

or else where you want her I should be glad you would order these fellows to some place where they may be doing something. I must send an express down to Treve, where, as soon as I get your answer, he had engaged a pen of hogs of 5000 wt at the market price not expecting it more than 40/ or 45/ at most, now the Bar mudain has fixed it at 60/- If these people are allowed to carey of our flesh provisions we shall not be able to carey on our morine business.

For the Housebell Council

of Safety

I am, Gentlly, dear,

Your most Humbt Servt.
Stephen Steward

Hon^d Gent.

Baltimore January 19th 1776.

Since I had the pleasure of seeing you last, I recd one of those unfortunate men that was in the Prize Snow George: taken by the Camelia a British Frigate, he made his escape from a prison Ship at New York and travelled to this place, he informs me that the prisoners are w^d. extremely ill, and no respect to rank, that officers and men are all tumbled into the hold together and oblidg'd to do up what little provision they have allow'd themselves w^d. it, not done at all. I have applied to Mr Chase and Mr Carroll for their assistance to get them exchanged, but they say its a business particularly belonging to this State. I do not doubt was your Honorable Board to write the Congress, but what they would get them exchanged as soon as possible. There is Capt. Glasby and Mr Lyons his mate here were they secur'd they might be of service in exchanging for the master of the Defence, Mr Cordrey and Mr Carter a Midshipman. Capt Campbell will wait on you, and will be able to acquaint you more fully of each circumstance. Our men who are taken by the Enemy, are very likely to be kept as prisoners a long time unless we fall on some method to have them exchanged. I'm in great hopes some speedy method will be put in execution for that purpose.

I intend for Frederick on Wednesday morning next, and doubt not but the officers belonging to Ship will do every thing in their power to make dispatch. I shall wait on you in the time of the Assemblys being at Annapolis.

Th^t with the Council of Safety
of Maryland, Annapolis

I am, Hon^d Gent, your very Humbt Servant.

J^ohⁿ Cook.

The names of those taken in Snow George. viz.

James Cordrey, Master. William Carter, Midshipman.

Seamen - Alex. Stanton. John Power. Collin Brown. Alex. Nicholson. Dennis Larkins. Edward Gibbons. John Halfpenny. Patrick Cole. Timothy Kelley the person made his escape -

I laid a petition from Capt. Campbell before Congress. they declined having any thing to say to it. All persons taken by the Ships of War or privateers of any State, are deemed the prisoners of such State, and are generally applied to the redemption of their own subjects; on the contrary, all persons taken by Continental Vessels are deemed the prisoners of the Congress and subject to their disposal.

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