schooner Pack Horse to the Order of Coll'o John Creigh-ton — —
By Order of the Board—
E Blake 1st Comm'r—
A Letter to Mr. David Edgar

Sir,/ Navy Board 25th., Jan'y 1780

Their being an absolute Necessity for all the Vessels belonging to the State being put in Repair, and made fit for Immediate Service, The Commissioners of the Navy Request that you Employ all the Carpenters that is under your Care and directions to get the Ship Bricole fitted and Put in good repair for the defence of the Harbour of Charlestown, and the Board will allow the same wages, as Private persons do pay, The Commissioners make no doubt but you will Exert yourself in a Verry particular manner to Compleat that Vessell as the Service of the State require the utmost Dispatch — —

By Order of the Board——
E Blake,, 1st,, Comm'r—

[Break]vy Board Thursday 27th,, Jan'y 1780

Present, Edwd., Blake Esq'r— 1st Comm'r Josiah Smith & Edwd. Darrell Esq'rs—

A Letter to His Excell'y the Governour

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy have Rec'd your Excellencys Letter and will use their Endeavours to have the different Vessels fitted with the Greatest dispatch; They Notice the appointments to the Bricole, Truit & Notre Dame, and Cannot a Void remarking that the Law that Constitutes the Navy Board authorises the Comm [break] to recommend all Officers to Serve in the Navy, They Recommend Mr. George Farragat, to the Command of the Revenge Galley, and as soon as they Can find Proper persons willing to Command the other Galleys will also recommend them

By Order of the Board

Navy Board 27 Jan'y 1780—— E Blake 1st Comm [break]

A Letter to Mr. George Farragat

Sir/ Navy Board 27 Jan'y 1780

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Immediately go on board the Revenge Galley, and that you do Examine all the Stores provisions & Sails on board Said Galley, & make a Return of the whole to the first Comm'r— tomorrow Morning, and that you do Endeavour by every means in your power to
Enlist forty including Negroes, to Serve on board Said Galley for Six Months and as an Encouragement to men to Enter into the Service you are allow to every able bodied Seaman, One hundred Dollars Bounty & forty five Dollars M, & to Every warrant & petty Officer to receive Like Bounty and wages as Under Mentioned, and to Every able Negro Man (of which you are to Endeavour to Engage twenty) Dollars M. and that all Slaves so Employed Shall be Valued when taken into the Service, and that Satis Proprietors of Such Slaves as Captured by the Enemy which you are to apply to the first Commr— for money to Such as may Enlist—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm

A Letter to Capt David Lockwood

Sir/ Navy Board 27th, Jan 1780

The Commrs. of the Navy have rec'd. your Letter of the 25th. Inst, and desire that you will recommend to them as soon as possible proper Persons as Officers to Serve on board the Bricole, and that you procure thirty Seamen for Said Ship and allow a bounty of one hundred Dollars for Each, & forty five Dollars M wages, to such as will Enter for Six M. You will Apply to the first Commr— for what money may be wanted for that Service,

By Order of the Board
E Blake, 1st, Comm.

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the following persons Vizt

Edw. & John Blake for Amo. of 29 bbls rice, dl'd the Commissary £23213. 10
Sam Beekman & Co. for Amo. of 10 Different Accots 16699 15
George Layfield for amo. of an Order, dl'd him by E Blake 333. 2 - 6

£40246. 7 6

Adjourned to Monday 4. O. Clock Afternoon—
A Letter to Mr. David Hambleton

Sir/ Navy Board 29 Jan'y 1780

It being absolutely Necessary for the defence of this state that the Ship Bricole be fitted for Harbour Service, The Commrs of the Navy Board request that you do Immediately Send all the Carpenters you have to work on board the Said Ship that She may be Compleated with dispatch, Cap't. Lockwood will Inform what work is Necessary—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm

A Letter to Mr. Edwd Shrewsberry—

Sir/

It being absolutely Necessary for the defence of the State that the Ship Bricole, be Immediately fitted for harbour Service The Commissioners of the Navy Board request that you do Imme[break] go on board said Ship and Carry as many Carpenters to work on board her as can be Employed to advantage, Cap't Lockwood will Inform you what work is Necessary to be done—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. . Comm

A Letter to Mr. Etsell Lawrence

Sir/ Navy Board 29th. . Jan'y 1780

It being absolutely Necessary for the defence of the s[break] that the Ship Bricole be fitted for harbour Service, the Commrs. of the Navy Board request that you do Immediately on rece[break] of this Send as many Carpenters to work on board Said Ship as can be Employed to advantage, Cap't Lockwood will Inform you what work is Necessary to be done—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st: Comm

A Note to His Excell'y the Gov[break]

Edwd Blake presents his Compliments to his Excell'y the Gover [break] and Informs him that, a Mr. DeLuke late a Lieut of the Marques of Britteny Galley, appointed to the Command of Said Galley, during the absence of Cap't. Corviser, who has leave of absence from your Excell'y to go to France to Settle some private Business, has suffered said Galley to be robbed of a great part of her Stores & Sails, and although he has been directed to make Exact
returns to the Board of all Sails Stores & provisions which did belong to Said Galley, he has Neglected to do it, and as Mr Pritchard has Inform'd E B— that said DeLuke has been privey to the takeing away such Stores he will be Obliged to his Excell'v to direct in what manner the Commrs— are to proceed against him.

29 Janv 1780

A Note from his Excell'y the Governour
The Governour requests that Lieut DeLuke may be put under arrest, and a Court Martial shall be Ordered on him, In the meantime The Commrs of the Navy will give the Marquest De Britigney Galley in Charge to Some proper Officer

Saturday 29 Janv 1780

A Letter to Lieut DeLuke
Sir/
You are to Consider yourself as under an arrest and hold yourself in Readiness for a Court Martial, the Charge against you, you will be made acquainted with in due time

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Commr—

29 Janv 1780

[Break'tter to Mr Wm Saltridge
Sir/
I have Just received a Message from his Excell'y the Governour and Gen'l. Lincoln, disiring to be Inform'd of the Number of Public Boats belonging to the State, also what repair they are in and what Number of men they will Carry, and that they be all of them Collected together and keept in Constant readiness for any Service—The Commissioners of the Navy Board therefore direct that you do deliver to the Clerk of the Board, an Exact return agreeable to the above request, and that the Same be done this day — —

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Commr

A Letter to Mr David Edgar
Sir/
The Commissioners of the Navy Board, request that you do bring to town to work on board the Ship Bricole, all the Carpenters you have in your Employ as there is a absolute Necessity to have that Ship fitted for Immediate Service—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Commr—

H. C.—5.
A Letter to Messrs. Curley & Russell

Navy Board 29 Jan\textsuperscript{y} 1780

As there is an Absolute Necessity to have the Ship Bricole Immediately fitted for the defence of this State The Comm\textsuperscript{rs}. of the Navy Board, request that you do Early on Monday Morning, bring to Charlestown, all the Carpenters you have in your Employ to work on board Said Ship, and get her fitted with all possible Dispatch,

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1\textsuperscript{st}. Comm\textsuperscript{r}

A Letter to [break]

Navy Board [break]

Sir/

In Answer to your Letter of this day, the Comm\textsuperscript{rs} of the Navy Board, direct that the Ship Truit, be Immediately Caulked, hove down and made Stanch, and fitt for harbour Service, with all possible dispatch, that her upper deck remain on for the Present, but that the ports, on the Starboard Side be cut to Answer them in the Larbourd Side, as it is uncertain which Side may be most in Acci
ton— The Comm\textsuperscript{rs}— particularly recommend the greatest Exertion to get all the State Vessels ready for Service, and they on their part will give the Necessary directions to the Officers, and Every assistance in their Power to get them Manned, In regard to the Bricole the Commissioners are of Opinion, there is no Necessity for you to Send any hand to her as Russel & Curley are now on board her— The Marquest of Britteney Galley's Cable is on board the Schooner Pack horse, and the Schooners Cable is now what the South Edisto Galley now rides by— The Comm\textsuperscript{rs}. note what you recommend respecting Inventorys of the different Vessels Stores being deliverd to the Clerk of the Yard, and his takeing the Stores in Charge and giving a Receipt for the Same, and will in future give directions to the Officers Accordingly—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1\textsuperscript{st}. Comm\textsuperscript{r}—

[Break]y Board Jan\textsuperscript{y} 31\textsuperscript{st}, 1780 Monday

Present Edw\textsuperscript{d}. Blake Esq\textsuperscript{r} 1\textsuperscript{st} Comm\textsuperscript{r}—

Edw\textsuperscript{d} Darrell & John Edwards Esq\textsuperscript{rs}
A Letter to his Excellency the Governour

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to Acquaint your Excellency, that by the late fire at Mr. George Smith’s the Commissary of the Navy is deprived of the greatest part of the Storage he had, and as they are Informed, the Store lately Occupied by the French Concel under the Exchange no longer wanted by him request they may be deliverd up to the Commissary for the use of the Navy of this State

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Commr—

The following Order was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of Danl Smith, (Commissary) on accot. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . £10,000.—

Adjournd to Thursday 3 Febry 1780

4. O. Clock afternoon—

1779 The Brigg Buford Cap't Trion

T John Rosewell Dr

May

3 To 7 Blocks 10 Inches @ 10£— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 70—0—0
To 12 Singel of 7 Inches @ 7£ — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 84—0—0
To 3 Duzzen of hanks @ 6£ — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 18—0—0
10 To 1 fidel Block 18 Inches — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 18—0—0
To 1 Singel 12 Inche— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 12—0—0
15 To 1 Iron Coog and pin— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 10—0—0
To 1 Duzzen hand Spikes @ 4£/10 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 54—0—0

£266—0—0

To 5 doz Hancks — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 30...

£296...

'This account is on a separate sheet of paper and is pasted in at the page containing the journal entry for January 31, 1780. It is endorsed on the back:

Brigg¹. Beauford
to Jno Roswell Dr——
to be Certified by Captn——
Tryon— and attested——
£150 paid in part of this
cacct. by Order of E B——
£146 Balla——
I Certify that the above Blocks were rec’d on Board Brigg Beauford for Use of Said Briggt
150£ to be pd by Order of the Commrs—
to Mrs. Roswell——

Rec’d 20th. Sept 1779 from Wm. Burt One hundred & fifty pounds
in part of the above Recd for my Husband John Roswell
Honor Rosewell

Edward Blake Presents his Compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and Agreeable to his request of this Morning sends him a return Just rec’d from the publick Boat Keeper of all the Boats belonging to this State Viz:—
in the Flood gate at the Governors Bridge wants Caulking. . . . 1.
in...D. 1 pettiauger & 1 Bateau, wants some repairs. . . . 2
in... Ditto...in good Order New Bottomed. . . . . . . . . . 1.
in... Ditto... wants Caulking and Gannels. . . . . . . . . 2.
Delivered for the Governor in good Order with Oars Compleat. . .
1. at James Island which the Low Tides has prevented being got
off— — — — — — —Wants Some repair
2. at Pritchards in good Order. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1
3. at Ashley ferry 1 Bateau & 1 Horse Boat. . . . . . . . . . . 2
4. at Wallis’s Bridge . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1.
5. at the Governors Bridge wants Caulking. . . . . . . . . . . 1
6. at Cochran’s Yard in good Order. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1.
7. in Charles Town in good repair. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2

These Boats will Carry One with another About 35 Men Each
The above is a Copy of Mr Saltridge’s return of Boats belonging to the State His Excellency may depend on the Necessary Orders being given, to have them all put in good repair for Imediate Service—
E B desired the Messenger to Acquaint Your Excellency that two

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Note to His Excellency
of 30th. Janry. 1780.
Large boats Suited for the French Ships would be very Useful to the State, at this time—Mr Plumbard has them in Charge 30th. Jan'ry. 1780

1779

The Brigg Buford Capt' Trion

To John Rosewell Drs

May 3 To 7 Blocks of 10 Inches..@ 10£— 70—0—0

To 12 Singel of 7 Inches—@ 7£. 84—0—0

To 3 Dozen of hank at 6£— 18—0—0

To 1 Fidel Block 18 Inches. 18—0—0

To 1 Duzzen hand Spikes @4/10 54—0—0

To 1 Singel Block 12 Inches 12—0—0

16 To 1 Iron Coog pin.. 10—0—0

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266—0—0

A Note to His Excellency the Gov

Edw'd. Blake Presents his Compliments to His Excellency[break] and will be Obliged to him for a Commission for Mr George Farragat of the Revenge Galley, and as a Number of Commissions will be wanted for the different Officers in the Navy, If his Excellency thinks proper to Sign ten or Twelve, E B will fill them up as may be wanted, there is also a Number of warrants wanted for the different Vessels which he will also fill up, and deliver as wanted If his Excellency thinks proper to Sign about Twenty—E. Blake begg's leave to Inform his Excellency that the Carolina Galley now Stationed at Skull Creek, in his Opinion may be in great danger of being Captured by the Enemy, if Continued on that Station, and would recommend that Capt. Ford be directed to Cruize between broad River and the mouth of Combeha River, by which the Inland Trade will be better protected and the Galley more out of danger of being Surprized and Captured by the Enemy—

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John Roswell
Account

The following affidavit also appears on the back:

John Rosewell doth make oath that the within Sum is justly due to him from the Brigantine Beaufort
Sworn this 5. January 1780

John Troup
A Letter to Mr Wm Saltridge

Sir/
Navy Board 2nd Feb 1780

I am very sorry to observe that although, the Commissioners of the Navy Board, some days past advised you of the great necessity of your collecting together all the public boats and having them put immediately in good repair, for any service they may be wanted, there has been no notice taken of it, the Commissioners of the Navy Board, therefore do direct that you do hire a sufficient number of hands, and have all the boats belonging to the State collected together, and put in immediate good repair and in order to forward so essential a work if any of the boats want any repair that you cannot with dispatch complete— the Commissioners will give orders to other carpenters for to do [break] applying to the first comm'r. and advising [break of several words] that due regard will be paid to [break] otherwise they will be obliged to acquaint the Governor & the General thereof—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Commr

Navy Board, Thursday 3 Feb 1780
Adjourned to Monday 4, OClock—

Navy Board Monday 7th, Feb 1780
Present Edwd. Blake Esqr. 1st. Commr—
Josiah Smith & Edwd Darrell Esqr.—
A Letter to Capt. Wm Sisk

Sir/
Navy Board 7th . Feb 1780

The Commissary of the Naval Department has inform'd the board that the quantity of provisions, sent to the Notre Dame for the men employed on board her) has not been accounted for agreeable to the [break] of the Navy) by the Purser, and that you have contrary to custom ordered an additional quantity of beef to be served to the people [break] the Commissioners of the Navy board therefore direct that you do [break] the Purser to deliver to the Commissary for the Naval Department an exact return of all the men actually employed on board [break] Dame as often as he may have occasion
to draw prov[break] that one pound & a half of fresh beef be allowed to [break]

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The Following Orders were drawn on the Treasu[break] of the following Persons—
Messrs. Edward Hughes & Co for 2 Casks rum dl'd the Commr
James Pyne for Amo† of his Acco‡ against the rutledge Galley
Wm. Burt for Amo† of the Pay Bill of ye Rutledge Galley
Capt. Boitard for Amo† of Wages pd Seamen, for the Lee Galley— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
Thomas Waring for Amo† of 8 Barrs Rice, dl'd the Commissary

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Adjourned to Thursday
4— OClock—

A Letter from His Excell^y the Governour

Sir/
8 Feb' 1780

I Request that you will order Capt. Ford to Cruize (as you proposed) between broad River and the Mouth of Combahea, and that you will recommend Officers for the Several Vacancies, in the Naval department, that they may be all filled, as soon as Possible, I have, directed a Commission to be made out for Capt. George Farragut, to Command the Revenge Galley—I Acquainted Mr— Plumbard that the State would take the two Boats, which were built for Count DeEstang, and desired that they might be deliverd to Mr Pritchard) which I Presume they have been, the Navy Board will direct that those boats, and all others belonging to the Public be fitted for Service as soon as Possible

I am Sir/ Your Verry Hble Serv‡

Edw'd Blake Esq'. 1st. Commr— (Sign’d) J Rutledge—

[Break] from His Excell^y the Govr—

[Break]
8 Feb' 1780

By and with the Advice and Consent of the Council, I have requested Commodore Whippell to take under his Command, the
Ships Bricole & Truit, the Brigg\textsuperscript{t} Notre Dame and the Galleys, belonging to this State, and to have them fitted for Service, with the utmost dispatch, and Stationed and disposed of in the best and most Effectual manner for defence of this town and Harbour, and I desire that you will Immediately, direct the Capt\textsuperscript{ns}. of those Vessels to follow the Comm\textsuperscript{rs}. Orders, and that you will give him every assistance which he may Require of you, for Expediting this business—

I am Gent\textsuperscript{n}. your most Obed.

The Commissioners of the Navy

(Sign'd) J Rutledge

A Letter to Cap\textsuperscript{t}. David Lockwood

Sir/

Navy Board 8 Feb\textsuperscript{r}— 1780

His Excell\textsuperscript{y}. the Governour, with the advice of the Privy Council, Haveing Inform'd the Board, that they had requested Commodore Whippel, to take under his Command the Ships Bricole & Truit, the Brigg\textsuperscript{t}, Notre Dame and the Gallies belong[break] to this State, and to have them fitted for Service, with the utmost dispatch & have them Stationed, and disposed of in the best and most Effectual manner for the defence of this town and Harbour The Commissioners of the Navy Board, direct that you do receive and Obey all Orders received from him as Commander in Chief

By Order of the board

E Blake 1\textsuperscript{st}, Comm

Copy of the above Letter wrote to the foll\textsuperscript{g}.,

Captains—Viz—

Cap\textsuperscript{t} James Pyne of the Ship Truit
Cap\textsuperscript{t} Wm Sisk of ye. Brigg\textsuperscript{t} Notre Dame
Cap\textsuperscript{t}. Boitar of ye. Lee Galley
Cap\textsuperscript{t}. George Faragatt, of ye. Revenge Galley

A Letter [break]

Sir/

Navy Boa[break]

His Excell\textsuperscript{y}., the Governour has again repeated his request that all the boats be put in good repair for any Immediate Service,

The Comm\textsuperscript{rs}. of the Navy therefore again direct that [break] boat belonging to the State be Collected together, and put in good repair, and if any assistance of Carpenters are wanted to Compleat them, The Comm\textsuperscript{rs}. will give directions to Mr. Pritchard for that purpose — —

By Order of the Board—

E. Blake 1\textsuperscript{st} Comm\textsuperscript{r}—
A Letter to Capt. Benjn. Ford

Sir/ Navy Board 8th, Feb 1780

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Cruize in the Carolina Galley, between broad River and Combehea River and that you do as often as you can, goe down to the mouth of the different Inletts, and give every assistance in your power to any Coasting Vessell, belonging to this or any of the United States of America, and Endeavour by every means in your power to destroy any Vessel that may appear in any of the Inletts, and give the Earliest Intelligence of the Motion of the Enemy, To the Commanding Officer of the nearest post that the Same may be Sent to the Governours or Commissioners in the most Expeditious manner, you are also to advise the Commrs. as often as can be, of the State and Condition of the Galley and of what Stores you may want for the use of the Crew, and it shall be forwarded to you, The Commissioners particularly recommend that you do not remain more then forty Eight Hours at any one place, but keep Constantly Cruizing as before directed—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st C[break]

Mr. John Withers Proposals to the Commrs—

4. Feb 1780

Proposals. by the Subscriber made to the Gent,. Commissioners of the Navy for Furnishing them with Sixty Steers and Ninety Hoggs. The Beef to be well Cured in such Casks as the Commrs. may furnish for that purpose as also the pork, the Beef @ 40/ ³w, the Pork @ 50/ ³w.., The Commrs. to furnish a Sufficient Quantity of good Salt, for that purpose the Quantity of each above mentioned to be deliverd in Charlestown on or before the 1st— day of may next Unavoidable Accidents only Excepted by

Gent,. Your most Obedt. Hble Servt. (Sign’d) — John Withers—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Agree to Accept your Proposals to Supply the Navy Board with Sixty Steers and Ninety Hoggs, the Beef and pork to be Salted and well Cured by you, and Pack’d in Such casks as the Commissary for the Navy may furnish— The Commrs. to pay 40/ ³w for Beef, and fifty Shillings ³w. for
all the Pork, you shall deliver to the Commissary in Charlestown, the Commissary to furnish a Sufficient Quantity of Salt at the Expence of the Public

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Commr—

Navy Board, Thursday 10th. Febry [break]

Present Edw. . Blake Esq— 1st Commr
Josiah Smith & Edw. Darrell Esq

A Note to His Excell^ the Governour

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to recomm'd to your Excell^, Mr. Charles Crowley as a fit & proper person to Command the Marquest of Britney Galley, and will be obliged to your Excell^ (if he is approved of) to Order a Commission to be made out as soon as Convenient—

Feb' 10th— 1780

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Commr—

A Letter to Cap^ David Lockwood

Sir/

In answer to your Letter to the board of this day The Commissioners of the Navy board will give orders for the Purchasing Mr. Dorsius boat & C. for the Bricole, and will be glad to be Inform'd in whose possession the Other boat is which you recommend as fit for the Trute— In respect to filling the water wanted for the Bricole, The Commissioners recommend that it be done at Hobcaw, as the best and most Convenient place, and that you do Employ Six or Eight good Negroes, under the directions of a Sober diligent white man to have it filled, with dispatch, and brought down in the Schooner Pack Horse, which is already at Hobcaw, the Schooner has a Jibb belonging to her, and Cap^ Arthur has a Main Sail belonging to the Lee Galley, which will be Sufficient for that

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st [break]

A Letter to Mr. Charles Crowley

[Navy Board 10th,, Feb' 1780—]
The Commissioners of the Navy have rec'd,, your Letter Offering to take the Command of the Galley Marquest of Briteny
They therefore direct that you take charge, of said Galley Immediately, and have her put into proper Condition for Immediate Service, you are also to procure a Sufficient Number of Seamen, for Said Galley, as soon as Possible—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Commr

The following Order's was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the Following Persons Viz.

Wm Burt for to pay Bounty to the Revenge & Lee Galleys 10,000 Dollars is Curry. . . .

Wm Burt to pay for Sundrys bo'y. for the Commissary, from Messrs. Wells & Lethgow

Danl. Smith for Ball of his Acco[t]. due to 1st. Jan 1780

£16250. . .[break]

£12980. . .[break]

15985. . .18[break]

£

Adjourned to Monday 14 Feb'y 4. O.Clock

Copy of an Order to Mr. Paul Pritchard
Navy Board 14 Feb'y

Mr. Pritchard is to deliver the So Edisto Galley with her Sto[break]
to the Order of Commodore Whippell—

1780

Signd E Darrell—

Feb'y 15th. An Order Rec'd from E Blake Esq'r— to pay Bounty to Seamen, for the diff't Vessels in the States Service

Navy Board Thursday 17th. Feb'y 1780

Adjourned to Monday [break]

A Letter to Mr. Joseph [break]

Sir/

The Public are in want of some Small Cannon for the use of Some of the Galleys in the Harbour, The Commrs of the Navy would be glad you will spare them some of your guns on Motts
Wharf for that purpose, and request to know weather you have the Spunges rammers & Co belonging to them 

By Order of the Board 
E Blake first Commr——

An Order was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of Wm Burt to pay Bounty to Seamen. Rec'd from E Blake Esq—— £16250. 17-6.

A Letter to Mr. Paul Pritchard
Sir/ 
Navy Board Feb'y 20th—— 1780
The Commissioners of the Navy desire you will have the So.— Edisto Galley with all her Stores in your possession sent to town as soon as possible and direct the Persons that bring her, to carry her round to Cap't. Blakes Wharf at South Bay, where part of her Stores are Lodged; you will hasten the finishing the Oars both for Galleys and Boats and Send them to Town as fast as Possible ———
By Order of the Board 
E Blake 1st Commr——

Navy Board Monday 21. Feb'y 1780 

A Letter to Mr. Paul Pritchard
Sir/ 
Navy Board 21 Feb'y 1780
The Governour has desired us, to direct you to have the Prison Brigg. together, with the flats and other boats at the yard brought to town as soon as possible, the Brigg. to be Carried into Ashley River Opposite Wappoo, and the boats and flats to be left at town, you are also to bring to town all the hands from the yard Except so many as are Necessary to finish the Oars and Anchor Stocks directed you are also to retain all Mrs. Lampere's Negroes in your Service till [break]ther directions
By Order of the Board 
E B[break]

[Break] to bring down all the
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Navy Board 21 Feb 1780

By particular desire of his Excellency the Governor [break] General Lincoln, The Commissioners of the Navy Board, direct that you do Transport the Bricole with all possible dispatch to such Station in Ashley River as Commodore Whippell may [break] The Commissioners Earnestly request that you will Exert yourself on this Occasion as the Safety of the State greatly depends on the Navy being properly Stationed, and the Exertion of the Officers [break] Men belonging thereto—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Commr—

Copy of the above wrote Capt. James Pyne
of the Ship Truit & Capt. Wm Sisk of the
Brigg Notre Dame . . . . . . . . .

To
Edward Blake
Esq

The Governor requests that the Commrs: of the Navy will order the Galley commanded by Capt. Miller to be supplied immediately, with what provisions & Necessaries are wanted for her ———

Feb. 22— 1780¹

A Note to Capt Wm Phillips

Sir

Navy Board 22nd. . Feb. 1780

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that as soon as you have delivered the Powder from your Schooner, that you take on board such Gunns & Stores for the Truit as Capt. Pyne Shall direct which are to be Carried on board said Ship—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Commr—

Navy Board. Thursday 24 Feb 1780

Adjourned to Monday 28th Feb 1780

¹This note was pasted to the page containing the communications to Lockwood and Phillips.
To
Edw^d. Blake Esq'
first Commr of ye Navy
of S^o. Carolina

Sir/
Inclosed is a Letter just rec'd. from Mr. Livingston—w^th. a Mem^d^m. of Articles wanted by Commodore Whipple—I request that you will give an order on the Arsenal for such of these Articles as the State does not want, & can't. be procured elsewhere—others can't. be expected—

Yrs. In haste
Feb. 23. 1780^1

a Letter to Capt. David Lockwood

Sir/
Navy board 25^th. Feb^r [break]
The Commrs. of the Navy Board direct that a regular daily [break] of all the Men on duty on board the Ship Bricole be Signed by you and Sent to the Commissary every morning, that proper Rations may be deliverd, and as bread is Verry Scarce at this time, and not to be purchased it is Orderd that no more than a Quarter of a pound of Bread %9 day be Served to Each man and the [break] of the usual allowance made up in pease and Rice
The Commissioners make no doubt that when the Men are proper [break] with the Necessity of this regulation they will be Satisfied [break] Especially as the Continental Frigates are Under the
[Last line burned off]

Copy of the Letter on the Other [break of several words]
Cap^t James Pyne of Ship Truit
Cap^t W^m Sisk — — of Brigg^t Notre Dame
Cap^t Ch^s Crawley—of Marquest of Britigneuy Galley
Cap^t Farragat — — of the Revenge———d^o
Cap^t Boitar — of the Lee Galley———d^o

A Letter from His Excell^y the Governour

Gentlemen

Feb^r 15^th, 1780

By and with the Advice and Consent of the Privey Council
I do hereby direct and require you, or any two of you to Execute the Several Powers and Authorities given to you by Act or Ordinance

^1This note, in the handwriting of Governor Rutledge, is pasted to the page of the journal containing the letters to David Lockwood and William Phillips.
of the General Assembly (lately Expired) until ten days after the
next Meeting and Setting of the Legislature—
I am
To Your most Obed't Serv't—
Edw'd Blake Esq'r, 1st', Comm'r. (Signed) J Rutledge
Josiah Smith, John Edwards,
Roger Smith, George-Abbot Hall,
George Smith, Edw'd Darrell, Esq'r,
Commissioners of the Navy of S. Carolina
N B. this Letter to be Inserted the 15th
Feb'y, under the Copy of an Order to Paul
Pritchard—

The following Orders was Drawn on the Treasury for in fav'r. of
the follg Persons——
24 Feb'y— Wm Burt to pay Bounty to Seamen, Rec'd
from E B £16975 16 3
26 Feb'y— ditto d'o. to pay Bounty to Seaman rec'd
from E B— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —20003 15 —
26 D'o Dan'l Smith Commissary an Acc't rec'd from
E, B— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —24863 15 —
Rec'd from E Blake Esq'r
March 2nd: To Wm— Burt to pay Bounty to Seamen
rec'd from E B— — — — — — — — — — — — — —14820 — — — — —
£76,663 6 3

Edw'd & John Blake for Amo't of their Acc't
[break] Salt & Sails [undecipherable word] 62644 7 [break]
Commissary

[Break] Note from His Excellency the Governor—
Sir/ March 4th., 1780
Cap't. Ford (I understand) has but Eight men in the Galley
Intended for George Town, as less then double that Number will
be Insufficient, I wish you would Order Eight more put on board
the Galley—
Your most Obed't Serv't.
(Signd) J Rutledge

A Note from His Excell'y the Governor
4 March 1788
The Governour request that the Commissioners of the Navy will
order Such a number of Vessels as the General may require Sta-
tion'd at Such places as he shall Direct—
A Letter to His Excellency the Governor—

Sir,

Agreeable to your Excellency's request of yesterday The Commissioners of the Navy Board, Order'd Several of the Arm'd Vessels to hawl from the Wharf and take their Stations as the Gene [break] directed, the Owners Readily Agreed to let the Vessels for that Service But Requested that they might first be appraised; As the Com[break] have no directions to have that done, or to promise any Satisfac[break] to the Owners in Case the Vessels should be damaged or distroyed by [break] Enemy while in the Service, they Request your Excellency will give them the necessary Directions on that Subject——

5 March 1780

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm[break]

A Note from the Governor, 4 March 1780

The Governor Requests that the Commrs: of the Navy will O [break] Such a Number of Vessels as the Genl may require Shall [break] such places as he shall Direct——

a Nother Note from the Govern[break]

Capt'n. Ford (I understand) has but 8 men in the Gall[break] less than double that number will be Insuff[break]

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Sir/ Navy Board[break]

The Commissioners of the Navy Board, direct [break] Anchor your Schooner Genl. Gates in ashley River as near to James Island as you can with Safety, nearly Opposite Lambols Bridge and that you cause, a Regular and good watch to be kept on board, as well to prevent being Surprised, as to give the Earliest notice of the Movement of any of the Enemys boats or Vessels, and any men that you may Ship, not already Engaged in the Service will be protected while doing duty on board your Vessell

Copy of the above wrote Cap't Holroyd] By Order of the Board of Ship James, & Cap't Jerh. Dickinson E Blake 1st Commr— of the Sloop ——
Sir/ Navy Board 6th March 1780

The Commissioners of the Navy direct, that you proceed with all possible dispatch, with the S. Edisto Galley, to George Town within land and on your Arrival there you are to follow such Directions as you may Receive from Colln. Harriott, and give all possible Assistance in the defence of that port; you are to use every Endeavour to Compleat the Maning of your Galley on your Arrival there, in which you will be assisted by Colln. Harriott, who will also have your Galley Supplyed with Such Necessaries as she may want—

The Pay of your Men will be lodged with Mr. Rothmollar of George Town, to whome you will apply when it becomes due—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st C

A Letter to Captn. Crawley

Navy Board 6th March 1780

The Commissioners, being in want of a proper person to Act as Lieutenant of the S. Edisto Galley and at the time as pilot Inland to the N'ward, and being Inform'd that you have your full Compliment of Men request that you will Spare Mr. Layfield from on board your Galley to Act in Station

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Commr

I request that you will direct the Several Vessells which are, or may be employed, in the defence of this Harbour to be appraised— & inform the owners of them that the State will make good any damage which these Vessells sustain, whilst So employed/

I am Gent

Yr. most obed Servt.

J Rutledge

March 6—1780
To The Commrs— of the Navy of S. Carolina

A Letter to His Excellency the Governor

Sir/ Navy Board March 7 [break]

General Lincoln has applied to the Commissioners of the Navy to have all the Vessels moved from the Wharfs out of the Way of the Town, which he desires may be done as soon as poss [break] as the Commissioners conceive they have no power to give any Order for that purpose, they take the Liberty to Acquaint you with the Generals requisition that proper measures m[break] be taken thereon— I am in the absence of the first Commissioner

Sir your most Obedt Servt
(Signd) Edwd Darrell

Copy of the Governors Answer

I think I desired the Commissioners of the Navy Several [break] ago to have this done, but if not I now request that they will Immediately,

March 7th, 1780 (Signd)

J Rutledge—

A Letter to Capt [break]

Sir Navy [break]

The Commissioners of the Navy direct [break] remove the Brigg Adriana as soon as possible to the mouth of Hog Island Creek, where you are to keep Strict look out every night to prevent Surprize, and to stop all boats and detain those that have not passes Signed by persons appointed for that purpose and to report any materiel Occurrences—

you are also to apply to the Commissary of the Navy for daily provisions for your Vessell who will be Orderd to Supply you therewith

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Commr

1780

March

The following Vessels being taken for the use of the State were

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1This note, in the handwriting of Governor Rutledge, is pasted to the page containing Blake's note of the 6th and Darrell's and the Governor's notes of the 7th.
appraised by Messrs Nathl Russel and Danl Bourdeaux with the Stores belonging to Said Vessels— Viz:
The Ship James & Inventory del'd at . . . . . . . . . . . £200,000
Schooner Chance & ditto . . . . d°. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 50,000

a Note from the Governor, March 11th . . . 1780.
The Governor Requests that the Commrs: of the Navy will procure the Articles within mentioned and send them to Commodore Whipple as soon as Possible,
Vizt 400 fathom Cable, 2 Large Anchors
24 Small Anchors, 12 Crafts or boats 300 fathom Chains
400 fathom Small Chain
Rec'd from E'd. Blake Esqr. to pay Bounty for Seamen
[break] to pay Bounty to Seamen, rec'd from E. Blake £19760

[Break] Cap't Isaac Caton
[Break] Navy Board 11th March [break]
The Brigg . . under your Command being taken [break] the Service of the State, the Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do as soon as Possible remove the Said Brigg into Ashley River, and moore her about a Cables Length above Cap't. Newtons Schooner and that a Strict nightly watch be kept on board to prevent a Sur-
prize and to give allarm of the approach of any boat or Vessel; you are to Stop all boats and detain Such as have not proper passes and report every material Occurrence—
The Commissioners of the Navy will Supply you with daily Pro-
visions and if any Ammunition should be wanted for your Vessel you are to apply to the Navy Board

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Com[break]

The Commissioners of the Navy are hereby. Impowered to Impress and take such articles as may be Necessary for the Public service giving the Owners thereof a Certificate of their having taken them Sign'd J Rutledge
March 13. 1780

A Letter to Cap't. George of Schooner [break]
Sir Navy Board 11 March [break]
The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you remove your Schooner, between the French Polacre & Shutes folly [break] to
Intercept any boats that may be passing and that you [break] a Strict nightly watch and Stop all boats that may be passing and detain all such as have not proper passes [break] and to report any materiel Occurrence— The Commiss[break] of the Navy will Supply you with daily provisions for [break] people and if any Ammunition is wanted you are to apply [break] Navy Board

By order of the Board

E Blake 1st. [break]

Cap't George Schooner Red Bird—

A Letter to [break]

Sir/ Navy Board [break]

There is a large chain lying in the mouth of [break] which is Immediately wanted for particular Service The Commissioners of the Navy board direct that you do with the assistance of Cap't Crowley in the Marquest of Britigney Galley endeavour to take up said chain and send it Immediately to Gibbs Wharf— The Commis- sioners particularly recommend that you place the Galley in Such position as to prevent the Enemy fireing on the boats Employed in taking up the Chain But should you and Cap't Crowley be of Opinion that the work Cannot be Effected with out two great Risque of your mens lives, they desire that you will Immediately report to the Board in writing—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm't.

Copy of the above wrote Cap't Crowley } of the Marquest of Britigney Galley }

A Letter to Abraham Whippel Esq'

Sir/ Navy Board 12th March 1780

His Excell'y the Governor has put into the hands of the Commrs of the Navy a Letter from yourself and the Capt's of the Navy requiring Sundry Articles, which he has directed us to furnish if possible— But we are Sorry to Acquaint you it is out of our power to furnish all the Articles you require, with respect to the large Cable we are not possesed with any that will Answer for One and we Immagine that a Cable may be had from Cap't Engs and Cap't Holroyds Ship, But these will not be Sufficient without the assistance of the Vessels below, the Small Cable must be taken from the Vessels here as also the small anchors, but it will be utterly Impos-sible to procure the Quantity of Chain you want there is about 50
fathom of large chain laying aCross Wappo Cut which Capt Lockwood can Inform you about and this is all that [break] procured, If you think the articles we can Supply [break] with your Own assistance we [break] [Break of several words at the top of the page] present to chuse such of them as [break] accounts

We are Sir your most Obedt Servts

E Blake 1st. Commr

P. S.
If you send an Officer to Chuse the Articles we request he may be Instructed as to the Size of the Anchors and Cables, as also the Craft and boats—

The Brigg Nancy belonging to Capt Caton, being this day taken into the State Servis was appraised by Mr Natha Russ & Mr Dan Bourdeaux as $ Inventory dld 16th March 80 at Two hundred & thirty thousand pounds Car$. Curr\$ £230,00[break] 20th March Russell & Curley paid them Amot of their Acco\$ by Edw\$ Blake Esq\$ for work done to the Ship Bricole. . . . £4387.10

An Order was drawn on the Treasury for in fav. of

White & Doghty for am\$ of their Acco\$.

2118.10

a Letter to Capt James Pyne

Sir/ Navy Board 22nd March [break]
The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you [break] from on board the Ship Truit, all the Guns shot & powder [break] Send them to Ch\$ town in the most Expeditious manner you [break] the Powder we would recommend be sent in thee Pilot boat, [break] Other Vessel wanted besides the Continental Schooners you [break] Stop the One which is gone to the fort with Stores—

By Order of the Board

E Blake [break]

A Letter to [break]

Sir/ Navy Board [break]
The Commissioners of the Navy Board do Immedi-ately go down with the Crissis Pilot boat allong side the Truit and take out of her all the Shot & powder Capt Pyne will deliver you which you are to bring to Ch\$ town with all Possible dispatch

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Commr
1780
March Thos Ferguson (p'd by Edwd Blake Esq'r.) for Amo't.
of his Acco't for Provisions Supply the Commissary...£22.200
March 23rd. 1780
Paide John Prioleau, by Edwd Blake Esq'r for Salt
Peter for the use of the fire ship.................£812.10—
Paid Thos Grayson p'd by Edwd Blake Esq'r for Beef{954,},—
Supplyed the S'o. Edisto Galley, Cap't. Ford— — {954,},—
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