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INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

On October 8th the House appointed Mr. Heyward and Mr. Young to join with a member of the Legislative Council to examine and compare the engrossed bill. A short time thereafter they reported that they had examined it and found it correct. Later in the day the Speaker and House "attended His Excellency in the

Council Chamber" and presented it (with other Acts) to President Rutledge, who signed it.

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

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Charlestown, South-Carolina, Wednesday, 9th October 1776

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

I Do Swear that I will well & truly Execute the duties of my Office, as a Commissioner of the Navy Board to the best of my skill and Judgment. So help me God.

The Commissioners then proceeded to the election of the First Commissioner, and Edward Blake Esq^r. was by a majority of votes chosen First Commissioner of the Navy, and took his seat accordingly—

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

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

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

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

The Commissioners of the Navy Board on Enquiry find that a Captain is wanted for the Brig^t Comet They recommend Captain Stephen Seymour, & Captain Edward

Allen, as fit Persons for the Legislature to make choice
of—¹

Adjourn'd to next Saturday morning nine o'clock.

Navy Board Saturday 12th Oct^r. 1776—

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present. Edward Blake first Commiss^r—

Thomas Savage, Josiah Smith Jun Geo Abbot Hall, Thomas Corbett, Roger Smith, George Smith—

Read several applications to the Board for the Clerk's office & then proceeded to choose a Clerk—

Mr. John Calvert was declared unanimously Elected to be Clerk of this Board & he took the following Oath of qualification viz^t.

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

So help me God

Received a Muster Roll of the Brig^t.. Defence

d^o.. a Muster Roll of the Brig^t.. Comet

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

Cap^t.. Thomas Pickering

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

Adjourned to next Tuesday Morning Nine OClock

¹See *Journal of the General Assembly of South Carolina, September 17, 1776-October 20, 1776*, for Wednesday, October 9, 1776, page 99. The same journal for the next day shows that Capt. Allen was selected.

Tuesday 13th. . October 1776.

The Board met according to Adjournment

Present: Edward Blake Esq: First Commissioner

Geo: Abbott Hall, Josiah Smith

Tho^s. . Savage Thomas Corbett

George Smith Esquires

Read the Minutes of the last Meeting

Ordered, That the following *Advertisement* be inserted in the Gazette & that three Hundred Handbills be struck off & dispersed in the Country

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

Edward Blake, First Commissioner.

Returns were received from the officers of the Brigantine Comet and the Brigantine Defence.

Orders were given to Captain Edward Allen to get his Water, Provisions, and other necessaries on board, ready to proceed to sea as soon as possible, and to report when he is ready.

Orders were given to Captain Thomas Pickering to apply to the Commissary to furnish him with such Sails as are wanting for the Brigantine Defence, and other Necessaries to get her ready for Sea.

Alexander Horn the Public Boat keeper was ordered to attend the next Meeting.

Adjourned to next Thursday Morning 9 OClock

Navy Board Thursday 17th.. October 1776.

The Board met according to Adjournment

Present

Edward Blake Esq: First Commissioner

Thomas Savage, Thomas Corbett

Geo: Abbott Hall Josiah Smith } Esq^{rs}:

George Smith, Roger Smith }

Read the Minutes of last Meeting

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

Navy Office Charlestown, October 17, 1776.

Mr.. Anthony Bonneau

Sir

Capt.. Seymour having represented to the Commissioners of the Navy, the Necessity of having a proper person at Georgetown to furnish Provisions &^{ca}.. for the armed Schooner Rattlesnake stationed there, they will be glad if it should suit your Convenience, to transact that business; and in order that you may be acquainted with the Nature of it, you will find enclosed an indent of such provisions as the Seamen in the Navy are allowed daily; also a form of a Return to be made & signed by the Purser monthly, when your accounts ought to be made out and transmitted to this Board, for the amount of which they will pay your order, upon the account being separately certified by the Purser and yourself. Captain Seymour is to send to you for provisions as they are wanted; for which purpose the Board recommend that you buy a good canoe and oars for the schooner, to be used only as a harbour boat; and whenever she may be ordered to sea, the canoe to be left in your or some other person's custody, to be taken care of until her return. The Commissioners will be glad to know on what terms you will transact the above business, to which they will give you an immediate answer.

By order of the Board:

Edward Blake, First Commissioner.

The following Letter was wrote to Captain John Copithorn:
Captain John Copithorn:

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

I am Sir your h'ble Serv^t..

Edward Blake, first Commissioner

The following Letter was wrote to Alexander Horn

Navy Board Cha^s..town 17th Octo^r.. 1776

Mr.. Alexander Horn

You are hereby required to hire a sufficient number of Negroes to cleanse the entrance at the Flood Gate, of the stones & rubbish now lying there, in Order to make it convenient to receive the Boats belonging to the Public, & you are likewise required to have them moved immediately there, as the place is made convenient, & where, after being at any time employ'd they are to be put until a more convenient place for their reception is fixed upon You are also to take particular care that all the Boats are kep't in good order & constantly supplied with Oars, Rudders, & Tillers. By order of the Board.

Edward Blake, first Commissioner

The following Letter was wrote to Edward Darrell Esq^r .

Edward Darrell Esq^r

Sir

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

I am

Your h'ble Serv^t..

Edward Blake first Commissioner

October 17, 1776.

The following Letter was wrote to Captain Stephen Seymour:

Navy Board, Charles Town 17th Octob^r 1776

Captain Stephen Seymour:

Sir

An Act having passed the General Assembly the 9th April Last, For the more effectual prevention of the Desertion of the Soldiers & Sailors in the service of this state, The Commissioners of the Navy now Furnish you, with some Copies of the same, for your guide, at the station where your Vessell is, & you are hereby required to give your utmost assistance, for the apprehending, securing, & sending to their respective Vessells, or Regiments, such Deserters as may be taken at or about George Town, & that you Furnish the Keeper of the George Town Ferry, with one Of the Acts, that he may be assisting therein, Also that you desire the attention of the Majistrates & others to the same,— The Com-

missioners have wrote a Letter to M^r. Bonneau, desireing him to furnish you with the necessary Provisions for the Rattle Snake, and in Order that there may be proper regulations observed, M^r. Bonneau is desired to purchase a Canoe, for the purpose of carrying the Provisions, which you are to send for as often as they are wanted, The Daily allowance of which for each man is inclosed with a Form for your purser or other Officer appointed for that purpose, who is to give an Acco^t. to the Commissioners what time the provisions are wanted, when they are to be punctually sent for; & your self, your Purser, or person appointed for the purpose, are to make a Monthly Return upon Oath, of the provisions, which shall be received, & the Expenditure **thereof, which** you are to Transmit to us, that the Commissary's Acco^{ts}. . may be Examin'd—

You will also direct your Boatswain, Carpenter & Gunner, to make a quarterly return of their Stores to you, which you are to sign & forward to this Board

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake—first Commissioner

The following Letter was wrote to Cap^t Edward **Allen**:

Cap^t. Edward Allen

Sir

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

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Oct^r. 17th. 1776~

The following Advertisement was Ordered to be given to M^r. Samuel Prioleau Jun^r—

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

Oct^r. 17th. 1776—

Samuel Prioleau Jun^r & C^o—

Then the Board adjourned to next Saturday Morning 9 OClock—

Navy Board Saturday 19th. . . October 1776
The Board met according to Adjournment

Present

Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissioner
 George Abbot Hall Josiah Smith } Esq^{rs}—
 George Smith Thomas Corbett }

Read the Minutes of last Meeting—

Received a Letter from Arch^d Brown & C^o: with proposals to *contract* for Pork & Bread.

Received a Letter from William Hopkins with proposals to Contract for 20 Barrels Flour—

An Order was sent to Edward Darrell Esq^r viz^t.

Sir/

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

Edward Blake first Comis^r

October 19th. 1776—

To Edward Darrell Esq^r. Commissary

The following Letter was sent to M^r. Anth^y. Bonneau

Chas^s Town 19th Octob^r. 1776

M^r. Anthony Bonneau

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

By order **of the Board:**

Edward Blake **First Commissioner.**

P S.

The Price of Cordage in Charles Town is £15. ₤ 100^{tw}. which the Commissioners are willing to Allow you at George Town

Cap^t. Stephen Seymour applyed to the **Board** to know what Number of Men would be **allowed** for the Schooner Rattle Snake—

And the Board Resolved to allow the said Vessell Fifty men as her full Complement.—

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

Navy Board Monday 21st. Octob^r. 1776—
Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 5. oClock.

Navy Board Tuesday 22^d Octob^r. 1776—
Adjourned to Thursday Evening 5 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 24th Octob^r. 1776—
The Board Met according to Adjournment
Present.

Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
Thomas Savage Geo Abbot Hall } Esq^{rs}—
Roger Smith — — — — — }

Read the Minutes of the last meeting—

A Letter was wrote to Mess^{rs}— Arch^d Brown & C^o— viz^t.

Navy Board Cha^sTown 24th Oct^r. 1776—

Gentlemen

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

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

By order to the Board
Edward Blake

One Thousand Certificates were Ordered to be struck of Immediately in the following words viz^t.

South Carolina

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

And I do hereby engage to be true and faithful in the said Service, untill I shall be discharged by Public

authority, and also to be bound by, and to Obey, all and every Rule, Resolve, Order, and Regulation, made, or to be made, by the Legislature of the state aforesaid, or by the Commissioners of the Navy, And I do hereby Acknowledge the Receipt of

Witness my hand this—

A Letter was sent to Cap^t. John Turner
 Cap^t. John Turner

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

By order of the Board
 Edward Blake first Commissioner

Navy Board

Octo^r. 24th. 1776—

Adjourned to tomorrow Evening 5 oClock

Navy Board

Friday 25th October, 1776.

The Board met according to adjournment

Present— Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissioner
 Roger Smith George Smith } Esq^{rs}.
 Geo Ab^t. Hall }

Read The Minutes of Last Meeting—

Agreed to take M^r, W^m Hopkins's 20 Barrels of Flour @ £8.10—
 C^t. to be delivered to Edw^d Darrell Esq^r Commissary

A Letter was wrote to Cap^t. Edw^d Allen.

Cap^t. Edward Allen

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

By Order of the Board
 Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Octo^r. 25th 1776—

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

- 20 Sparrs from 50 to 70 feet Long & from 16 to 30 Inches Diamiter
- 10 Sparrs from 30 to 40 D^o. & from 16 to 22 Inches D^o—
- 50 Sparrs from 30 to 40 D^o. & from 10 to 16 Inches D^o.
- 40 Sparrs from 36 to 46 D^o & from 10 to 15 Inches D^o
 in the Middle

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

100 Sparrs from 20 to 35 D° & from 5 to 9 Inches--- D°—

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

His Excellency [break]

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

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

I am Sir

Your very Hbl^e. Serv^t.

October 25th. 1776— J Rutledge

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

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 OClock—

Navy Board Saturday 26th Octobr 1776—

Adjourned to Monday 28th at 6 oClock Even^g

Navy Board Monday 28th October

The Board met according to Adjournment.

Present — — — — — Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissioner.
 Thomas Savage Geo Abbott Hall }
 Roger Smith George Smith } Esqrs.
 Thomas Corbett— — — — — }

Read The Minutes of Last Meeting

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

Also to purchase Two or Three Tons of Iron

The following Message was agreed to to be sent to his Exc^y the Prest viz^t

Navy Board
 Sir.

Charles Town 28th October 1776

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

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commissioner

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

Adjourned to Wednesday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Wednesday 30th October 1776—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 5 OClock—

Navy Board. Thursday 31st October 1776—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Geo Abbott Hall Thomas Savage } Esq^{rs}—
Thomas Corbett Roger Smith }

Read The Minutes of Last Meeting

Ordered Cap^t. Pickering to drop the Brig^t. Defence down to Rebellion Road tomorrow—

Agreed that a Letter of Instructions be drawn up for Cap^t— Pickering of the Defence Brig^t. of Warr^t to proceed on a Cruize and Mr. Hall was desired to prepare and report the same tomorrow Evening—

Adjourned to tomorrow Evening 5. OClock—

Navy Board Fryday 1st. November 1776—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

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

Thomas Corbett Geo A Hall Roger Smith Esq^{rs}—

Read the Minutes of last meeting—

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

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

Adjourned to tomorrow Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Saturday 2^d November 1776 .

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

George A. Hall Tho^s Corbett Roger Smith Esq^{rs}. .

Read &c^a.

A Letter was wrote to Clement Lempriere Esq^r—

South Carolina November 1st 1776

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy having been Informed, that you have Engaged with his Excellency, the President to Build

a Row Galley for this State, They desire that you will as soon as Possible, Acquaint them by Letter on what Terms you are to Build the said Galley, the Particular Dimensions, when she is to be finished, and what Quantity of Iron will be wanted to Compleat her— — — — — I am Sir

Your Most Hble Serv^t.

Edward Blake 1st Commiss^r—

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

Received the following Order from the Præsident:

The Commissioners for buying Salt for the Public to dispose of **eight hundred** Bushels of it, to the **Commissioners of the Navy**,

(sign'd) J Rutledge

2^d Novem^r. 1776—

A Letter was received from His Excellency the Præsident— viz^t.

Gentlemen—

I desire that you will be pleased to ship a Thousand pounds Sterl^g worth of Indigo, on Board the Defence, and Order Cap^t. Pickering to proceed to Cape Francois, there to dispose of it, And with the Proceeds to procure for our service, as many good seamen as the Vessell can bring, Arms, Sail Duck, & such other Articles, as you think usefull for this State, & if M^r. Provaux, whom he will probably meet there, has Obtained any Heavy Cannon for us, to bring two pieces of it, if he can Conveniently,— You will also order him, to sweep the Coast to the Southward both going & Coming, Wind permitting, Be pleased to have the Verbal Contracts, which I made with Lempriere, Black, & Pritchard, for building Row Gallies reduced into writing & Executed, And lay in, Spars, Yards, Oakum, Iron, & such other articles as you think Necessary for the Vessells belonging to this State, & for those Row Gallies,—

I am Gent^l—

Y^r. very hble Serv^t.

(signed) J. Rutledge

Cha^s Town. Oct^r 31st 1776

The Comm^{rs}. of the Navy—

The following Letter, containing Orders for Cap^t. . Pickering was reported to the Board by M^r. . Hall, the same being read was agreed to.

Navy Board Chas. . . town 2 Novem^r . . 1776.

Captain Thomas Pickering

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

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

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

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Monday 4th . . November 1776.
The Board met according to Adjournment

Present

Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commission^{er}
George Smith Josiah Smith } Esq^{rs}.—
Geo A Hall Thomas Corbett }

Read the Minutes of last meeting—

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

The following Letter was }
wrote to Cap^t. Pickering } Navy Board Cha^s Town S^o Carolina
Captⁿ. Thomas Pickering } 4th Nove^r. 1776—

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

The following Letter was wrote to the Committee of Sunbury

To The Committee at Sunbury

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

By Order of the Navy Board
Edward Blake first Commission^{er}.

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

Adjourned to tomorrow Evening 6 O'Clock

Navy Board Tuesday 5th. November 1776

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present — — — — — Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissioner

George Smith Josiah Smith } Esq^{rs}
 George A Hall Thomas Corbett }

Read the Minutes &c—

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

Ordered That— The first Commissioner do Draw the Three following Orders on the Commissioners of the Treasury for Sixteen Casks of Indigo shipp'd on board the Brig^t. of war Defence— viz^t.

N ^o 1	One Order in favour of Thomas Corbett for . . .	}	£1790. . 17.6
	Amount of Four Casks of Indigo		
2	One Order in favour of Edward & John Blake	}	2438. 17.6
	for Amount of Five Casks of Indigo— — — — —		
3	One Order in favour of William Parker for	}	2802. 15—
	Amount of Seven Casks of Indigo— — — — —		
			£7032. . 10—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 7th. . November 1776.

The Board met according to Adjournment.

Present.

Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
 Thomas Corbett Geo Abbot Hall } Esq^{rs}. .
 Josiah Smith }

Read the Minutes &c^a:

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

Resolved that the Guns & stores be removed from on board the Pilot boat Hibernia and that Cap^t. Edward Darrell do Cause the same to be removed—

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

George Town 29th October 1776—

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

(signed) Thomas Wade

The following Letter was received from His Excellency the President

Nov^r . . 7. 1776.

Gent :

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

Your Most Obed^t Serv^t.

The Comm^{rs} : of the Navy
of South Carolina—

(signed) J. Rutledge

The following Instructions were sent to Cap^t. Allen—

Navy Board Cha^s Town 7th Nov^r 1776

Cap^t. Edward Allen

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

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

Edward Blake 1st Commissioner

In Consequence of Cap^t. Thomas Wades Letter M^r. John Packrow Agreed to Supply the Board with Pork a £18. ~~79~~ Barrel which was Rejected.—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . Monday 11th November 1776

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. 1st Commiss^r

George A Hall, George Smith Josiah Smith Esq^{rs}—

Read the minutes &c—

Received a Note from M^r. Charles Burkmier to Contract for 30 Barrels of Beef a £16 ³/₄ Barrel— Rejected

Agreed to furnish M^r. Will^m Hest with 200 Bushels of salt to Enable him to procure Hemp from the Back Country for the use of the Navy—

Received a Letter from Cap^t. Thomas Pickering

Off Sunbury Thursday Noon—

M^r., Blake Sir/

We left Charles Town Barr Yesterday about Ten OClock & having a fine Breese stood a Longshore all Night, & this Morning fell in with a sloop, after giving chase all day, we came up with her about Two oClock, she proved to be a French Sloop from the Cape bound for Charles Town M^r. Aberdie Master, he is the Gentleman who delivers You this. I Received several Articles *from him before we parted, As he complained* of being a stranger to the *Place & People*, I have taken the liberty to *give him these few lines* to you; any services you can *render him, will* infinitely Oblige me; the wind at Present is *small* and off the Land, am much afraid we shall **be puzzled** to make Sunbury, however shall do my Endeavours to discharge the trust reposed in me, the People *upon* Deck Call out a sail and as we are preparing to give Chace I must Conclude— I Remain, Sir,

Your Obed^t. Hbl^e. Serv^t.

(signed) Tho^s Pickerin

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board

Thursday 11th November 1776—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present.

Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissioner

Thomas Corbett Josiah Smith Geo Ab^t Hall Esq^{rs}—

Read the Minutes &c.

Received A Letter from Zackriah Nettles offering to Contract for 160 Bbls Pork at £ 15 ³/₄ bl— which was agreed to—

¹A clerical error. It should have been 14th.

A Letter was also rec^d from Jacob Willaman offering to supply 200 bbs Beef & the same quantity of Pork

—Rejected—

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

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

N ^o 4 Alexander Baldrige for 5 BbIs Flour	£8 7 ^s 10 ^d ^{tw}	£108.6.4—
D. 5 Aaron McWorter & Jn ^o Sturghion 8 BbIs d ^o .	£8—	137..10.4—
{ Philip Hart. . . . .	.20 d ^o -d ^o a £10	468..8..8—
D. 6 } Ditto d ^o. . . . .	.12 d ^o . d ^o a £8.10	220 13.2—
D. 7 Chas Morgan & E Sawyer 153 Y ^{ds} .	Ozen ^{ss} a 20/	153 — —
D. 8 Fred ^k . David Cruger 16½ Gall ^s Linseed Oil	a 90/	74—5—
D— 9 John Dorsius- -3366 ^{tw} Barr Iron	a £12.10 7 ^s 10 ^d ^{tw}	420..15—
10. Alex ^r . Elsinore p ^d his wife part of wages	—	40 — —
11 Woodward Flowers 579 ^{tw} . Indigo	a 25/ . . .	723.15—
12 Peter Prouce for Mend ^g the Comets Sails		78. . . .

£2424.12.10—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Monday 18th Novem^r. . 1776—

Adjourned to Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Thursday 21st November 1776.

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present.

Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissioner

Roger Smith Geo Abbott Hall— } Esq^{rs}—
 Josiah Smith Thomas Corbett }

Read the minutes &c.

Agreed in future to have all Letters received by this board Duly

Numbered & Entered in the Journals, from whom, & for what purpose rece^d and filed to be refer'd to—

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

Resolved that Cap^t. Ammonette be offered Eight Hundred Continental Dollars for his Boat—

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the follow^g— sums in favour of

N^o 13 Thomas Richey for 8 Bb^{ls}. Flower 1816^w N^{et}. a £5.10£99.17.7.
 14 George Haker for 2 Bb^{ls}. ditto ..492^w . . £5.10—27.1.2
 Ditto5 Keggs Butter.441^w . a5/110.5.£237.3.9

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

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

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

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. . . . Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r—

Josiah Smith George Abb^t Hall, Tho^s Corbett Esq^{rs}—

Read the Minutes &c^a.

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

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 O'Clock

Navy Board

Monday 25th Novem^r. 1776

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. . . . Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commission^r.

George Abbot Hall, Thomas Corbett, Josiah Smith *Esquires*

Read the Minutes &c—

Mr. . Alexander Horn having represented to the Board *that the Multiplicity of Business he is engaged in prevents his paying due*

attention to the Public Boats Committed to his care he therefore requests the Board will accept of his resignation——

The Board accordingly accepted Mr. Horns resignation—
Resolved That Mr. McCulley Righten be appointed Public Boat Keeper—

The following Letter was wrote to Mr. Alex^r. Horn
Sir

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

Edward Blake

November 25th 1776—

The Following Letter was wrote to Mr. McCulley Righten
Sir/

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

November 25th 1776

Edwardl Blake first Commissioner

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

The following Letter was wrote to Clement Lempriere Esq.

Navy Board 25th Novem^r. 1776—

Sir.

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

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 o Clock—

Navy Board Thursday 28th November 1776—
 The Board Met According to Adjournment
 Present Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissioner
 George Smith, Josiah Smith, Thomas Savage Esq^{rs}.

Read the Minutes.

Agreed That The following Order be sent to M^r. Righton
 Sir

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

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Novem^r. 28th 1776—

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 30th November 1776
 The Board Met According to Adjournment
 Present Josiah Smith Esq^r. Chairman
 Thomas Corbett, Geo Abbot Hall, Roger Smith, Esq^{rs}—
 Read the Minutes &c^a.

N^o1 A Letter was received from Cap^t. Edward Allen Commander of
 the Brig^t. Comet Dated St. Catharines Novem^r. 15th 1776—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board, Thursday 5 December, 1776.

The Board met According to Adjournment.

Present.

Thomas Corbett Esq^r. . Chairman

Roger Smith, Geo: Abbott Hall

Thomas Savage. Esquires.

Cap^t. Edward Allen attended the Board *on his* Arrivall with Two
 Prizes, Viz. a Sloop called *the George* from Jamaica & Owned there
 And a Schooner called the *Maria* from St Vincents, & Owned in
 Liverpoole

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

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock

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

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

Navy Board Tuesday 10th December 1776—

The Board Mett according to Adjournment

Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Tho^s Corbett, Tho^s Savage, Geo Smith, Geo Abb^t. Hall, Esq^{rs}—
 The Clerk reported that he waited on his Excellency the President according to Order And his Excellency gave an Order to the Forts, Johnson & Moultrie to pass the the said Pilot Boat (which he named the Hawk) on a proper Signal to be agreed on between the boat and the said Forts.—

Mr. Hezekiah Anthony applied as having a¹ as first Lieutenant of the Brigg^t of Warr Comet dated, the 10th Aug^t. 1776 he being then on the late Cruise, and *now* Claims his wages as first Lieu^t. from the 10th of Aug^t. the time of the date of his Commission—

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

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

N^o 15. The Board Agreed to Draw on the Treasury for the sums following in favour of Cap^t. Edward Allen—

21 ^{tw} Tallow a 5/10 ^d Ⓕ ^{tw}	£6.2.6.
5 boat. Oars 16 feet Each a 2/4 Ⓕ ^{tw} foot.	9.6.8 •
334 ^{tw} . Beef.. 1/2 ^d Ⓕ ^{tw}	19.9.8
1 Anchor wt. 542 ^{tw} . a £15.Ⓕ ^{tw} C ^w	81.6...116.4.10

N^o. 16 Floren Cha^s Mey for 8000 wt. Iron a £12.10 Ⓕ^{tw} C^t. . . 1000.—
 Adjourned to meet Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

¹The word "commission" was evidently omitted here.

Navy Board Thursday 12th December 1776—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment.

Present. Thomas Corbett Esq^r. Chairman

Thomas Savage, Josiah Smith, Geo Ab^t Hall, Esq^{rs}.

N^o 2 A Letter Received from M^r. Anthony Bonneau in George Town dated the 6th of December 1776—

N^o 3 A Letter from Gen^l Gadsden dated Fort Moultrie the 11th of December 1776—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Monday 16th December, 1776.

The Board Mett according to **adjournment**.

Present Edward *Blake Esq^r* first Commissioner

Roger Smith, Tho^s *Corbett*, Tho^s *Savage*

Josiah Smith, George *Smith Esq^{rs}*

N^o 4 A Letter Received from Cap^t. Stephen *Seymour* of the Schooner Rattle Snake stationed at George Town dated the 12th December 1776—

N^o 5 A Letter Received from Lieut^t W^m. Seaward *first* Lieut^t. of the Brigg^t Defence dated Cape *Nichola* Mole November 30th 1776—

Agreed that the first Commissioner do furnish the Clerk with Two Thousand Pounds in Order to *proceed* to George Town to pay off the People belonging to the Rattle Snake Stationed there—

Agreed that the first Commissioner do direct M^r Hezekiah Anthony to Repair on board the Comet and Act as Second Lieut^t on board the said Brigg in Case of Refusal to Act in that Station To Order him on Board the Schooner Rattle Snake to Act as first Lieut^t In Case of Refusal to demand his Commission and Dismiss him the service—

A Letter was wrote to Cap^t. Edward Allen

Cap^t Edward Allen

Sir/ The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will as soon as possible Have the Brigg Comet ready to proceed on a Cruize & that you will Lay before the Board an Indent of all such stores as are wanting for the said Brigg as also a pay Bill made Out to the 27th Inst. that the people may receive their wages to that time I am Sir Your

Hbl^e Serv^t.

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Monday 23 Decem^r. 1776.
Adjourned to tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

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

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

Navy Board Monday 30th Decem^r 1776—

The Board mett according to Adjournment—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Tho^s Savage Tho^s Corbett Josiah Smith Geo Smith Esq^{rs}.

The Clerk Reported he had paid the armed Schooner Rattle Snake
Stationed at Geo Town to the 20th Instant Inclusive Amounting to
. £1881.8.8—

N^o 17. The Board agreed to draw on the Treasury in favour of
Hawkins Petrie & C^o. for sundrys supplied Cap^t Darrell £1751.3.7

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

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

Agreed that M^r. Stephen Duval do purchase a small Boat from
Cap^t. Francis Morgan for the use of the Pilot Boat Eagle and that
the first Commissioner do pay for the same

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for amo^t of the Comets Pay
bill to the 27th Ins^t being 3 Months Amo^t. £2906.18—for the Detach-
ment of Soldiers on board the said Brig^t 383 12

Adjourned to next Thursday Even^g 6 oClock

Navy Board [break]¹

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Monday² [break]

The Board Mett according to adjournment—

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first *Commissioner*

Geo Smith, Josiah Smith, Tho^s Savage [break]

N ^o . 18 Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the Following <i>Sums</i> In favour of Hannah Ferguson for Board Lodging & Attendance on Jn ^o Knowles Masters Mate of the Rattle Snake 18 days a 30/. ₤	day.	£27..—..—..
N ^o 19 For 40 days of the said Knowles a /. ₤ day		30..—..—..
N ^o 20 Agreed to pay Dan ^l Connel foremast man on board the Commet 3 Months } wages while in the Hospital }		63..—..—..
N ^o 21 In favour of Ja ^s Wright for 11 BbIs Bread 1993 N ^t . a £11.		219.. 5..—..
N ^o 22 In favour of Jn ^o . Tuke for 161 ^w . Tallow a 5/. Cask 5/..		40..5..—..

£379—10..—

N^o 6 A Letter Rec^d from Cap^t Thomas Pickerin dated St. Nicholo
Mole Decem^r 14th 1776

A Letter was. wrote to Cap^t Allen

Cap^t. Edward Allen Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy Desire that
you will Imediately Open a House of Rendevouz under the Direc-
tion of a proper Officer and that you do make use of your best
Endeavours to Inlist as many Seamen as will Compleat the Number
allowed to the Brig^t Comet, and for their Encouragement, you are
Authorized to Engage One Month pay Advance to Every Seaman
that shall Enter into the Service of this state on board said Brigg
for six Months

Edward Blake first Commissioner

To Edward Allen Esq^r.

31st. Decem^r 1776

Cap^t Edward Allen Charles Town January 5th 1777—

Cap^t. Edward Allen, Sir.

The Commissioners of the Navy *desire that you*

¹Thursday, January 2, 1777, was the day to which the Board had adjourned.

²Monday, January 6, 1777.

will Imediately have the Brigg Comet moved *from* Charles Town into Rebellion Rhoad, and take Care to keep your Men on board, and have the Brigg in Readiness to proceed to sea as soon as you possibly Can, & when Ready, to Advise the Commissioners

Edw^d Blake first Commissioner

A Letter Rece^d from M^r. Dupuy as follows—

Sir

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

And am very Respectly

Your Most Obed^t. & Most Hbl^e Serv^t.

Mole 14th Decem^r 1776

John Dupuy

To Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner of the Navy Belonging to the State of South Carolina Cha^s Town

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

The following *is an order of the Privy Council* dated the 31st Decem^r. 1776—

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

By Order of the President [break]

John Colcock, Secr^{tary}

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board

Thursday 9th. January 1777

Adjourned to next Monday Even^g 6 oClock

Navy Board Monday 13th January 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, George Smith, Tho^s Corbett, Tho^s Savage
Esq^{rs}

A Letter to Cap^t Edward Darrell

Cap^t Edward Darrell Sir

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

Janr^y 13th 1777—

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To Edw^d Darrell Esq^r Comisary for Naval Departm^t—

Ordered that the following Acco^{ts}. be drawn for on the Treasury—
viz—

N^o 23 In faviour of M^cCulley Righton Amo^t. to the 31st

Decem^r

£202.3.9—

24 — — Geo Monk repairing Public boats . . . 47.19.6—

25 — — Ann Holmes mak^g Colours for the Defence. 37— —

{ — — Cap^t Edward Allen Rendevous £366

26 { — — ditto a Silver Call for the Boatswain 10

} — — ditto Advance wages paid by him 379-5 755.5.—

£1042.8.3

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

Navy Board S^o Carolina January 14th 1777—

Sir/

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

“Occasion” in engrossed copy.

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

Sir Your most Hbl^e Serv^t.

Edward Blake First Commiss^r of the Navy
Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 16th January 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present. Edward Blake Esq^r first Commiss^r

Thomas Savage, Tho^s Corbett, Geo. Smith, Josiah Smith Esq^{rs}.
N^o 8 A Letter rec^d. from his Excellency the President directed To
Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r of the Navy—

Sir/

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

Your Most Obed^t. Serv^t.

J. Rutledge

January 16th 1777—

A Letter of Instructions for Capt. . . *Edward Allen*.

Cap^t. Edward Allen.

Sir/ The *Brig^t of War Comet* of which you are Captain having *received on board provisions* and Other Stores for near three Months and *having nearly* a full Complement of Men, We desire that you will embrace the first favourable Opertunity to proceed *to Sea*. And after you are Clear of the Barr of Charles Town We recommend your steering to the Southward Cruizing a Long the Coast as farr as St. Augustine, After which you are at Liberty to Continue your Cruze not Exceeding Two Months from your departure from Charles Town Barr in such station as shall appear to you most promising of Success, during which time, You are to Take, Sink, Burn, or Destroy, any Ships, Vessells, or Goods belonging to the King of Great Britain, or to any of his Subjects, Excepting the Vessells and goods belonging to the Islands of Barmuda & new Providence, and should you be so fortunate as to take any Prize be carefull to put on board a proper officer as Prize Master, with Orders to proceed to Cha^s Town, or some Convenient Inlett within the State of S^o Carolina and give directions for Treating your Prisoners with the greatest Humanity, and Tenderness,

you are to Advise the Commissioners by Letter (Directed to the first Commissioner) of Every Transaction worth Communicating during Your Cruze and to prevent any Inconvenience that may Arise for want of Credit in Case you are Obliged to put into any French, Dutch, or any other Port, There is put on board the Comet under your Care Three Casks Containing pounds weight of Neat Indigo which you are to place in such Hands as shall appear most Capable of Rendering You the Services that may be required or Dispose of it yourself, & *the Neat proceeds invest* in such Articles as Your Vessell may stand in [break] of or may be most usefull for the Navy of this state, Otherwise it is to be redelivered on Your Return [break] Town, We recomend to you to use your best endeavours to Inlist as many Seamen for the Comet as will Compleat [break] number to Eighty, and that you do frequently Cause to be read *to the Vessells Company* the Rules of the Navy of this State, and *the Third Article* of the Rules of Discipline, and good Government, and that you Endeavour all in your power to Cultivate Harmony, and good Order among the Officers and Seamen,— We not only recommend that you Steer to the Southward of this Coast on your going Out, but also on your Return, if the Circumstances of the Cruze will permitt by Order of the Board
16th Janur^y 1777— Edward Blake first Commissioner

A Letter to Cap^t. Edward Darrell Esq^r.

Cap^t. Edward Darrell

Sir

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

Edward Blake first Commissioner •

January 16th 1777—

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 18th January 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Tho^s Savage, Tho^s Corbett, Josiah Smith, Esq^{rs}—

Agreed that the first Commissioner do Order payment of the Following Acco^{ts} Viz

N ^o 27 To Sam ^l Prioleau Jun ^r & C ^o for Canvass - - - -	£318
[break] 28 Edward Oats for ditto	746.8—
	<hr/>
	£1064 8

Continued—

N ^o 29 To Peter Philip 2 Mo ^s . . . <i>adv^{ce}</i> . . . <i>wages on</i> } board the Brig ^t Comet— — — — — }	42 [beak]
30 Myer Moses for Sundrys Supplied <i>the Com-</i> <i>missary</i>	112 [break]
	<hr/>
	£1218..18.. [break]

The following Advertizement was sent to Mr. . . *John Wells*.

Navy Board Charles Town January 18th 1777.

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

Edward Blake first *Commissioner*

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 23^d January 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 O'Clock.

Navy Board Monday 27th January 1777—

Adjourned to next Thursday Even^s 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 30th January 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Monday 3^d February 1777—

Adjourned to next Thursday Even^s 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 6th February 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment
Present Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissioner

George Smith, Josiah Smith, Thomas Corbett, Esq^{rs}—
N^o 9 A Letter Received from Cap^t. Edward Allen dated On board
the Brigg of Warr Comet 28th January 1777—

Rec^d. 2^d Febr^y—

[Break] er was wrote to M^r. Stephen Duvall

Navy Board January 30th 1777—

M^r. Stephen Duvall Sir

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

The following Letter was wrote to M^r. Stephen Duvall

Navy Board Febr^y. 3^d 1777—

M^r. Stephen Duvall Sir

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

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Cap^t. Thomas Pickerin Attended the Board and the Commissioners gave him Orders to get the Brigg^t. Defence under his Command ready for Sea as soon as posible—

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

Know all Men That I *do* hereby
Certify that I Have Voluntarily Entered [break] Navy of the State
aforesaid on board the and I do hereby engage to be
true and *faithful* in the said Service for the Term of
Months, to Commence from the undermentioned date, and at the
Expiration thereof then to have my discharge from the said Service,
and also do Engage te be bound to Obey all and Every Rule,

Resolve, Order, and Regulation made or to be made by the Legeslature of the state aforesaid or by the Commissioners of the Navy, and I do hereby acknowledge the Receipt of _____ Pounds Current *money* as a Bounty for Entering into the service of the said State
Witness my hand this

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

N ^o 31	To Joseph Gaultier for Attending the Pilot } Boat Hawk — — — — — }	£12.10—
32	To Sam ^l Hrabowsk sundrys Supplied the Comiss ^{ry}	132.3.9—
33	To Cap ^t Fran ^s Morgan for a Boat— — — —	65.. —
34	To Jacob & Chris ^r Willaman for Beef 2 Acco ^{ts}	377. 5.6—
35	To Chris ^r Williaman for Beef.	196 2—
36	To the Pilot Boat Eagles pay bill from the } 4 th Oct ^r . 1776. to the 4 th Jan ^{ry} 1777—3 mo ^s }	594—10-8-
		£1377.11.11—

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

Adjourned to Next Monday Even^s 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 10th.. Febr^y..1777.
Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 OClock.

Navy Board Tuesday 11th February 1777—

Adjourned to Next Friday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Friday 14th February 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present. Edward Blake Esq^r first Commiss^r.

George Smith Josiah Smith Tho^s Corbett Esq^{rs}—

A Letter was wrote to Cap^t. Pickerin

Cap^t. Thomas Pickerin Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy Desire
that you will Immediately on the Receipt of this Direct a proper

Officer from the Brig^t Defence with Eight good Men to proceed with the Ship Caesars boat with your Best Bower Anchor and Cable to the Assistance of the Comets Prize now Lying without Cha^s Town Barr, as she is in great Distress, having Been on shore on the North Breaker, and Lost Two Anchors and received some Other Damage

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Navy Board 11th Febr^y. 1777—

The following Letter was wrote to his Excellency the Presid^t.

Navy Board 14th Febr^y. 1777.

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

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

N ^o - 37 ¹	Michael York for Repairing a Long Boat. . . .	£6 [break]
N ^o 38 ¹	} The following Acco ^t . was agreed to be drawn for in faviour of M ^c Culley Righten	£323. 13-

£38 [break]

The following Letter was wrote to Cap^t. . Copithorn

Navy Board. Febr^y. 14th 1777.

Cap^t. John Copithorn Sir

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

Edward Blake first Commissioner

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

M^r. M^cCulley Righten waited on the Board and Informed them, from the great Trouble that attended his Business as Public Boat Keeper, the pay hitherto Allowed him has not been Suffi^cient, they took M^r. Rightons representation in Consideration & thereup the Board Agreed to Allow him forty Shillings ₥ day, and to Advance

¹These two accounts are numbered 39 and 40 on the engrossed copy.

him One Hundred pounds per Month, to Enable him the Better to pay the Hire of Negroes Employed in the public Service—

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

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

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 17th February 1777—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 20th February 1777—

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Monday 24th February 1777.

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 27th February 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment Present. Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissioner

Thomas Corbett, Roger Smith, Josiah Smith, George Smith, Esq^{rs}

Agreed that the first Commissioner draw on the Treasury for the following Acco^{ts}. in faviour off

N^o

39 Will ^m Hest for Cordage- - - - -	-£314. 17.6
40 Josiah Smith Esq ^r . for Hire of the Schooner Austin } to Carry powder to Dorchester. }	60.— —
	374 17.6

The following Letter was wrote to Stephen Duvall—

Navy Board 24th Febr^y. 1777—

Mr. Stephen Duvall

The Commissioners of the Navy desire you to proceed with the Eagle Pilot Boat with all possible dispatch to

George Town, On your Arrival there, you will take on board your Boat, From a Brig there Commanded by Cap^t. Blundell as much Gun powder belonging to the Public of this State as you can Conveniently stow in her & proceed with it immediatly to Charles Town

When this *Gunpowder* is on board you will be *particularly* carefull to let no fire *come near it*.

The Commissary will furnish you with *what* provisions will be necessary— By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Comm[break]

A Letter was wrote to Cap^t. Ham—

Navy Board 27thFebru^y 1777—

Mr. Richard Ham Sir

The Commiſſioners of the Navy direct that you do at all times, Take from on board any Vessel Piloted out of this Harbour, by any of the Pilots that Belong to the Eagle Pilot, Boat, during the time M^r. Duval may be absent from Charles Town, & that you do give Diligent Attendance to Pilot any Vessels that may be bound into this Harbour, and that you do Anchor Every night. during the absence of M^r. Duval under Sullivants Island, as near as you can to it with Safety

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter was wrote to Cap^t. Tho^s Pickerin dated Navy Board Febru^y. 19th 1777—

Cap^t Thomas Pickerin Sir/

The Commiſſioners of the Navy desire that you will Order one of the Anchors & Cable belonging to the Prize Ship Cæzar to be delivered to M^r. Pyne Second Lieu^t of Brig^t Comet for the use of the Comets Prize now in N^o. Edisto, and the same shall be returned as soon as said Prize Arrives at Charles Town

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

N^o 10 A Letter Received from Cap^t Edward Allen dated on board the Brig^t Comet 3^d Febru^y. 1777 in the Latitude 29-40 N^o—

[Break] Letter was wrote to his Excellency the President—

Navy Board Feb^y 20th. 1777.

Sir/

In Answer to Our Letter of the 14th Ins^t. to your Excellency Respecting Hemp His Honour the Vice President has Informed us that it is the Opinion of the Privy Council Relative thereto *that* this Board be directed to Engage Hemp Immediately *for* the Public Ser-

vice in such Quantities as the Board shall think Necessary, and to use such means, and offer such Price as may Entitle the Commissioners to a Preferance to Other Purchasers— The Commissioners are fearfull that it will not be in their Power to Execute the Business in the manner above mentioned, as the Private Purchasers have so many Agents Employed to Engage that Article at any Price Mr. Will^m Hest Informed the first Commissioner that he was Raised upon in the Purchase of a Parcell four different times Yesterday, And he is certain that if that Article is Suffered to be Exported, in the space of three Months he shall not be able to furnish a single Coil of Cordage Either for the use of the state or Trade— The Commissioners are Sorry to Trouble your Excellency again on this Matter, but they are fearfull unless there is a Stop put to the Exportation of Hemp this state will soon be Entirely without that usefull Aricle— The Commissioners beg lieve to Inform your Excellency that the Number appointed to that Board are so few that they can seldom make a board, they therefore beg your Excellency will be pleased to appoint two more Commissioners, and they beg lieve to recommend M^r Will^m Price & M^r Nath^l Russell as fitt Persons

Edward Blake first Commiss^r—

Cap^t. Robert Cochran

Sir.

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

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Sunday 23^d Febr^y 1777.

Cap^t. John Mercier Sir/

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

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Sunday 23^d Febr^y. 1777—

Edward Blake presents his Compliments to his Excellency the President, and Acquaints him, that he has Directed Capt^{ns}— Cochran & Mercier to get their Vessels ready with all possible Dispatch, that he has seen Cap^t. Cochran who promises to have the Brigg Notre Dame ready by Tuesday afternoon; provided he can get a Sufficient Quantity of Ballast by that time, E, B, Opinion if a Sufficient Quantity of Stone Ballast cannot be got in

time, it will be best to take on board some Rice, Naval Stores, or any Other weighty goods rather than Loose any time for stone Ballast, if any of the above mentioned goods are to be taken An Order from Your Excellency will be Necessary

Sunday 23^d Febr^y 1777—

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

Sunday 23rd. .Febru^y 1777.

Febru^y. 24th 1777—

Cap^t. . John Copithorn Sir/

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

Edward Blake

Febru^y. 24th 1777—

Cap^t. Thomas Pickerin Sir/

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

Edward Blake—

Navy Board February 24th 1777—

Mr. Stephen Duval Sir/

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

Edward Blake first Commiss^r.

To Mr. Stephen Duval

Navy Board Februy. . . 24th. . 1777.

Mr. . Richard Ham

Sir.

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

To Mr. Richard Ham—

The following Advertizement was sent to Mr Wells
The Commissioners of the Navy will give Twelve pounds 7^s 100^{tw}. weight of neat Merchantable Hemp, for any Quantity delivered to them in Charles Town within Three Months from the Date

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

February 25th 1777.

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

Navy Board February 25th 1777—

Capt. John Copithorn Sir/

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

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

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

A Letter to his Excellency the President—

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

Mr. . Will^m Glens Schooner at Champneys wharf—
Barn^d Elliott Esq^r. D^o. at Prioleaus— D^o—

Pendarvis's D^o. at Prioleaus D^o—
 Florentines D^o. at Wraggs.. D^o—
 the first of the Four Schooners has no Master nor Men the Com-
 missioners will Endeavour to provide People for her

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Tuesday Evening }
 25th Febru^y 1777. }

A Letter to Cap^t. Edward Darrell—

Cap^t. Edward Darrell Sir/

You are to provide with all posible Dis-
 patch 50 or 60 Casks & have them filld with water and sent on
 board the different Schooners Employ'd to Carry the Troops to
 Georgia Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Febru^y. 26th 1777

To

Edw^d Darrell Esq^r. Commissary
 of the Naval Dapartment—

A Letter to M^r. M^cCulley Righten—

M^r. M^cCulley Righten Sir/

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

Febru^y. 26th 1777—

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to Cap^t. . . John Copithorn.

Cap^t. John Copithorn Sir/

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

Febr^y. 26th 1777—

Edward Blake first *Commissioner*

A Letter to Cap^t Robert Cochran—

Cap^t. Robert Cochran Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that
 you will deliver to M^r. John Calvert as many of the water Casks
 that belongs to the Brig^t. Notre Dame as can be posibly spared—

Febr^y 26th 1777—

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to Cap^t. Edward Darrell—

Cap^t. Edward Darrell Sir/

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

Febr^y. 26th 1777—

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

To

Edw^d Darrell Esq^r.

Commissary of the Naval Dep^t.

A Letter to Cap^t John CopithornCap^t. John Copithorn Sir

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

Febr^y. 27th 1777—Edward Blake first Commiss^r*Order of the Privy Council.*

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

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

- 19th Ins^t. To Cap^t. Thomas Pickerin
- 20th. .. To his Excellency the President
- 23^d. .. To Cap^t. Robert Cochran—
- 23^d. .. To Cap^t. John Mercier
- 23^d. .. To his Excellency the President
- 23^d. .. To his Excellency General How—
- 24th. .. To Cap^t. John Copithorn
- 24th. .. To Cap^t. Thomas Pickerin
- 24th. .. To Mr. Stephen Duvall
- 24th. .. To Mr. Richard Ham—
- 25th. .. An Advertizement to purchase Hemp
- 25th. .. To Cap^t. Jn^o. Copithorn
- 25th. .. To his Excellency the President
- 26th. .. To Cap^t. Edward Darrell
- 26th. .. To Mr. McCulley Righten
- 26th. .. To Cap^t. John Copithorn
- 26th. .. To Cap^t. Robert Cochran
- 26th. .. To Cap^t. Edward Darrell
- 27th .. To Cap^t. John Copithorn

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Saturday 1st March 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 3^d March [break]

The Board Mett according to Adjo[break]

Present. Edward Blake Esq first Co[break]

Josiah Smith Thomas Corbett Roger Smith, *Esquires.*

28th A Letter was wrote to Cap^t. John Mercier

Navy Board 28th February 1777—

Cap^t. John Mercier Sir/

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

A Letter was wrote to M^r Bonneau

Navy Board March 3^d 1777—

M^r Anthony Bonneau Sir/

Your different favours of the 20th 24th & 25th Instant is now before the Board, & the Contents duly noted, the Commissioners are much Obliged to you for your care in forwarding the Pork which is all safe Arrived, they Beg that you will purchase any parcells of very good pork that may be for sale in your place, provided the price do not Exceed Eighteen pounds £ Barrel we would wish to have it all Inspected, and in good tight Barrels and as soon as a good Opertunity offers, would be glad you would send it round as well as the Naval stores formerly wrote for,

You'l also please Deliver to Mr. Duvall the Two Carriage guns Landed from the Rattle Snake, to be brought round by him— I am Sir Your Most Hbl^e Serv^t—

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

N B if any Tallow to be bought in your place pray purchase as much as You Can provided the Price do not Exceed 4/6 p^{w}

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

N ^o 41 M ^c Culley Righton Amo ^t . of his Acco ^t .	£378.4.3.
42 The Hbl ^e Roger Smith Esq ^r . for a Bbl. Indigo	805.—.—

£1183.4.3.

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

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

N^o 11 A Letter from his Excellency the President to remove the Sloop Adventure into Rebellion Road dated 28th Febr^y. 1777

12 A Letter from M^r. Antho^y Bonneau dated 20th Febr^y. 1777— with 60 Barrels Pork—

13 A Letter from M^r. Anth^y Bonneau dated 24th Febr^y. 1777— with 24 Barrels Pork—

14. A Letter from M^r. Ant^y Bonneau dated 25th Febr^y. 1777— Acknowledging the rece^t. of the Pilot Boat Hawk—

Adjourned to next Friday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Friday 7th March 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 10th March 1777—

Adjourned to next Thursday Even^g 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 13th March 1777—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Friday 14th: March 1777.

The Board met according to Adjournment

Present.

Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Roger Smith, George Smith, Josiah Smith, Esq^{rs}—

A Letter to M^r. Edward Darrell—

The Commissioners of the Navy desire you will get from on board the Different Prize Vessells now in this Harbour, all the Water Casks that are to be got, keeping an Acco^t. thereof, and of their Value at the Current Price given for those things,— Cap^t Cochran informs the Commissioners, that he landed at Gadsdens wharf, Twelve water Casks, you will Enquire what is become of them and have them taken care off—

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to Cap^t. Robert Cochran—

Cap^t Rob^t Cochran Sir/

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

Navy Board 10th March 1777— Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to Cap^t. Edward Darrell

Navy Board 10th March 1777—

Cap^t Edward Darrell Sir/

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

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

To Edward Darrell Esq^r: Commissary }
for the Naval Department. }

An Order was wrote to M^r. Myer Moses—

M^r Myer Moses Sir/

Please deliver M^r. Daniel O'Nealle Two Thousand pounds weight of good Clean Merchantable Hemp *for the use of the Navy of South Carolina.*

March 14th 1777—

Edward Blake first Com[break]

Resolved to Advance Daniel Oneille Rope maker, One Thousand pounds to Enable him to *purchase Stock & hire Hands to Carry on his Business—*

An Order sent to Cap^t Edward Darrell—
 Cap^t Edward Darrell Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Supply Captains Pickerin, Allen, & Cochran, with every Necessary Store for the use of their Different Vessells, with all possible dispatch—

March 14th 1777—

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

To Edward Darrell Esq^r.

An Order to John Calvert

M^r. Calvert Sir/

Please deliver to Edward Darrell Esq^r. Twenty Pieces of Sail Duck (such as he shall Chuse) for the use of the Naval Department

March 14th 1777—

Edward Blake—

A Letter was wrote to his Excellency the President

Navy Board 14th March 1777—

Sir/

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

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following Accounts in favour of Vis

Job Rothmahler for Beef Supplied — — — —	}	£140. .15. .6—
the Schooner Rattle Snake — — — — — — — —		
Anthony Bonneau 2 Acco ^{ts} . for sundrys	}	1257. .10—11—
Supplied the Rattle Snake— — — — — — — —		
41 W ^m . & Ja ^s Carson for a Coil of Cordage— — — —		36. .6— —
42 John Benfield for Candles— — — — — — — —		53. 17. 6 —
		<hr/>
		£1488. .9. .11—
		<hr/>

15 A Letter from Tunis Tebout requesting 22 Ton of Iron

16 A Letter from his Excellency the President to Assist the Continental Frigate Randolph

17 a Letter from Daniel ONeille rope Maker

18 a Letter from— — —ditto— — — D^o—

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

7th To Edward Darrell Esq^r.

10th To Cap^t Robert Cochran

10th To Edward Darrell Esq^r—

Adjourned to Next Tuesday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 18th March 1777—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 20th March 1777—

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Saturday 22^d March 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday Even^g. 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 24th. . March [break]

The Board Mett according to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake *Esq: first Commiss*[break]

George Smith Tho^s Corbett Geo: *Abbott Hall Esq^{rs}:*

Instructions for Cap^t. Thomas Pickerin—

Navy Board, South Carolina March [break]

Captⁿ. Thomas Pickerin Sir/¹

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

¹On the margin of the page is this entry: "Capt. Pickerins Instructions of 24 March 1777.

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

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 27th March 1777—

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 29th March 1777—

Adjourned to next Wednesday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Wednesday 2^d April 1777—
 Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 3^d April 1777—
 The Board Mett according to Adjournment
 Present. Josiah Smith Esq^r. Chairman

Roger Smith, Geo. Smith, Tho^s Corbett, Geo Ab^t Hall Esq^{rs}.
 N^o. 19 A Letter from M^r. Jam^s Black dated Beaufort 16 March
 [break]

20 A Letter from M^r Doraisore dated Cape Francois 26 Feb
 [break]

21 A Letter from M^r. Jn^o Dupuy dated Mole 12th March 1777
 Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the Following Sums
 in favour of

48 Sam ^l Prioleau Jun ^r & C ^{os} Acco ^t . for Sundrys.	£1702.11.8.
49 Archibald Brown & C ^o . for Bread & Pork	589.14.5.
50 Will ^m Gibbes Esq ^r . for 103 Barrels Beef	1442.—.—.
51 Sykes & Lushington for 4 Casks Tallow.	264.16.6.
52 James Neilson for 17 Keggs Butter	257.15.—.
53. Brig ^t Comet's Pay Bill to the 27 th March 3 mo ^s	5772.14.8.

..£10029..12..3..

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 5 oClock—

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

Navy Board Monday 7th April 1777—
 The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r first Commiss^r
 Josiah Smith, Tho^s Corbett, Tho^s Savage, Roger Smith Esq^{rs}.

Order of the Privy Council—

That the Commissioners of the Navy may purchase ten hands for
 workmen in a shipyard and write for three white workman from the
 Northward that they may Lease Cochrans place on the Terms pro-
 posed or such [undecipherable word] and terms as they shall think
 Necessary for the Public Service

Agreed to hire or Lease Cap^t. Cochrans Ship Yard with five
 Negroe Workmen, and Every Building thereon as formerly Hired

or Leased to Paul Pritchard, for Twelve Hundred pounds Currency
 ₤ Annum—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 10th April 1777—

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 12th April 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 14th April 1777—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 15th April 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment .

Present Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, George Smith, Roger Smith, Tho^s Corbett, Esq^{rs}—

À Letter to M^r James Black

Navy Board April 11th 1777—

M^r James Black Sir/

You'l Receive by Cap^t. Mercier of the Sloop Beaufort Two Eighteen pounders (Carriage Guns) to be Mounted on board the Galley you are Building for this State, You'l please have them fitted in such manner as will best answer the purpose for which they were Intended. We think they may be fitted on Skids in such manner as to point at least two points on Either Bow. We are Informed the Guns on board the Georgia Galleys are fitted in that manner In regard to the Masting the Galley we have no Objection to such as you Mention, but would recommend longpole heads to Each, so that a Flying Topsail *may be set to* [half line break in both copies] *may be very square so that as much* Can [break] spread on her as can be to Advantage. We [break] recommend that you fitt as many stocks for *several* Guns as can Conveniently be mounted on [break] you get her finished with all posible dispatch [break] Cap^t. Merciers Sloop wants some Necessary Alterations to make her fitt to Mount Guns, You'l please do whatever he may think Necessary to her, and pray Dispatch her as soon as posible as we

are in great want of her for Immediate Service by Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to Cap^t. James Dohartee

Cap^t. James Dohartee Sir/

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

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

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Agreed to draw On the Treasury for the Following Acco^{ts} viz
N^o 54 In faviour of Melcher Werly for Beef for y^e

Defence

£131—9 6

55

Joseph Yeates Ship Carp^r. 20—

151—9—6

Adjourned to next Friday Even^g 5 oClock—

A Letter to M^r. . Daniel O [break]

M^r. . Oneall.

The Commissioners of the Navy have been Informed that you have Contrary to your Engagement with them sold Cordage to Cap^t. Vaughn and Several other Masters of Vessells, we desire that you will wait on the first Commissioner Tomorrow Morning, to answer to the Charge

April 18th 1777—

Edward Blake first Commiss^r.

Navy Board Friday 18th April 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Monday, 21st April 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r

Geo Abb^t. Hall, Geo Smith Josiah Smith Tho^s Corbett Esq^{rs}—

The above Letter of the 18th Ins^t was wrote and sent by the first Commissioner and approved of by the board at this Meeting—

Agreed that the first Commissioner do draw on the Treasury for the following Sums Viz^t in faviour of

Cap^t. Edw^d Blake Esq^r. 2 Aco^{ts}. paid by him

N ^o . 56 for a Spy Glass for the Brig ^t . Defence . . .	£30— —
57 a Beef Acco ^t . paid Joseph Foster for ditto . . .	129. 4. 6—
58 Cap ^t . Rich ^d Ham for the purchase of the Pilot } Boat Tryall }	2500
59 Will ^m . Trusler 4 Beef Acco ^{ts}	661. 19. 6—
60 Jacob Willaman 5 Beef Acco ^{ts}	1250..3..6
61 Elisha Poinsett for Medicines & ^c for the Comet.	49..15 —
62 Cha ^s Gruber for Water Casks.	96 — —
63 Eagle Pilot Boats Pay bill to 4 th April 3 Mo ^s .	588— — —

£5305..2.6.

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 24 April 1777.

The Board Mett according to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq/ first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, George Smith, Roger Smith, Esq^{rs} . .

a Letter was wrote to M^r Ant^y. Bonneau.

Navy Board 24th April 1777—

M^r. Anth^y. Bonneau Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will put on board M^r. Josiah *Smiths* Schooner as much Pitch as the Pattroon can Conveniently Stow, And as Cap^t. Seymour in the Rattle Snake will sail from this in a Day or two for your place, they beg you *will* put on board her all the Pork & Tallow you have purchased for the Navy of this State, and Draw on the Commissioners for the Amount.

I am Sir Your Most Hbl^e Serv^t.

Edw^d. Blake first Commissioner

Agreed for the First Commissioner to give the Necessary Orders to Cap^t. Seymour to proceed to Geo Town in the Schooner Rattle Snake—

N^o. 19 A Letter from his Excellency the President to send the Rattle Snake Cap^t Seymour to Geo Town for Pork— dated 25th April 1777—

Instructions for Cap^t. Seymour—

Navy Board 25th April 1777—

Cap^t. Stephen Seymour Sir

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

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 26th April 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 28th April 1777—

The Board Mett according to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Geo Smith Josiah Smith Tho^s Corbett Esq^{rs}—

The Lease for Cap^t Cochrans Ship Yard was Executed by both Parties Commenceing this day

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following Acco^{ts}. Viz^t

N ^o 64 Cospet Wershing for Beef supplied the Rattle Snake	£137.. 5.
65 Jacob Cauffman for Beef for the Brig ^t Notre Dame	76.. 6—
66 William Glen & C ^o for Ship Bread	1138..15..4
67 William Hest for Cordage supplied the Defence	230.. 7..6—
68 Estate of David Williams for 84 Barrels Pork	1428— — —
69 John Dawson for 583½ Bush ^{ls} Salt a 50/ & 60 Casks a 15/	1503 . 15 —
70 Edward & John Blake 4 Casks Indigo 1465 w ^t a 37/6	2746..17..6—
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	£7261.. 6..4—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Tuesday 29th April 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present, Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r

Josiah Smith, George Smith, Tho^s Corbett, Esq^{rs}—

A Letter was wrote to M^r. John Creighton at the Quarter House to purchase Hemp—

Navy Board April 29th . . 1777.

Sir/

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

I am sir

Your Most Hbl^e Serv^t.

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

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

David Hamilton

See Memorandum Book of this date—

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

An Advertizement was given to M^r. Wells and One to Mr. Timothy, in the words following

Navy Board 29th April 1777—

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

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 5. oClock—

Navy Board. Thursday 1st May 1777—

The Board Mett According to Summons—

Present. Josiah Smith Geo Smith Tho^s Corbett Geo A. Hall Esq^{rs}—

A Number of Ship Carpenters from Georgia in their way to Philadelphia Arrived here the last Even^s twas Judged expedient that a Board should be immediately Called in Order to engage them in the Service

Adjourned to next Monday Morn^s 10 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 5th May 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r first. Commiss^r

Josiah Smith, Tho^s Corbett, Geo Abbot Hall, Geo Smith Esq^{rs}.

A Letter was wrote to Cap^t. Tho^s Joel to furnish the Publick ship yard with Sparrs &^c—

Ordered that the Clerk do waite on M^r Dan^l Oneal on Thursday Morning to Take an Inventory of the Rope walk, Stock of Hemp Negroes Buildings &^c—

The following Acco^t was Ordered to be drawn on the Treasury for Viz^t. in faviou^r of—

71 Geo Flagg for Sundrys for the Comet	£13. 17 . 6—
72 Lewis Giel for Baking Biscuit	100. 8 . 6—
73 Brig ^t . Notre Dame's pay bill to 1 st May	374. 5 . 3½—
74 Nathan ^l Havens for Sundrys Supply ^d The Comet	237. 8. —
75 Cap ^t : Edward Allen for Sundry Acco ^{ts} . paid } by him for the Briggt ^t Comet. }	367. 9 — —

£1093. .8. .3½

Adjourned to Tomorrow Even^s 5 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 6th.. May 1777.

The Board Mett According to *Adjournment*.

Present Edward Blake Esq^r.. *first Commissioner*

Josiah Smith, Tho^s Corbett, Geo Abbot Hall, Geo Smith, Esq^{rs}/

A Letter was wrote to Lieut. Will^m. Hall on *Board the Brig^t.. Notre Dame*

Navy Board 6th May 1777.

Lieut^t Hall

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that *you do as soon as possible Hawl the Brigantine Notre Dame upon the Hard, and have*

her Bottom well scrub'd and Clean'd and a Light coat of Tallow pay'd over the present Coat now on the Bottom, and that you do have the Vessell put in the best Order to proceed to sea as soon as possible after Cap^t Seymour arrives at Charles Town— and that you do Endeavour all in your power to Inlist Fifty men to serve on board the *Brig^t*..

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commiss^r—

A Letter of Instructions for Cap^t James Dohartie—

Navy Board. 6th May 1777—

Cap^t James Dohartie Sir/

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

By order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Ordered that the first Commissioner draw on the Treasury for the following Accounts, Viz^t. in faviour of

78....*McCully Righton 2 Acco^{ts}*.. for Boat and

Negro hire.. £422.. 5..6

79....*William Bennie* for Baking Biscuit . . . 22.. 4. 6

80....*Benjamin Lord* for surveying the ship yard and

2 platts.. 15— — —

£459..10— —

Adjourned to Tomorrow 12 oClock—

Navy Board Wednesday 7th May 1777—
 The Board Mett According to Adjournment
 Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
 Thomas Corbett Geo Abbot Hall Geo Smith Josiah Smith Esq^{rs}—
 Instructions to Cap^t Edward Allen—
 Navy Board South Carolina May 7th 1777—
 Cap^t. Edward Allen—

Sir/

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

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By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

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

E Blake—

The first Commissioner was Ordered to Draw on the Treasury for the following acco^t. in favoiur of

N ^o 80 Jacob Cauffman for Sundrys Supply ^d the	} 41. . 5 [break]
Brigt. Notre Dame.	

Adjourned to tomorrow Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 8 May 1777—

Adjourned to Next Saturday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 10th May 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

George Abbott Hall, Tho^s Corbett, Josiah Smith, Esq^{rs}—

The Board having Made a Proposall on Monday last the 5th Inst. to Cap^t Alexander Gillon for a Quantity of Mahogany now Laying on Gen^l. Gadsdens wharff, to give him £5. ff 100 feet which proposals Cap^t. Gillon agreed to accept off Yesterday for the said Mahogany—

In the Privy Council May 8th 1777—

The Board advised his Excellency to direct the Commissioners of the Navy Board to Establish a Rope walk

by his Excell^{cy} the Presid^t: Order^d Accordingly

(signed) Jn^o Colcock

Sec^{ry} P. C—

The first Commissioner was directed to draw on the Treasury for the Two following sums in favour off Viz^t.

N ^o 81 Tho ^s Anderson for 2824 pounds of Hemp delivered by him to M ^r . Dan ^l ONeille sent there by M ^r . John Creighton—a £15 Ⓕ C ^t . .	} £423. 12—
82 John Brotherer for a Negroe Man Named Titus Purchased of him by Edw ^d Blake Esq ^r . first Commiss ^r for the use of the Naval Depart- ment see the Bill of Sale dated the 8 th Ins ^t . - -	

£1123. 12.—

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

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Monday [break]

The Board Mett According to Adjourn[break]

Present Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissio[break]

Geo Abbot Hall, Tho^s Corbett, Josiah Smith, Geo Smith [break]

A Letter was given to M^r. David Hamilton *to apply* to Gabr^l. Capers Esq^r. for leave to Cutt live Oak Timber *for the use* of the Navy in the words following Viz^t.

M^r. Hamilton

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

Navy Board }

12th May 1777. }

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

Adjourned to Next Friday Evening 5 oClock—

Extra Meeting Navy Board Wednesday 14th May 1777—

The Board Mett According to Summons—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Geo Abbott Hall, Tho^s Corbett, Josiah Smith, George Smith, Esq^{rs}—

A Letter was wrote to his Excellency the President.

Navy Board 14th May 1777—

Sir/ The Commissioners of the Navy having received Certain Information of the Capture of the Brigg Defence and Judging it Necessary, as soon as possible, to purchase or build; One or more fit Vessels to Cruize for the protection of the Trade of this State; beg leave to recommend to your Excellency that as George Abbot Hall Esq^r. on of the Commissioners of this Board is now going to the Northward for the Benefit of his Health, he may be Directed to purchase a [break] will mount not *less than Eighteen* six pounders [break] sailing, and in Every respect fit for the service intended, and have her Compleatly fitted, Armed, and maned, and that he may be furnished, with a Sufficient Credit on thè *Continental* Treasury, to Enable him to make such purchase, *and* that your Excellency will furnish him with Blank Commissions for a Captain, and Two Lieutenants,

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

The following Acco^{ts}. was Ordered to be drawn on the Treasury for, that is in favour of—

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

£973.. 3..6—

90 Edw^d. Stiles for Trucks for the Defence— — — 12 — — —

985.. 3 6

Adjourned to Friday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board. Friday 16th May 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 19th May 1777—
Adjourned until Summon'd—

Navy Board Friday 30 [break in both copies]

The Board Mett according to *Summons*

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Comm[break]

George Smith Josiah Smith *Roger* [break]

Instructions for Cap^t Seymour to Open [break]

Navy Board May [break]

Cap^t Stephen Seymour

Sir/

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

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

a Letter to M^r David Hamilton

Navy Board 30th May 1777—

M^r David Hamilton

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

by Order of the Board—

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter' to Cap^t. . Stephen Seymour

Navy Board 17th May 1777—

Cap^t. . *Stephen Seymour*

Sir/

The President and Privy Council having appointed you Cap^t. of the Brigg Notre Dame (in the room of

Robert Cochran) the Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will repair on board the said Brigg, and Carry with you all the Officers and Seamen belonging the Rattle Snake as the Commissioners have determined that they should be all Turned over from the Rattle Snake to serve on board the Notre Dame— You'l please Order a return to be made out and Delivered to the Clerk of the Navy Board, by the Different Officers of all the stores you had on board at the Time you Sailed from George Town for Hispaniola, and a List of all stores that have been Expended on board during the Voyage and what have been delivered to the Commissary, and the Clerk of the Navy Board— Also Indents of all the stores on board the Notre Dame, and proper Indents for the stores wanted by the different warrant Officers to fitt her for a Cruize

by Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss^r—

The following Acco^{ts} were Ordered to be drawn on the Treasury for in faviour of—

N ^o 91 Peter Prow Making Sails for the Defence	£108. 10		
92 ditto . . . Making d ^o for the Comet	178..10	287..—	—
93 James Donaldson Joiners work for the Comet	19..10		—
94 The Pilot Boat Tryalls pay bill to the 23 ^d Inst 3 Mo ^s	139. 6		—
95 Sundry persons for work on board the Notre Dame	68.. 5		—
96 Doct ^r Alex ^r Hyrne for Medicenes for Rattle Snake	23.. 2. 6		
97 The Schooner Rattle Snakes pay bill to y ^e 20 th May	3660..19. 5		
		£4198.. 2..11—	

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock

Navy Board Monday 2nd.. June [break]

The Board Mett According to *Adjournment*

Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissio[break]

Josiah Smith, George Smith, Thomas *Corbett* [break]

A Letter was wrote to Cap^t. Robert *Cochran*.

Cap^t Robert Cochran Sir/

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

Edw^d Blake 1st Commiss^r

a Letter was wrote to M^r. Isaac Seymour

Navy Board 2^d June 1777—

M^r. Isaac Seymour Sir/

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

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter was wrote to Cap^t Steven Seymour

Navy Board 2^d June 1777—

Cap^t. Stephen Seymour

Sir/

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

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

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

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

In favour of Viz^t. .

Tunis Tebout for Blacksmiths work for the Sloop

Beaufort. £156. . 1.—

Smith & Darrell a Hh^d Rum for the Brigg Comet. 245. . 5 —

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

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

George Smith Jun^r 2 Cords wood for the Notre Dame. 15. —.—

£625 . 4 —

Agreed to Lett M^r. William Johnson have Six Ton of Publics Coals—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board— Thursday 5th. June 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

George Smith, Josiah Smith, Tho^s Corbett Esq^{rs}. . .

A Letter was wrote to M^r John Dupey at Cape Nichola Mole
Navy Board Charles Town S^o Carolina June 4th 1777—

M^r. John Dupey Sir/

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

I am Sir Your most Obed^t. .

Hbl^e Serv^t.

Edward Blake fi[break]

Directed To Mons^r. John Dupey Merch^t. at Cape *Nichola* Mole Highspaniola—

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

A Copy of the forementioned Letter to M^r Dupey Incloseing a Second Bill of Loading was put on board the Sloop Success. Cap^t. Will^m Allen—

Ordered that M^r Stephen Duvall do Emediately Cause the Pilot boat Eagle to be Carried to the Public ship Yard and have her Cleaned and put in good repair—

The following Acco^{ts}. was Ordered to be drawn on the Treasury in faviour of—

103 William Hest for Cordage for the Sloop Beaufort	£13.	7—	—
104 Pay Bill of the Sloop Beaufort to the 4 th June .	695.	8.	6
105 Josiah Smith Jun ^r Esq ^r . freig ^t of Pork from Geo Town		42	— —
106 ^t Humphry Humphrys for 333 ^w . Hemp a	£15 - -	49—19	—
107 Edward Fisher & C ^o . for Sundrys Supplied the Commiss ^{rs}		50	„ 15 —
108 Clem ^t Lempriere his Acco ^t . against the Brigg Defence		578	„ 16 —
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		£1430	„ 5,, 6—

Adjourned to next Saturday 5 oClock

Navy Board Saturday 7th June 1777—

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 9th. June 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r

Josiah Smith, Tho^s Corbett, George Smith Esq^{rs}

A Letter was wrote to Mr., Sam^l. Wells, & one to Mr. John Single-
tary, to Supply to public Ship Yard with Sparrs and Plank—

The following Acco^{ts}. was drawn on the Treasury for infav^r

Carpenters at the Ship Yard half a Month wages. 600. .—

£600. —

Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board. Thursday 12th June 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment—

Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Tho^s Corbett, George Smith, Esq^{rs}.

Agreed by the Board that the Commissary do make Choice of Such
Articles from the Prize goods as are usefull to the Navy of this state, -

¹On the margin is this annotation: "not to be Charged ʒ"

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

A Letter was wrote to M^r Benj^a Clark at Beaufort

Navy Board June 12th 1777—

Sir/

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

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

I am Sir Your Most *hble* *Servant*

Edward B[break in both copies]

The following Acco^{ts}. were Ordered to be drawn on the [break] for in faviour of—

109 M ^c Culley Righton for Negroe hire & wages as } boat keeper to the 1 st Inst ^t }	[break]
110 Lieu ^t Will ^m Hall 2 Acco ^{ts} . for work on board the Notre Dame	37..10[break]

£347 [break]

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board. . Saturday 14th June 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Tho^s Corbett, Roger Smith Esq^{rs}

A Letter to M^r. M^cCulley Righton

M^r., Righton

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you do Imediately send a Boat & Six hands if so many can Conveniently be got (if not four good hands) to assist in taking the

Powder off from the pest House on Morris's Island, and put it on board the Tryal Pilot Boat.

Edw^d Blake 1st Commiss^r

Navy Board } the above Pilot boat being on ground at this
June 14th. 1777 } time the following Letter was wrote to Cap^t.
Jn^o. Mercier of the Sloop Beaufort

A Letter to Cap^t. Mercier

Cap^t. Mercier

Sir/

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

Navy Board }
[break] June 1777 } Edward Blake first Commiss^r

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

A Letter to the Commanding Officer at Fort Moultrie

Navy Board June 14th 1777—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy having directions from his Excellency the president to send the Sloop Beaufort Cap^t. John Mercier to Morris's Island to bring off all the Powder now in the pest House, You'l please suffer him to pass to that place

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

An Order drawn on the Treasury in favour of M^r Humphry Humphrys the 4th. Inst. for 333^w. of Hemp is Cancell^d by M^r Dan^l O'Neill paying the said humphrys for the said Hemp Amo^{ts} to. . £49. . 19—

See N^o, 106—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of M^r Dan^l O'Neill for the Ballance of his Acco^t. £169—3./—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 16th June 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r
Josiah Smith, Tho^s Corbett, George Smith, Esq^{rs}—

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

A Letter was wrote to *Elisha Sawyer Esq^r.*

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

Edward Blake, *first Commissioner*

Navy Board 16th June 1777—

To Elisha Sawyer Esq^r.

Commissary for the Naval Department

A Letter was wrote to M^r. John Turner—

Navy Board 16th June 1777—

M^r. John Turner

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

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Adjourned to next Friday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Friday 20th June 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, George Smith, Tho^s Corbett, Esq^{rs}.—
A Letter wrote to his Excellency the President

Navy Board June 20th 1777.

The Commissioners of the Navy presents their Compliments to his Excellency the President and Acquaints him, that it has been the

Constant practice of this Board, to put on board the State Vessels bound *on* a Cruze, Indigo to bear their Expence should any of them be Obliged *to* put into any Foreign port, but at this Time, that article is not to *be* had, unless at a very Extravagant price and as they are Informed that the Continental Congress have agents in all the Foreign Islands they will be Obliged to his Excellency for a Letter of Credit for Capt^{ns}— Seymour and Allen on the different Agents, should Either of them be Obliged to put into Martinico Guardaloup, S^t Eustatia, or Hispaniola—

Resolved to Build a Galley of the following Dementions viz

Length of Keel . . .	100 feet . . .	}
Breadth of Beam	26 feet . . .	
Depth in the Hold	10 feet Clear	

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following Sums in faviour of—

112	Capt ^d Edw ^d Allen for taking up Deserters & ^c for the Comet	£89. 7. 6
113	Capt ^t James Doharty his Acco ^t for the Beaufort Galley	146. 0. 6
114	Capt ^t James Doharty Advanced him	300.—. —
115	Paul Pritchard for 4000 feet Inch Pine boards for the use of the Ship Yard	100.—. —
		£635. .8. —

A Letter of Instructions for Capt^t. Edward Allen—

Navy Board South Carolina 20th June 1777—

Captⁿ. Edward Allen

Sir/

The Brigantine of warr Comet of which you are Captⁿ. being now ready to proceed to Sea on a Cruze having on board nearly a full Complement of Men and Provisions & stores for Three Months, we desire that you will Embrace the first favourable Opertunity to proceed to Sea, And you have our Liberty to Cruze not Exceeding Three Months from the day you Leave Charles Town Barr, in such station as shall appear to you most promising of Success, During which time you are to Take, Sink, Burn or Destroy, any Ships Vessels or Goods belonging to the King of Great Britain or to any *of his Subjects, excepting* the Vessels or goods belonging to the Islands of *Bermuda* or *New Providence*, and Should you be so fortunate *as to take* any Prize be carefull to put on board a proper Officer *as prize* Master and a Sufficient number of

Men to *navigate* [break] with Orders to proceed to Charles Town, or some *Convenient* Inlet in the State of South Carolina, and we *particularly* Recommend, that you take the Captⁿ. and two *thirds* of the Crew belonging to any Prize (you may take) on *board* the Comet, and that you give directions for treating *your* prisoners with the greatest Humanity and Tenderness and that you do use your best Endeavours to Inlist as many seamen for the Comet as will keep the Complement to Eighty, You are to advise the Commissioners by Letter directed to the first Commissioner of every Transaction worth Communicating during your Cruze, and that you do frequently cause to be read to the Vessels Company the Rule of the Navy of this State, and the Third Article of the Rules of Discipline and good Government and that you Endeavour all in your power to Cultivate Harmony and good Order among the Officers and Seamen And that you do every Month Examine the Accounts of the different warrant Officers and when found right that you do sign their accounts agreeable to the General Instructions given you by the Board— And to prevent any Inconvenience that may arise for want of Credit should you be Obligated to put into any Foreign Port you have herewith a Letter of Credit from his Excellency the President on the agent of the Continental Congress residing at such port, and whatever Supplies you may Receive from him for the use of the Comet you are to Draw Bills on this Board for the amount, and advise the Commissions by every Oppertunity of all such Drafts, The Commissioners of the Navy having received Information from his Excellency the President of a Number of Brass Field Pieces and Other warlike stores belonging to this State; being at Cape François in the Hands of Mons^r. Carabasse they desire *that* in Case you should put into that port at a time your *Cruise may be* [break] out, and you [break] to return to Charles Town *you will call on Mons^r Carabasse* and take on board the Comet [break] *many of them* with their Carriages and Stores as you can Conveniently Bring.

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commiss^r—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board. Saturday 21st. June. 1777—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present.

Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Tho^s Corbett, George Smith, Esq^{rs}—
Orders was drawn on the Treasury for the following Sums in
favour of—

N ^o 116	
Edward Blake Esq ^r . for a Negroe Man Named } Jack for the use of the Public Rope walk . . . }	£825.— —
N ^o . 117	
Tho ^s Legare Jun ^r . for a Negroe Man Named Hor- } ace for the use of the Public Rope walk . . . }	700 — —
N ^o 118	
Sam ^l Bonsell his Acco ^t . of Iron work for the Notre Dame	55 — —
	£1580 — — —

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

Adjourned until further Summons—

Navy Board Monday 30th June 1777—
The Board Mett According to Summons—
Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Tho^s Corbett George Smith Esq^{rs}. . . .
A Letter to Geo Abbott Hall Esq^r.
S^o Carolina — — Navy Board June 30th 1777—
George Abbot Hall Esq^r

Sir

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

We beg *that you will be* [break in both copies] *assistance*
in your power to get and *forward* [break] as possible, as we have a
very *large Galley* [break] now [break] and we are fearfull the
greater part, *if not the whole of the* Carpenters now Employed in
the State Yard, *will quit & return* to Philadelphia as soon as their
three Months [break] *is expired*, after which we shall be greatly
Distressed for want [break]ters unless we get Supplied from the
Northward—

If such as have their own Tools can be Engaged it will be [break] as them Articles are very scarce and hard to be got in this State— Pray Inform this Board of Every thing that will [break] of Service to the Navy of this State, and whether or not you have purchased a Vessel on Account of this State; if Pickerin is Exchanged, or likely to be Exchanged soon, if not, and you have purchased a Vessel who is to Command her

by Order of the Board I am Sir

Your Most Obed^t. Hbl^e Serv^t.

Edward Blake 1st Commiss.

A Letter to the Deligates of this State in Philadelphia

Navy Board June 30th 1777—

Gentlemen/

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

and on as respectable a Footing as any Other Navy in America— by
Order of the Board

I am Gentlemen Your Most Obed^t.

Hbl^e Serv^t.

Edw^d Blake 1st Commissioner

Instructions for Captⁿ Stephen Seymour—

Navy Board South Carolina June 30th 1777—

Captⁿ. Stephen Seymour

Sir/

The Brigantine of war Notre Dame of which you are Captⁿ, being now ready to proceed to sea on a Cruize having on board nearly a full Complement of men & provisions and Stores for Three Months, we desire that you will Embrace the first favourable Oppertunity to Proceed to sea, And you have our Liberty to Cruise not Exceeding Three Months from the day you leave Charles Town Barr, in such station as shall appear to you most promising of Success, During which Time you are to Take, Sink, Burn, or Destroy, and ships, Vessels, or Goods, belonging to the King of Great Britain, or to any of his Subjects Excepting the Vessels, or Goods, belonging to the Islands of Burmuda, or new Providence, & should you be so fortunate as to take any prize, be Carefull to put on board a proper Officer as prize Master & a Sufficient number of Men to Navigate her, with Orders to proceed to Charles Town, or some Convenient Inlet in the State of *South Carolina* & we particularly recommend that you take [break] and Two thirds of the Crew, belonging to any prize (you [break] on board the Notre Dame, and that you give *directions for* Treating your Prisoners with the greatest *Humanity* & Tenderness, and that you do use your best Endeavour [break] *list* as many Seamen for the Notre Dame as will keep [break] Complement to Eighty, You are to Advise the Commissio [break] by Letter Directed to the first Commissioner of every Transaction worth Communicateing, during your Cruise, and that you do frequently cause to be read to the Vessels Company the Rules of the *Navy* of this State, and the third Article of the Rule of Decipline and good Government, and that you Endeavour all in your power to Cultivate Harmony and good Order among the Officers & Seamen, and that you do Every Month Examine the Accounts of the different Warrant Officers, and when found Right that you do sign their Acco^{ts}— Agreeable to the General Instructions given you by this Board— And to prevent any Inconvenience that may Arise for want of Credit Should you be Obligated to put into any *Foreign* port you have herewith a Letter of Credit from his Excellency the Presi-

dent on the Agent of the Continental Congress resideing at such Port; and whatever Supplys you may receive from him for the use of the Notre Dame, you are to draw Bills on this Board for the Amount; and advise the Commissioners by Every Opertunity of all such Drafts, The Commissioners of the Navy having received Information from his Excellency the President of a Number of Brass Field Pieces and Other warlike Stores, belonging to this State being at Cape Francois in the Hands of Mons^r. Carabasse, they desire that in case you should Put into that Port at a time your Cruize may be nearly Out and you are about to return to Charles Town you will Call on Mons^r. Carabasse and take on board the Notre Dame as many of them with their Carriages & Stores as you Can Conveniently Bring

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake 1st Commissioner.

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

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

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

The following Acco^{ts}. were Ordered to be drawn on the Treasury for viz in faviou^r of—

119	Thomas Ditchfield a Rendvous Acco ^t . for the Notre Dame	£1235,,12.6.
120	William Denney for Pouches for.....ditto.....	180 — —
121	George Flagg. Painting & Rectefying Compasses for ditto.	25. 5 —
		£1440,,17. 6
122	Cap ^t Step ⁿ Seymour Advanced by him— — — —	593.15
	Cap ^t . Seymour for provissions for the Rattle Snake	78 — —
		£2112,,12. 6

Adjourned to next Thursday Even^g. 6 oClock—

Ended—¹

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

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Navy Board 1st July 1777—

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

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

The Board Met According to *Adjourn*[break]

Present. Edward B[break]

Tho^s Corbett, Josiah Smith, Tho^s Savag[break]

Copies of Two Letters; One to the Delegates of this Stat[break]

and One to George Abbot Hall Esq^r. at the same place [break] Ult^o. were wrote by the first Commissioner and sent [break] Cotesworth Pinckney—

Agreed to Allow M^r. John Gabroel half a pint of Rum ₹ d[break] for Each of his white workmen & a Gill of Rum ₹ day for Ea[break] of his Negroes while Employ'd by the Commissioners—

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the Following Acco^{ts}. in fav^r. of

James Snead for sundrys for the Brig ^t Notre Dame. . . .	£39	—	—
John R ^d Talman for Boards Supplied John Gabroel..	105.	0.	9
James Stedman for Trucks for the Notre Dame.	54	—	—
M ^c Culley Righton his wages & Cash in the M ^o . of			
June	212	5	—
Will ^m Ward Burrows for draw ^s Lease &c. for Rope			
Walk	50	—	—
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	£460	5	9.

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 5th July 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r

 Josiah Smith, Tho^s Savage, Tho^s Corbett, Esq^{rs}—

The Agreement between the Commissioners of the Navy, and Daniel O'Neill Rope Maker, were Signed & Sealed by both Parties in presence of

 John Calvert & Daniel Smith—

Adjourned to next Wednesday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Wednesday 9th July 1777

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 10th. July 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

 Josiah Smith, George Smith, Tho^s Corbett, Tho^s Savage, Esq^{rs}

A Letter to Cap^t. Isaac Seymour—
 Captⁿ. Seymour

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that Tomorrow (without fail) You have the Floating Battery ready to proceed for a Load of Timber for the use of the public Ship Yard, and that you do Acquaint the first Commissioner as soon as the Vessel is ready—

Edw^d Blake 1st Commiss^r

A Letter to M^cCulley Righton

Navy Board July 10th 1777

Mr. M^cCulley Righton

Sir/

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

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to M^r. David Hamilton

dated Navy Board July 7th 1777—

Mr. David Hamilton

Sir/

The President having Signified to the Board by Message delivered by M^r. John Calvert that it was the Determination of the Council, that a Galley of the Following Dimensions Sixty Two feet Keel Twenty feet Beam & Six feet Clear in the Hold should be Immediately *built for the defence of this State, you'l therefore have* [break] Galley Built with all possible dispatch.

Message from his Excellency the *President* to the Commissioners of the Navy dated July 9th 1777—

The Public will not in future Insure Negroes employed in the Armed Vessells belonging to the State

The following Acco^{ts}. were Ordered to be drawn on the Treasury in favour of—

N^o1 James Black for Building a Galley... £3248..15 [break]

¹All has been left blank under "N^o" in the original journal, but in the engrossed copy before the first eight items are the numbers 131 to 138. Between the first of these and the writing is the figure 21, the next two 11, the fourth 13, the fifth 23, the sixth 29, the seventh 5 and the eighth a blank space. Before the first exhibit in Trusler's item is the figure 34 and before the second is 8.

ditto for work done to the Sloop Beau- fort— — — — —	295..14 [break]
John Hughes for work on board Sloop Beaufort	42..11 [break]
Eagle Pilot boat a pay bill from the 4 th Apr ^l to the 4 th July being three Months.	402.— [break]
Jacob Valk for a Negro Man Landy for the use of the Rope Walk— —	
Elisha Sawyer Commissary his Dis- bursement	410 — [break]
George Warshing Beef for the Rattle Snake.	6072. 8. 2
William Trusler for Sundry Acco ^{ts} . viz Pilot Boat Tryal for Beef. . . . .	.41. 3. 9
Brigg Notre Dame. ditto.	£57. 2. 9.
Pilot Boat Eagle. . . ditto.	406:11. 6
Brigg Comet. . . ditto.	66. 2. 3.
Sloop Beaufort. . . ditto.	358..14...
Ship Yard. . . . ditto.	12.16—
	80.12—981..18. 6

£11494..11..8

Adjourned to Next Saturday Even^g 6 oClock—

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

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

Navy Board Tuesday 15th July 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r

Josiah Smith, George Smith, Tho^s Savage, Esq^{rs}.

The following Sums were Ordered to be drawn for on the Treasury
in faviour of

Daniel ONeille for the use of the Rope walk	£1000 —
Will ^m Hest a Hauser for the Comet 1190 ^w . a £30.	357 — —
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	£1357 — —

Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 17th July 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, George Smith, Thomas Savage, Esq^{rs}—

Lease's for the Public Rope walk were Executed between Mathewrin Guerin, Joseph Creighton, & Geo. Tew of the One part and the Commissioners of the Navy of the Other part for the Term of five Years from the First day of March Last—

A Letter to M^r. Elisha Sawyer

Navy Board July 17th 1777—

M^r Elisha Sawyer

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire to know what forwardness the sails, Rigging, & other stores Ordered for the Beaufort Galley are in, and when the whole will be ready..... Edward Blake first Commiss^r—

A Letter to Captⁿ. Stephen Duval

Navy Board July 17th. 1777—

Captⁿ. Stephen Duval

Sir/

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

A Letter to Captⁿ. Thomas Smith

Navy Board July 17th 1777—

Captⁿ. Tho^s Smith

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you do Immediately Call on Captⁿ Stephen Duval of the Eagle Pilot Boat, and receive from him Two Negroe Men to Serve on board the Tryall Pilot Boat under your Command, (Namely,) Belonging to M^r. Jacob Waldron & belonging to M^{rs}. Jones and that you do also Endeavour to Engage Mess^{rs}. Pharoah and Elsenore to go with you as Branch Pilots, and that you do get the Tryal ready with all possible Dispatch to proceed to sea, and that you do Inform the Commissioners of the Navy when ready—

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to Cap^t: John Mercier—

Navy Board July 17th 1777—

Captⁿ. John Mercier

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will attend the Board this Evening at Eight oClock, and that you bring an Indent of all such Stores as will be wanted to fit out the Sloop Beaufort as an Armed Vessel

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

[Break] Letter to [undecipherable] Elisha Sawyer

Navy Board July 17th 1777—

M^r Elisha Sawyer

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will furnish Captⁿ John Mercier of the Sloop Beaufort with all such stores as he may apply for to fit said Sloop for Sea with all possible Dispatch; that you do purchase Six Hhds of Rum for the use of the Naval Department Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Adjourned to next Saturday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board. Saturday 19th July 1777—

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board. Monday 21st July 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, George Smith, Roger Smith, Tho^s Corbett, Esq^{rs}

A Letter to Mr. David Hamilton

Navy Board July 21st 1777—

Mr. Hamilton

Sir/

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

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

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following Acco^{ts}

William Johnson his Acco ^t . against the Brigg Comet	£294. 3. 9
ditto. Brigg Defence	138 13 6
ditto. Brigg Notre Dame	379. 8 —
Stephen Duval Disbursements for the Eagle.	36. 19. 6
John Hughes Joyners work on board the B Galley.	363 — —

£1212. . 4. . 9.

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

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening [break]

Navy Board Thursday 24th July 1777—

A Letter to Mr. David Hamilton

Navy Board July 23^d 1777—

Mr. David Hamilton

Sir/

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

A Letter to Captⁿ. John Mercier

Navy Board July 23^d 1777—

Captⁿ. John Mercier

Sir/

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

I am Sir Your Most Hbl^e Serv^t

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to Cap^t. . James Dohartie—

Navy Board July 23^d 1777—

Capt James Dohartie

Sir/

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

I am Sir Your Most Hbl^e Serv^t.

Edward Blake first Commiss^r.

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

adjourned to Next Saturday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 26th July 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Thomas Corbett, Roger Smith, Esq^{rs}—

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following Acco^{ts}. in fav^r. of

Nath^l Russell for 6 Hh^d. Rum 658 Galls a 60/. £

Gall

£1974. . —

Elisha Poinsett for Medicines for the Brigg Notre Dame	448..17. 6
Philip Hart for sundrys Supplied the Commissary..	516.. 7. 4½
Benj ^a . Warshington Blacksmith 1 Month wages	} 85 — —
due him the 21 st Ultimo for self £60 Negroe fellow £25	
	£3024.. 4.. 10½

Adjourned to next Tuesday Evening 6 oClock—

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

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

Navy Board Saturday 2^d August 1777—
Adjourned untill further Summons—

Navy Board Monday 18th August 1777—
The Board Met According to Summons—
Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith George Smith Thomas Savage Esq^{rs}—
Navy Board July 30th 1777—

Captⁿ. John Mercier

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy having Received directions from his Excellency the President to send the Sloop Beaufort with a Load of Rice to One of the French Islands, they desire to know if it will be agreeable to you to go in her as Captain and Transact the Business, for which the usual Commission

will be allowed,— If you Accept of the Offer, You'll please purchase a Load of Good new Rice at Beaufort, & draw on the Commissioner of the Navy for Amount (the Current price in Charles Town is 50/ ₤ 100 w^t.) and as soon as your Vessel is Loaded and fit for sea, You are to proceed with all possible dis^p[break] to Cape Francois, or Some Harbour in Hispaniola, there *dispose of the* Cargo of Rice *at the highest price you can obtain, and purchase as much* Rum as you Can conveniently stow, *if any money* Remains after paying for the Rum and the Necessary *Charges of the* Vessell, you are to Invest it in good Osnabrugs or Sail Duck, and Proceed with all possible dispatch to Cha^s Town, or the First Convenient Inlet in the State of South Carolina, if any provissions or Other Stores are wanted that Cannot be got in Beaufort, Advise the Commissioners as Early as possible that they may be sent from Charles Town, or if it should not suit you to proceed on this Voyage, pray make all possible haste in getting the Sloop fitted and Loaded for the sea, and proceed with her to Charles Town

I am Sir Your Most Hbl^e. Serv^t.

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Navy Board July 31st 1777—

Captⁿ. James Dohartie

Sir/

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

I am Sir Your Most Hbl^e Serv^t

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Navy Board Charles Town Augst. 14th 1777—

Captⁿ. Stephen Seymour¹

Sir/

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

¹On the margin is the annotation: "Capt Seymour }
Instructions }"

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

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Agreed to draw on the Treasury for amo^t. of the Bill of wages &c. due the Ship Carpenters Employed in the State Ship Yard due the 2^d Ins^t £5305.1..8—

Adjourned to next.. Thursday Even^g 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 21st Aug^t.1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r—

Josiah Smith Tho^s Savage Roger Smith Esq^{rs}—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of Begby & Manson their Acco^t against the Comet. £874. 7.4—

Myer Moses Sundrys Supply'd the Commissary- - 112. 10 —

Arnold Harvey wages due him from y^e Notre

Dame 26.. 5

Edward Weyman for water Casks for the Comet. 30 —————

ditto. . . a Cable from the Appalachicola for ditto— 200 —————

Continued £1243.. 2 [break]

[Break] Treasury Continued £1243. 2. 4.

[Break]y bill to y^e 27th June 3 Months 6083. 2 —

ditto pay bill to y^e. 20th Aug^t. 1 M^o. 24 days— 2275. 10 8—

£9601..15 —————

adjourned to Next Saturday Even^g 6 oClock—

John Gaboriel for the ship yard Advanced.	195
George Buckle work at Ship yard	65
Dan ^l . Oneille Rope walk advanced him	175 .15
John Dorcheus discounted for Iron dd Ed Darrell Esq ^r	227 15
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	1712. 12.6-
John Edwards Esq ^r . freight of Tarr.	382..10
Capt ⁿ . John Mercier pay Bill and disbursm ^{ts} for the } Sloop Beaufort to 28 th Ins ^t }	541.. 7-
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	£2636.. 9..6

Adjourned to Next Monday Even^g 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 1st September 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith, Roger Smith Edward Darrell Tho^s Corbett Esq^{rs}..

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

Jonas Davies wages due him on board the Notre Dame	£191. 2—
Rob ^t Cochran his Acco ^t . against the Notre Dame	411..11—

£602..13—

Adjourned to next Thursday Even^g 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 4th September 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Tho^s Corbett, Edward Darrell, Esq^{rs}—

A Letter to M^r. Elisha Sawyer—

Navy Board Septem^r. 4th 1777—

Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will [break] Eagle Pilot Boat with a New Suit of Sails, (say Main Sail For [break] Sail & Gib) with all possible dispatch—

To Elisha Sawyer Commissary } of the Naval Department }	Edward Blake first Commiss ^r
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Agreed to draw on the Treasury for the following Sums in favour of

Gabriel Capers Esq ^r . for Live Oak Timber for Ship Yard	£1370	— —
Sam ^l Legare for a Cable for the Brigg Defence. . . .	273.	12.—
John Heskett for pine Timber for the Ship Yard . . .	60	— —
McCulley Righton 2 Acco ^{ts} . for July & August . . .	342.	17 6
Geo Morris his Acco ^t . for painting boats	96.	10 —
John Gaborial Advanced him for the Ship Yard.	1000.	— —
Dan ^l ONeille advanced him for the Rope walk \ .	2000	— —
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	£8090.1..	6
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Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 8th Sept^r. 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

John Edwards, Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell Tho^s Corbett Esq^{rs}:

A Letter to his Excellency the President

The Commissioners of the Navy request your Excellency to Grant Captⁿ. Samuel Snowden Commander of the Sloop Beaufort belonging to this State a Commission, being now ready for Sea—.....

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Monday Evening 8th Sept^r. 1777—

A Letter to Captⁿ. Stephen Seymour—

Charles Town Navy Board 8th Sept^r. 1777—

Captⁿ Stephen Seymour

Sir The Commissioners of the Navy are much Surprised to hear *that the Brig^t. . Notre Dame* of which you *have* Command is [break] *Port*, contrary to their Orders to you of the 14th. . *Ultimo* They theref [break] again require that you do Immediately proceed to 'sea According to their said Instructions of the 14th *Ultimo*

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to Captⁿ. Samuel Snowden—

Navy Board September 8th 1777—

Captⁿ. Samuel Snowden/

Sir/

The Sloop Beaufort being now Loaded and ready for Sea, the Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do proceed with the utmost Dispatch from Charles Town to Cape

Francois, or Cape Nichola Mole in the Island of Hispaniola, which-soever you Can most Conveniently get into where as soon as you Arive you are to Deliver your Cargo Agreeable to Bill of Loading, (that is to say) if) at Cape Francois to Mess^{rs}. D'Oraisore & C^o. if at Cape Nichola to Mr. John Dupuy Merch^t. there, and take on board such Cargoe as Either of them may deliver you with which you are to proceed with all possible dispatch to Charles Town or some Convenient Inlet in this State we would recommend your supplying your self with such shot as will be Necessary for the use of the Vessell, and as you are furnished with a Commission, we would also recommend that you ship Ten Men in Hispaniola more than the Number you Carry from Charles Town— Wishing you a Successfull Voyage

I am Sir

Your Most Hbl^e. Serv^t.

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to Mess^{rs}. D'Oraisore & C^o—

S^o, Carolina Navy Board Septem^r 9th 1777—

Mess^{rs} D'Oraisore & C^o.

Gentlemen your favour of the 6th of May is now before the Board, and in answer thereto we *now* Inclose you Invoice and Bill of Loading for Sixty One *whole & Thirty one half Barrels of Rice* which you'll please receive and dispose of to the best Advantage for the state of South Carolina, and the N^t. proceeds, (after paying Captⁿ. Snowden five ₤ C^t on the amount of Sales and the disbursements of the Sloop) you'll please remit in good Taffia and should the proceeds of the *Rice* be insufficient to purchase a full Load we beg that you will advance as much for the Credit of this State as will fill her, and you may be assured of being reimbursed out of the Cargoe of the Schooner Rattle Snake with Interest. the Rattle Snake will sail in about a Month with a Cargoe of about Two Hundred & Twenty Barrels of Rice & a Quantity of Indigo or Tobacco in Order to Make payment to Mr. Dupuy for his advance on Account of the States Brigg Defence and to purchase a Load of Taffia—

I am Sir

To Mess^{rs}. D'Oraisore & C^o— }
at Cape Francois }

Your Most Hbl^e. Serv^t.

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to Mr John Dupuy at Cape Nichola Mole

Charles Town S^o Carolina Navy Board Sept^r. 9th 1777—

Mr. John Dupuy

Sir/

Our last to you was the 4th June since which we received your favour of 6th June and note the Contents, we are sorry that the Ballance due you on Acco^t. of the Defence has remained unpaid so long, Owing to the very high price of Indigo here, and the great Difficulty in getting freight to your place— This serves to Inclose Invoice and Bill of Loading for sixty One whole & Thirty Two half Barrels of rice which you'll please receive and Dispose of for Acco^t of the State of South Carolina, to Neat proceeds after paying Captⁿ. Snowden five £ C^t. on the sales and the disbursements of the Sloop, You'll please remit in good Taffia and should the proceeds be insufficient to purchase a full Load, we must beg that you will Advance so much for the Credit of this State as will Compleat it, for which, as well as the old Ball^{ce}— you may be assured that you will be fully paid with Interest Out of the Cargoe of the Schooner Rattle Snake which will sail from this in about One Month with about Two hundred and Twenty Barrels of Rice & a quantity of Indico to your Address, we are hopeful that we shall *in future* be able to Lodge some Money in the Hands of our Frien [break] the different Islands to Answer the purpose of Supplying Our State Vessells with such Necessaries as they may want when Obliged to put into such ports—

I am Sir

Your Most Hble Serv^t.

To Mr. John Dupuy } Edward Blake first Commiss^r
 Merch^t. at the Mole }
 £ the Sloop Beaufort Cap^t. Snowden

The following Sums were drawn on the Treasury for in favour of Tho^s Shubrick Esq^r. Hire of 6 Negroes in the Ship

Yard	£221. 12 6
Edw ^d Weyman Sundrys bo ^t . by the Naval Commissary	1800. 2. 4
Rich ^d Silence for 15 days work at States Ship Yard—	40. 12 6

paid to David Hamilton £2062. . 7. . 4

Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock.

Navy Board Thursday 11th Sept^r 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
John Edwards Josiah Smith Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}—

A Letter to the Naval Commissary—

Navy Board, September 11th 1777—

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

To Elisha Sawyer Commissary }
of the Navy Department }

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

Edward Weyman for Sundrys bo^t by Josiah Smith

Esq^r £2947.. 2.

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

David Hamilton work done to Geo Galphin Esq^{rs} boat... 42. 10.

Carried [break]

[Break]ount brought f[rest undecipherable]. £2¹427. 17 —

Robert Beard 2 Acco^{ts}. for Tin work for y^e State

Vessells 133. 5 —

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

Captⁿ Sam^l Snowden wages & Disbursements on }
board the Sloop Beaufort and advance — — } 594. 7. 6

Pet^r Proue Making Sails for the Comet. 97 — —

Captⁿ. Edw^d Allen Sundrys for the Comet. 63. 10

£4363—19. 6

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 15th. September 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
Thomas Corbett, Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell, Esq^{rs}—

A Letter to his Excellency the President

Navy Board Septem^r. 15th 1777—

Sir/

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

¹Should have been a 3.

which no Negroes on board any of the Vessels of the State will be Insured, But as the Pilot Boats are not particularly Mentioned, we are at a Loss to know whether or not the Negroes Employed in them are Included in the said Resolution, we shall therefore be Obliged to your Excellency to Inform the Board, whether or not they are, as the Commissioners have Assured some of the Owners of the Negroes now Employed on board the Pilot boats, that they are, and of Course they are bound to make good the Value of such Negroes to the Owners, and in case such Negroes are not Insured, the Owners will take them from on board, and the Boats will by that means be rendered useless

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

Adjourned to next Thursday *Evening Six OClock*

Navy Board Thursday 18th Sept^r 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

John Edwards, Josiah Smith, George Smith,— } Esq^{rs}—
 Roger Smith, Edward Darrell, Thomas Corbett, }

Order of the Privy Council Respecting Negroes—

In the Privy Council 3^d July 1777—

Resolved that in future the Negroes on board any Armed Vessels of the State will not be insured by the Public

By his Excellency the President
 with the Advice of the Privy Council—
 (Signed,

This does not Extend to }— John Colcock
 the Pilot Boats } Sect^y. P, C—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of—
 Cap^t. Tho^s Smith Pilot Boat Tryalls Pay bill and dis—

burstments to the 10 th Inst.	} £199—15 —
John Nevill work on board the Floating Battery. . .	8..17.6—
Roger M ^c kinzee wounded wages due him on board the Comet.	18..15 —
George Monk for Repairing Boats.	26..17.6—

£254.. 5—

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board. Monday 22^d September 1777—
Adjourned to next Thursday Even^s 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 25th Sept^r. 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Josiah Smith Esq^r.. in the Chair

George Smith, Edward Darrell, Thomas Corbett, Esq^{rs}.

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

The Beaufort Galley Cap^t. James Dohartys pay bill

from the 15th April to the 22^d Sept^r. 1777 £2230..13..6

Edw^d & John Blake for 6 Hh^d. Rum sold y^e Com-
miss^{rs}

3043.. 0..—

£5273..18..6

Navy Board 25th September 1777—

Sir/

Captⁿ. Doharty being in want of a Suit of Colours for the Beaufort Galley under his Command, desire youll provide such immediately

Josiah Smith Jun^r for

the first Commissioner

To Elisha Sawyer Esq^r. }
Naval Commissary }

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 29th Sept^r. 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Roger Smith, Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the following sums in favour of

Captⁿ. James Doharty Ball^{ce}. of his Acco^t. for Dis-
bursements & Bounty paid for the Beaufort

Galley £114.. 6.. 3

James Black for house Rent and Caulking the }
quarter deck of the Beaufort Galley } 33..10 ..

Jn^o Lewis Gervais Esq^r. for a Boat bo^t of him in July 600 — —

Blake & Sawyer for Rice Shippd on board the } Sloop Beaufort Cap ^t . Sam ^l Snowden. . . . }	1123. 8. 4.
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£1871.. 4.. 7

Adjourned to next *Thursday Evening Six O'Clock.*

Navy Board Thursday 2 Octo: 1777.

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. . Edward Blake Esq^r. first *Commissioner*

Josiah Smith, Tho^s Corbett Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}..

A Letter to Christ^r Gadsden Esq^r.

Sir/ Navy Board 2^d October 1777—

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

I am Sir your Obed^t Servant

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to M^r. Thomas Waring

Navy Board Octob^r. 2^d 1777—

Sir/

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

To Edward Blake first Commiss^r

M^r. Tho^s Waring in Dorchester

Navy Board 2^d Octob^r. 1777—

The Commissioners of the Navy, having been this day Inform'd that Captⁿ. Seymour of the States Brigg Notre Dame did not proceed to Sea untill the 29th Ult^o Notwithstanding their positive Orders to him of the 14th.. Aug^t & of the 8th.. Ult^o. Do now Resolve that

Captⁿ. Seymour merits a very severe reprimand for not obeying the above mentioned Orders, or for not writing to the Commissioners his reasons for not Complying therewith, unless he can shew on his return, good Cause for his Conduct—

Advertisement

Navy Board 2^d October 1777—

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

N. B the Commissioners of the Navy— }
will furnish Salt if agreeable to the Contractor }—

The following Sumis were drawn on the Treasury in favour of

Will ^m Parker for Lumber del ^d at the Ship Yard.	£267	—	—
McCulley Righton his Acco ^t . for September.	151	..	11
David Hamilton 100 Dollars on Acco ^t	162	..	10

£581.. 1..—

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 6th October 1777—

Adjourned to Next Thursday Even^g 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 9th October 1777—

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday [break]

The Board Met According to Adjournm[break]

Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss[break]

John Edwards, Tho^s Savage, Josiah Smith, Edw^d. Darrell, Tho^s Corbett [break]

Orders to Cap^t Pyne to Open a Rendezvous

Cap^t. James Pyne

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Immediately Open a House of Rendezvous under the direction of a proper Officer in Order as soon as possible to Compleat the Number of Men for the Comet to Eighty, Officers Included

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury viz

Pilot Boat Eagles pay bill to the 4 th Octo ^r 3 mo ^s	£385..10	—
Edw ^d Stiles Sundrys for the Comet.	30	— —
Will ^m Trusler for Beef Supplied the Notre Dame..	132. 13	—
ditto.....ditto.....the prize Ship Cæzar—	76.. 5	—
Arch ^d Brown & C ^o . for 4834 ^{tw} Ship Bread a £8. ff C ^t .	386. 14. 4.	
Philip Will for Cordage for the Floating Battery	103. 10	—
M ^c Culley Righton Coopering Pork &c.. — — —	128.. 4. 6	
Beaufort Galley for Short Allowance of Rum. . . .	219.. 5	—
Dan ^l Oneille for the Rope walk as ff Recet ^t	2000	— —

£3462.. 1.. 10

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 16th Oct^r 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday Even^g 6 oClock

Navy Board Sunday 19th Oct^r. 1777—

Extr^a Meeting

The Board Met According to Summons—

Present. Josiah Smith Esq^r. Chairman

Edward Darrell, George Smith Esq^{rs}— —

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

The following Letter was wrote to Captⁿ James Pyne—

Sir/ His Excellency the President having Notified Cap^t. Blake (who is at present from Town) that a Brigg^t now off the Barr, by her behaviour is suspected to be an Enemy's Cruizer, you are desired to do all you can this Night towards preparing the Comet under your Command for going out to Sea Tomorrow, in quest of her— and as a Board of the Commissioners will be called to meet early in the Morning you are desired to give your Attendance there, by 7 OClock— to report them your forwardness

.Yours &c.

Saturday Night

18th October 1777—

Josiah Smith Jun^r—

Chairman

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 20th Oct^r 1777.
Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock.

Navy Board Thursday 23[break]

The Board Met According to Adjournment.

Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commission[break]
Thomas Savage, Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}—

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

David Oswald wages due from the Beaufort Galley.	36	13.	4
Richard Ham wages due from the Pilot boat Tryall.	126	—	—
Rich ^d Ellis a Rendezvous Acco ^t for the Comet.	674.	10	—
William Trusler Sundry Acco ^{ts} for Beef— viz—			
State Ship Yard.	£154.	1	—
Brigg Comet.	471.	4	—
Rattle Snake.	13.	6	—
Sloop Beaufort.	41.	14	—
Tryall Pilot Boat.	41.	10	—
Brigg Notre Dame.	55.	6	—
Floating Battery	21.	8	—
Eagle Pilot Boat	82.	6	—
		880.	15 —
Brigg Comets Pay Bill to the 27 th September.	3061.	16	—
Elisha Sawyer Commissary his disbursements.	3162.	11.	8
Jacob Willaman for Beef Supply'd the Notre Dame.	84.	15.	—
Sam ^l . Wells for Lumber Supplied the Ship Yard.	548.	11	—
		£8575.	12 —

A Letter to John Campbell Ninety Six District.

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

Sir/

Mr. Daniel ONeille having Informed the Commiss^{rs} of the Navy Board that you would be willing to Contract for a Large Quantity of Hemp to be delivered to said ONeille at the State Rope Walk, and desired to know what price the Commissioners would Allow— I am now to Inform you that they will pay you Thirty pounds for Every hundred pounds weight of Clean Merchantable Hemp, that you *may* deliver to said ONeille before the First day of *May next*, The Money to be paid on the delivery of every *parcel*, Please Inform the Board by Letter as soon as possible whether or

not you will Contract on the above Terms, and what Quantity you will deliver—

I am Sir your Most Hble. Serv^t.

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Instructions for Captⁿ. James Pyne Commanding the Comet

South Carolina Navy Board 24th Octo^r 1777—

Captⁿ. Pyne Sir/

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

Steady and Regular Command in their different Stations, and prevent as much as possible profane Swearing—

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

I am Sir by order of the Board
Your Most Hbl^e. Serv^t.
Edward Blake first Commiss^r

To Captⁿ. James Pyne
Commanding the Brigg^t
of War Comet — — — } —

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Monday 27th October 1777—
Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock.

Navy Board Thursday 30th October 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. Josiah Smith Thomas Corbett } Esq^{rs}—
Thomas Savage Edward Darrell }

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

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 3^d November 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—
Tho^s. Corbett, Josiah Smith Tho^s Savage } Esq^{rs}—
George Smith Edward Darrell — — }

Agreed that Cap^t. James Woodhouse do Ship as many Seamen as are Necessary to Navigate the Schooner Rattle Snake from this Port

to the West Indies, and back to Charles Town, on the best Terms he can, and to report to the first Commissioner, as Soon as the said men are Shipp'd—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of John Harrison for Two Months wages at the State's Ship Yard a 30 dollars $\frac{7}{8}$ Month £97. .10—

Commissions were given to the following Persons—

To James Pyne Esq^r. *Captain of the Comet*

James Young first Lieut^t. of do

Richard Wells Second Lieut^t. of. . . .d^o. .

Cha^s Town South Carolina Nov^r. 1st 1777.

Sir/

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

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

I am Sir

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

Your Obed^t. Hbl^e Serv^t.

J Rutledge

Commissions were given to the Following Persons viz

Thomas Talbird 1st Lieut^t }

James Hunly 2^d Lieut^t. }

} of the Beaufort Galley

Instructions from his Excellency the president

Sir/

Cha^s Town 1st Novem^r. 1777

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

I am Sir

Capt^t. Doharty of — — }
the Beaufort Galley }

Your Hble Serv^t.

J Rutledge

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock.

Navy Board Thursday 6th November 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell, Tho^s Savage, Esq^{rs}—

The Following Letter was wrote to Cap^t. Stephen Seymour Yesterday by the first Commiss^r and approved of this Even^g

Navy Board Nove^r. 5th 1777—

Captⁿ. Stephen Seymour

Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy Desire that the Brigg Notre Dame may be Immediately carried to the State's Ship Yard and Cleaned and put in Order to proceed on a Cruize with all possible Dispatch, they also Desire that all the Returns from the Different Officers be delivered to M^r. John Calvert as also the pay Bill and Indents of Such Stores as may be wanted for a Cruize Together with the Log Book of the last Cruize—

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

To Stephen Seymour Esq^r

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

Nath ^l Havens purser of the Brig ^t . Comet Advanced him	
to purchase Slops for the Crew.	£1001 — —
Rob ^t Cochran for 6 Months rent of the Ship yard to	} 610 — —
the 28 th October.	
Elisha Poinset for Medicines for the Beaufort Galley	200 — —
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	£1811 — —

Agreed to Continue the Advertisements for Beef and Pork—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 10th Novem^r 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissioner

Josiah Smith Tho^s Savage Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

A Letter was wrote to M^r. Ant^y. Bonneau by the first Commissioner and approved of this Evening

Navy Board Novemb[break]

M^r. Anthony Bonneau

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy being in want of a Quantity of good Salted Pork and Beef in Strong

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

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Ship Yard. Dr. to the Schooner Rattle Snak for
4 Barrs Iron w^t. 151^w. delivered Benj^a Worshington }—

Agreed to Send to Beaufort for the use of the Naval Department 3 Barrels of Salt—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of

[Break] James Woodhouse on Acco ^t of the Rattle Snake	£1000	—	—
[Break] Savage Esq ^r . for 3 Months wages due him for			
his 2 Negroes [break] and Lewis on board the	. . . 126	—	—
Brigg ^t Defence			
Blake & Sawyer for 10 Hh ^{ds} west India Rum	1110		
Gall ^s a 10/.	. . . . .	4995	—
McCulley Righton his Acco ^t . for October.	. . . . .	153.12.	6

£6274.12. 6

The following Letter was wrote to Captⁿ James Doharty—
Navy Board November 10th 1777—

Captⁿ. James Doharty
Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Desire that you will Supply the Crew of the Beaufort Galley with the Necessary

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

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 13th Novem^r. 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

George Abbot-Hall, Josiah Smith, Edw^d Darrell, Tho^s Corbett Esq^{rs}—

A Letter was wrote to Mr. Will^m. Hall 1st Lieu^t. of the Notre Dame, Mr. Hall

Sir/

Captⁿ. Woodhouse informs the Board that there was taken from the Schooner Rattle Snake [break] Dame, The following Sails belonging to her viz Two [break] Steering Sails, and Main Topmast Stay sails the [break] now wanted for the use of said Schooner, you are hereby directed Immediately to deliver them to Captⁿ. Woodhouse.

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

The follow Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of

Dan ^l ONeille for the Purchase of Two Negroes from	}	£1800 —
Jacob Valk for the use of the State Rope Walk		
State Rope Walk to Cash paid Jn ^o . Walter Gibbes for a	}	725 —
Negroe for the use of the Said Rope Walk ———		
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		£2525 —

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

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

Navy Board Thursday 20th Novem^r 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Edward Darrell Tho^s Corbett Josiah Smith Esq^{rs}.

Agreed to draw on the Treasury in favour of Cap^t. Isaac
 Seymour for Wages due him & Others on board Rattle
 Snake

£164. 10

for ditto on board Floating Battery 179. 9.4

343,,19.4

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 24th Novem^r 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

George Abbot Hall, Edward Darrell, Esq^{rs}

[Break] following Letters dated the 22^d Inst^t. were wrote *by* the
 first Commissioner And approved of this Evening

Navy Board Charles Town S^o. Carolina November 22^d 1777—
 Mess^{rs} DOraisore & C^o—

The above Copy of our Last; Since which
 are without any of your favours— This serves to Inclose Invoice &
 Bill of Loading for One Hundred & fifty four whole & Eighty half
 Barrels of Choice Rice and Three Barrels of very good Indico, which
 you'll please Receive and Dispose of for the Highest price you can
 Obtain, The Neat proceeds (after deducting for a Bill which we have
 Drawn on you in favour of M^r. John Dupuy for 200£ 6^s. 9^d and
 paying Captⁿ Woodhouse 5 ~~£~~ C^t. Commissions on the Amount of
 Sales) You'll please remit by the return of the Rattle Snake in good
 High Proof Taffia— You'll please be particularly Careful in the
 Choice of this Cargo, and give all the Dispatch in your power, and
 not Suffer the Captain to run to any unnecessary Expence on Acco^t
 of his Vessel while in your Island— Should any Ballance remain in
 your hands after Loading the Vessel with Taffia You'll please remit

it in the Best Russia or French Sail Duck— You'll also please forward the Inclosed to M^r John Dupuy—

I am with Respect

Your Most Hbl^e. Serv^t

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

S^o Carolina Navy Board November 22^d 1777—

Captⁿ. James Woodhouse

Sir/

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

I am Sir y^r. Most Hbl^e. Serv^t.

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of Dan^l O'Neill for the use of the State Rope Walk for . . £2500 — —

- Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 27th Novem^r. 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Josiah Smith. Geo Abbot Hall }
 Geo Smith. Edward Darrell— } Esq^{rs}—

The following Letter and Bill of Exchange were presented to Each Member Individually and approved of at this Meeting Collectively—

Navy Board South Carolina Novem^r. 22^d 1777—

M^r John Dupuy

Sir/

Your Favour of 28th Ultim^o. Covering Acco^t. Sales of four Casks of Indigo and Account Current *duly* came to hand and now before the Board, for which the *Commissioners* are much obliged to You—

Inclosed You'll receive a Bill of Exchange Drawn on Mess^{rs} D'Oraiore & C^o Merch^{ts} in Cape Francois for the Ballance due you from the State of South Carolina, which we make no doubt will meet due Honour, Your Draft on M^r. Eveliegh will be paid as Soon as presented, and due Notice will be taken of your recommendation of M^r. Guerrard

I am Sir your Most Hbl^e Serv^t.

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Bill of Exchange—

Exchange for 200*l*. .6*s*. .9*d*^{rs}— South Carolina Novem^r 22^d 1777—

Ten Days after Sight of this my first of Exchange pay to the Order of M^r. John Dupuy Two Hundred Livers Six Sous and Nine Deeniers Value received and Charge the same to Acco^t. as ~~to~~ Advice from

To Mess^{rs}. DOrasiore & C^o. }
 Merch^{ts} in Cape Francois } Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 o'clock—

Navy Board Monday 1st. December 1777—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board . . . Thursday 4th December 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 8th December 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Tho^s Corbett. Geo. Abbot Hall Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

A Letter to his Excellency the President

Navy Board 8th Decem^r. 1777—

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to Inform your Excellency, that the State *Brig^t*. . *Notre Dame is clean & will soon be ready for Sea, And Lieutenant William Hall having Informed this Board, that Captⁿ. Stephen Seymour has left the said Brig, & quitted the State, whereby there is a Vacancy for a Captain in the Naval Department, They therefore According to the Authority vested in them by Act of the Gen^l. Assembly of this State, Do, Recommend to your Excellency Lieutenant William Hall, as a fit and proper Person to fill the said Vacancy as Commander of the Brig Notre Dame*

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss^r..

A Letter to Elisha Sawyer Commissary—

Navy Board 8th December 1777—

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

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To Elisha Sawyer Esq^r. Commissary }
of the Naval Department }

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of M^{rs}. Lester for 21 days hire of her Negroe Clomell on board the

Floating Battery a 20/ Ⓕ day. £21 — — —

Dan^l O'Neill for the use of the Rope Walk 3000 —————

£3021 — — —

Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 11th Decem^r 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Tho^s Corbett, Josiah Smith, Esq^{rs}—

A Letter to M^r Anthony Bonneau was wrote by the 1st Commissioner & approved of viz^t

Charles Town 10th Decem^r . . . 1777.

Sir/

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

I am

Sir your Most Hbl^e Serv^t

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

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

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of
Cap^t James Doharty to purchase provisions for }
the Naval Department as ☞ Recet. } £1001 — — —
Blakes & Sawyer for Rice & Indico. } 7871. 5,, 6 —
Brig Notre Dames pay Bill to 20th Sept^r £6323.4.2
Additional Bill for 13 Men to 20 Nov^r.... 632.5— 6955. 9. 2.

£15827..14..8 —

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Extra Meeting Navy Board Saturday 13th Decem^r 1777—

The Board Met According to Summons—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

John Edwards, Thomas Corbett Geo Smith }
Geo A Hall Josiah Smith Edward Darrell } Esq^{rs}—

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

Charles Town Decem^r 12th 1777

Sir/

I am directed by his Excellency the President, to ad[break] the Navy Board, that Lieut^t Hall is appointed to the Command of the Brigg Notre Dame, That the Ships Volunteer, & Gen^l Moultrie are Engaged for, and it is intended to Order the Notre Dame on a Cruize— The President therefore desires, that you will have those

Vessels equipp'd with the utmost Expedition, & furnished with such Articles as may be necessary for this Cruize, and that you will appoint a proper Person to value the Volunteer, and Gen^l Moultrie,—

I am Sir y^r very hb^{le}. Serv^t..

(signd) Jn^o Colcock—

Capt. Blake—

In the Privy Council Friday Dec^r. 12th 1777—

The Board agreed and Recommended that a Bounty of Ten Dollars & a pay of Twenty One pounds per Month per Man be allowed to Such Seamen as Enter on Board the Vessels engaged for a Cruise against the Enemy.

By his Excellency the Presid^t. ordered Accordingly

(Signed) Jn^o Colcock Sec^y. Pr. C^l—

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

A Letter to Captⁿ. William Hall—

Navy Board 13th Decem^r. 1777—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you will have the Brig^t Notre Dame of which you are appointed Captⁿ. fitted and Man'd with all possible Dispatch, to proceed on a Cruize, and that you do Immediately Open a House of Rendezvous, under the direction of a proper Officer, to Enlist a Sufficient Number of Men (your Complement Eighty;) they make no doubt but you will Exert yourself in a very particular Manner on this Occasion, as the Service of the State requires the greatest Dispatch; the State Allows an Additional Bounty of Ten Dollars per Man to such as will Enlist

I am Sir

Your Hble. Serv^t.

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to Elisha Sawyer Esq^r.

Sir/

Navy Board Decem^r. 13th 1777—

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

To Elisha Sawyer Esq^r. }

Your Hble Serv^t

Commissary for the
Naval Department }

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Note to the Owners of the Ships General Moultrie and Volunteer

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

Saturday 13th Decem^r 1777—

Adjourned to next Monday 10 oClock—

Navy Board . . Monday 15th December 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

John Edwards, Josiah Smith, Edw^d Darrell, Tho^s Corbett, Geo A. Hall Esq^{rs}

Mr. William Somarsall having been Applied to On behalf of the State to Value the Ships Volunteer & General Moultrie, made the following Report—

A Valuation of the Ship Volunteer—

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

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

£55,000—

Signed

Will^m. Somersall—

John Dawson—

Cha^s Town 15th December 1777—

A Valuation of the Ship General Moultrie

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

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

£65 000—

Signed

Cha^s Town S^o. Carolina

William Somersall

15th December 1777—

Edward North. .

The Commissioners of the Navy present their Compliments to

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

A Letter to Captⁿ. Sullivan

Sir/

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

I am Sir

Your Hbl^e. Serv^t.

To Captⁿ. Sullivan }
of the Ship Volunteer }

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

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

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of—

Geo Abb^t. Hall Esq^r. for 50 Barr^{ls} Tarr 30 Bb^{ls} Turpen-
tine & an Express

£1146—10—

John Calvert 1000 Dollars for Bounty for the Notre
Dame

1625 — —

£2771—10—

A Letter to Elisha Sawyer [break]

Navy Board 15th Decem^r 1777

Sir/

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

To Elisha Sawyer }

I am Sir

Commissary for the }

Your Hbl^e Serv^t.

Naval Department }

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r.

Adjourned to this Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday Even^g 15th December 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present

Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
 Thomas Corbett, Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}—
 Orders to Captⁿ Philip Sullivan

Sir/

Navy Board 15th Decemb^r. 1777—

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

I am Sir

Your Hbl^e Serv^t.

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Sent a Similar Letter to Captain Johnston of *The General Moultrie*

A Letter to his Excellency the President

Sir/

Navy Board 15th Decem^r. 1777—

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

I am your Excellencys

Most Hbl^e. Serv^t

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Extra Meeting Navy Board Wednesday 17 [break]

The Board Met According to Summons

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commission [break]

Geo A Hall, Geo Smith, Josiah Smith } Esq^{rs}—

Thomas Corbett, Edward Darrell, }

A Letter to Elisha Sawyer Esq^r.—

Navy Board Decem^r. 17th. . 1777—

Sir/

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

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

To Elisha Sawyer Esq^r. Commissary }
for the Naval Department }

In the Prevy Council Wednesday 17th. Dec^r 1777.

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

Signed Jn^o Colcock Sec^y. P^y. Cl.

A Letter from the Charles Town Insurance Company

Gentlemen/

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

Gentlemen

Your Hble Serv^t.

Decem^r. 15th 1777— (Signed) John Lewis Gervais Vice presid^t.

Resolution of the Charles Town Insurance Company—

Charles Town Insurance Company Decem^r 15th 1777—

Resolved That Ten Dollars Bounty be given ☞ Man for the Encouragement of Three Hundred able Seamen to Enter on Board such Vessels as may be now fitting out by this State against the Enemy— Also that the President of this Company (or in his absence the vice President) do Inform the Navy Board of this Grant, and Acquaint them upon their sending the parties with Certificates, of their having Entered into the above Service, to the Treasurer of this Company, such parties will receive the above Bounty— The above is a True

Copy from the Minutes. . . . (Signed) John McCall Jun^r Clerk—
 A Letter to Thomas Smith Founder—
 Navy Board 17th Decem^r. 1777—

Sir/

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

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

Edw^d Blake 1st Commiss^r.

Adjourned to *Friday 10 O'Clock.*

Navy Board Friday 19 [break]

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Josiah Smith Esq^r. in the Chair—

Tho^s Corbett, John Edwards, Roger Smith, Geo A Hall, Edw^d Darrell [break]

A Letter from the President & Prevy Council to the 1st Commiss[break]

Charles Town December 17th 1777—

Sir/

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

I am Sir

Your very hbl^e Serv^t

(Signed) Jn^o Colcock Sec^y. Pv. Cl. .—

Navy Board December 17th 1777—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will with all possible Dispatch have the Brigg: Polly— of which you are Cap^t. fitted and Maned to proceed on a Cruise, and whatever Stores or Provisions may be wanted, you are to deliver an Indent to the Commisary for the Naval Department, who is directed to Supply them,

And in Order that no delay may happen for want of Assistance, you are directed to hire a Sufficient Number of Negroes to fill your Water and Cut your wood &c. while the Seamen are Employed about your Rigging, Guns, &c. :— they make no doubt but you will Exert yourself in a very particular Manner on this Occasion as the Service of the State requires the greatest Dispatch— You are Likewise desired Immediately to Open a house of Rendezvous under the Direction of a Proper Officer to Enlist a Sufficient number of Men to make your Compliment Ninety—The State will Allow a Bounty of Ten Dollars $\frac{7}{8}$ Man to such as will Enlist—

By Order of the Board
John Calvert Clerk

To

Captⁿ Hezekiah Anthony
Commanding the Brigg Polly

A Letter to M^r. David Hamilton

Navy Board 18th Decem^r. 1777—

[Break] Hamilton Sir/

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

John Calvert Clerk

Adjourned to Tomorrow 10 oClock in the forenoon—

Navy Board Saturday 20th Decem^r 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Josiah Smith Esq^r. in the Chair—

Thos^s Corbett, Geo Abb^t. Hall, Edward Darrell, Jn^o Edwards Esq^{rs}—

A Letter from the Secretary of the Privy Council to the 1st Commiss^r.

Sir/

Charles Town December 20th 1777—

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

The terms proposed by the Owners of the Ships Gen^l Moultrie & Volunteer and agreed to Are— that they be valued— that the Owners

will equip them for a Cruise in the Public Service as long as may be deemed necessary, the Public paying the running expence of the Ship and such loss or damage as they may Sustain whilst in this Service the Public to Compleat the necessary number of Men to Man them

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

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

I am Sir y^r. Hbl^e Ser[break]

(Signed) Jn^o. Colcock Sec^{ry}. P^y. [break]

A Letter to M^r James Cook Carpenter

Navy Board Saturday 20th Decem^r 1777—

Sir/

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

By Order of the Board

John Calvert Cl^k—

A Letter to the Owners of the Brigg Fair American

Gentlemen

Navy Board 20th Decem^r. 1777—

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

The Terms of the Gen^l Moultrie & Volunteer are That they be Valued— that the Owners will equip them for a Cruise, in the Public Service as long as may be deemed Necessary, the Public paying the running Expence of the Sh[break] and such loss or Damage as they may Sustain whilst in this Service, The Public to Compleat the

Necessary *Number of Men* to Man them Your answer is desired who you will Chuse to *appoint as an* appraiser to Meet Mr. Nathaniel Russell *or whether* you decline Appointing— Signed—
By order of the Board— Josiah Smith Jun^r. .

Chairman

The following hand Bill was Ordered to be given to Mr. Timothy & One Hundred Copies directed to be printed Immediately—

Gentlemen Volunteers

Who are willing to Enter on Board the following Vessels in the Service of this State now fitting out upon an Expedition against the Enemies of America, Shall be Entitled to a Bounty of Thirty Dollars $\frac{7}{8}$ Man, and such as are Inclined to serve the State for Six Months, Ten pounds more and Twenty One pounds $\frac{7}{8}$ Month wages upon applying to the Officers at the Rendezvous—

Ship Volunteer of 20 Guns

Ship Gen^l Moultrie of 20 Guns—

Brigg Notre Dame of 16 Guns

Brigg Fair American 16 Guns

Brigg Polly 14 Guns

By Order of the Board—

John Calvert— Cl^k—

the following Order was given on the Arsenell by the Clerk—
Mr. Sarjant

Youll deliver Captⁿ. Jacob Johnson or Order Six Chains, such as he may want for the use of the Ship Gen^l Moultrie— By order of the Board John Calvert

Saturday 20th Decem^r. 1777— Clerk—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 22 Dec^r. . 1777.

Present Josiah Smith Esq^r. in the Chair

Geo Abb^t. Hall, Tho^s Corbett, Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}. .

Ordered that the Clerk do apply to the Owners of the Vessels employed in the Service of the State on the Intended Expedition for an Inventory of Stores and Provisions now on board *each* Vessel—

A Letter to Mr. John Stevenson—

Navy Board 22^d Decem^r. 1777—

Sir/

You are desired to provide a Schooner to fetch water from

Hobcaw for the use of the Vessels now fitting Out in the States Service—

By Order of the Board—

John Calvert Clerk.

A Letter from M^r. Dan^l Bourdeaux to the 1st Commiss^r.

Charles Town December 22^d 1777—

Sir/

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

I am Sir

Your most Ob^t. Serv^t.

(Signed) Dan^l Bourdeaux

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

Instructions to Captⁿ Charles Morgan

Navy Board 22^d Decem^r. 1777—

Sir/

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

By Order of the Board—

Josiah Smith Jun^r

Chairman

Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the following sums
 Tho^s Screven for Lumber Supplied the Ship Yard £125.15.
 John Calvert for Bounty Money 5000 Dollars. 8125 —

 £8250.15—
 adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 25th Decem^r. 1777—

The Board Met according to Adjournment—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
 Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell Tho^s Corbett } Esq^{rs}
 John Edwards Geo Abbot Hall. }

Ordered that the Clerk do Summons Capt^{ns}. Hall, Johnson, Anthony,
 & Morgan, to Attend this Board at 10 oClock Tomorrow forenoon—

A Letter was received from the Honbl^e. W^m Henry Drayton
 Esq^r. Directed to Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner of the
 Navy Charles Town— dated 24th Ins^t

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

Adjourned to Tomorrow Forenoon 10 O'Clock.

Navy Board

Friday 26 Decem: 1777

The Board Met According to *Adjournment*

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
 Geo Abb^t. Hall, John Edwards, Edw^d Darrell, Tho^s Corbett, Josiah
 Smith Esq:

Capt^{ns}. Hall, Johnson, Anthony, & Morgan, attended the Board
 According to Summons—

M^r John Dorsius being sent for by the Board Attended Accord-
 ingly and agreed that the Commissioners should give such Orders as
 they thought proper to Capt^{ns}. Johnson with respect to the Cargo on
 board the Ship Gen^l Moultrie—

A Resolve of Congress of the 20th Novem^r. 1775 (and given to
 Each Capt^{ns}.) Respecting the Provisison made for such persons, or
 their Families as may be Killed or Maimed in the Sea or Land Ser-
 vice of this State—

adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 29th Decem^r. 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith Edward Darrell Thomas Corbett Esq^{rs}—

A Letter to Cap^t. Thomas Grimball—

Navy Board. Decem^r. 27th 1777—

Sir/

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

I am Sir Your Most Hbl^e Serv^t Edw^d Blake [break]

A Letter to M^r John Stevenson—

Navy Board Decem^r. 27th 1777—

Sir/

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

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

An Order was Drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of—

Dan^l ONeille for the use of the Rope walk. £1000 —

Ordered that the Clerk do pay David Wilsons acco^t of }
hawling timber for the public Ship Yard. } 12 — —

James Snead for Turning Priming horns. 120 — —

£1132 — —

A Letter to M^r Anthony Bonneau with a Copy of that of the 10th Ins^t—

Navy Board Decem^r. 29th 1777—

Sir

The above is Copy of our last this only serves to Inform you that the Board is much in want of Salted provissions for the use of the Naval Department, and Desire that you will Endeavour all in

your power to procure a Quantity not Exceeding Three Hundred Barrels of Pork and Fifty Barrels of Beef, on the best Terms you Can, & your Draughts on the Board for the Amount shall be duly Honoured—

By Order of the Board

To Mr. Anthony Bonneau

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 30th Decem^r. 1777—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Thos^s Corbett Geo Abb^t Hall Josiah Smith Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}—

An Order was Drawn on the Treasury in favour of the
Clerk for Five Thousand Dollars for the use of the } £8125—
Navy fitting out. }
adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board

Wednesday 31 Decem: 1777.

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r first Commiss^r.

John Edwards, Josiah Smith, Geo A. Hall, Esq^{rs}:

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 1st January 1778.

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Friday 2^d January 1778.

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 3^d January 1778.

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Geo Abb^t. Hall, Thomas Corbett, Josiah Smith Esq^{rs}—

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

A Letter to M^r William Cook at the Round O—

Navy Board January 2^d 1778—

Sir/

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

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to M^r. Samuel Wells at Cainhoy

Navy Board Cha^s Town 2^d January 1778—

Sir/

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

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss^r.

Sheathing. a 70/—

2 Inch plank a £7.10

2½ In. ditto £8.15.

3 In. . ditto £10 — —

4 In. . ditto £12.10—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of Cap^t. Thomas Smith for Amo^t. of the Pilot boat Trialls pay Bill and Disbursements to the 2^d December Last. £247..12.6

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 5th January 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

George Ab^t. Hall, Edward Darrell, Esq^{rs}

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

An Order to Mr. M^cCully Righton

Mr. Righton

Sir/

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

Navy Board 5th January 1778

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

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

Also to purchase a Quantity of Junk— That he do Supply the Notre Dame with Bread for Six weeks, at the rate of Five pounds ¶ Man ¶ week, and make *up the deficiency with Pease & Rice*

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

A Note to Mess^{rs}. Bourdeaux & Atkinson—

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

Navy board 5th Janur^y 1778—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of M^cCully Righton for his 2 Acco^{ts}. for Novem^r & Decem^r. £296.12—6—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 6th January 1778—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Geo Ab^t. Hall, Josiah Smith, Edw^d Darrell, Esq^{rs}—

A Letter^t to his Excellency the President

The Commissioners of the Navy desire to Acquaint the President that the Commissary of Stores has informed them, that upon application to the Ordnance Keeper for 4^{lb} Shott out of the

Arsenal for the Naval Expedition now fitting out, he refused to deliver them without an Order from the Continental Agent; They will therefore be glad that an Order may be procured for 1500 shot the Quantity wanting—

Navy Board 6th Jan^y 1778—

By Order of the Board—

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

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

1, An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r [break]]
 am^l Maverick for wages due him on board the } £242.13.4.
 Brigg Defence for. }

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

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Wednesday 7th January 1778

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Geo. Abb^t Hall Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell

Tho^s Savage Jn^o Edwards Tho^s Corbett Esq^{rs}—

A Letter from Secr^y of The Prev^y Council—

January 7th 1778

Sir/

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

I am Gen^l.

Y^r. Hbl^e. Serv^t.

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

A Valuation of 4 Carriage guns 4 pounders Borrowed by this State from Mess^{rs} Mey & Cripps and put on board the Brigg Polly Commanded by Cap^t. Anthony, being refer'd to us We do therefore appraise the Same at Seven Hundred pounds the Pair— Given under our Hand, at Charles Town this 7th January 1778

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

A Valuation of a Cabouse

It being Refer'd me to Value a Cabouse on board of the Brigg Polly Commanded by Cap^t. Anthony I Appraise the same at One Hundred pounds Current Money of this State

Charles Town Jan^y. 7th. 1778 (signd) W^m Somarsall

Adjourned to tomorrow, 10 O'Clock.

Navy Board

Thursday 8th Jan^y 1777.

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Jn^o, Edwards, Edw^d Darrell } Esq^{rs}—
Geo Ab^t. Hall, Tho^s Savage Tho^s Corbett }

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

Adjourned to 4 oClock this afternoon—

Navy Board Thursday afternoon 8th January 1778

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Tho^s Corbett, Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell, } Esq^{rs}—
Tho^s Savage, Geo Ab^t. Hall, John Edwards, }

A Letter to his Excellency the President

Navy Board 8th January 1778—

Sir/

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

the Ship Volunteer may be discharged from the Service, That Captⁿ Sullivan be appointed to the Command of & his Officers & Men turned over to the Ship Gen^l Moultrie— By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first C[break]

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

Navy Board January 8th 1778—

Sir/

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

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To Mich^l. Kaltiesen Esq^r—¹

A Letter to Captⁿ. James Doharty—

Navy Board 8th Jan^y 1778—

Captⁿ. James Doharty

Sir/

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

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

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

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of

Captⁿ. James Doharty for the use use of the Beaufort Gally

£2000 ———

¹Wagonmaster General of South Carolina. (See journal of the Council of Safety for December 2, 1775, *Collections of the South Carolina Historical Society*, III, 41.)

Edward Taylor for 37 ^C & 3 ^{qrs} of Iron for the use of the Naval Department—a £50 p Ct.	}	1887..10
		—————
		£3887..10—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Friday 9th Jan^y 1778.

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r—.
 Tho^s Savage, Tho^s Corbett, Edward Darrell }
 Josiah Smith, John Edwards. } Esq^{rs}—

The Board agreed that Five Hundred pounds should be paid to the Pursers of the Gen^l Moultrie, Polly, & Fair American, to provide Stores for the Captains & Officers of said Vessells—

Agreed to deliver the Ship Volunteer to the Owners and Direct the Commissary to receive all the Stores supplied the Said Ship— And that the first Commissioner do write a Letter of thanks to the Owners of said Ship—

The first Commissioner Accordingly wrote the following Letter
Navy Board Charles Town Jan^y 9th 1778

Gentlemen

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

I am Respectfully
Gentⁿ.
Your Most Obed^t. Serv^t.
Edward Blake first Commiss^r

To the Gentlemen Owners }
of the Ship Volunteer — — }

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Saturday 10th Jan^y 1778—
adjourned to Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 12th January 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
George Abb^t. Hall, Tho^s Corbett— Esq^{rs}—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r of

Dan^l. ONeille for the use of the Rope walk £4000 ———

John Moore wages due on board the Floating
Battery 154. 17. 6

Jn^o. Calvert Advanced by him for the different
Rendezvouses 4095 ———

William Trusler Sundry Acco^{ts}. for Beef viz

Brigg Comet. £728. 14 —

Pilot Boat Tryal. 69..19 —

Rattle Snake. 176.. 4.. 6

Floating Battery. 39. 19. 6

Beaufort Gally. 188,, 6.—

Ship Yard. 223,, 14—

Pilot Boat Eagle. 150.. 2—

Brigg Notre Dame. 735. 14.6—

2312..13. 6

£10,562..11.—

Adjourned to Tomorry Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 13th January 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
Geo Ab^t. Hall, Tho^s Savage, Ed^w Darrell Esq^{rs}—

Captains Hall, Sullivan, Morgan, & Anthony attended the Board, and reported that they Could not possibly be ready as they could wish, to proceed to Sea on the Intended Expedition, until the next Spring Tides, as it is thought, the Men on board each Vessel, Ought to be Stationed & Trained some Little time before they sail—

A Letter to M^r. John Stevenson

Navy Board 13th Janr^y 1778—

M^r. Stevenson Sir/

You'll please Order a *Schooner* to take on board the Gen^l'Moultries Water now on Eveleighs Wharf, and put it on

board said Ship as Early as possible tomorrow, as She must Sail in a day or Two

I am Sir y^r. Hbl^e. Serv^t.

Edward Blake first Com^r:

A Letter to Captⁿ Nicholas Biddle Esq^r—

Navy Board 13th Jan^y 1778—

Sir/

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

I am Sir

Your Most Obed^t Hbl^e Serv^t

To Nicholas Biddle Esq^r—
Commanding the Continental
Frigate Randolph

} Edward Blake first Comm[break]

[Break] Letter to his Excellency the President

Navy Board 13th January 1778—

The Capt^{ns}. Hall, Sullivan, Morgan, & Anthony, having Informed the Board this Evening, that they Cannot possibly get the Vessels under their Command, in that Order they think Necessary, nor their Men Trained & Quartered in the Manner they could wish by Thursday next, we have in Consequence of the above Information wrote Captⁿ Biddle of the Randolph requesting him to stay till next

Springs, by which time we have no doubt but Every thing will be in such Order, as to give every hope of Success—

By Order of the Board—

Edward Blake first Commissioner

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r- of—
 Stephen Duvall for the Eagle Pilot Boats pay bill from } £468 — —
 the 4th. . Oct^r. 1777 to the 4th Inst. being 3 Months }
 Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 19th January 1778—

The Board did not Meet According to Adjournment on Thursday last being prevented by the Dreadful fire which happened on that day—

The Board Met this Evening at the Treasury Office

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Geo Ab^t. Hall, Josiah Smith, Geo Smith, Edw^d Darrell, Esq^{rs}—

Ordered that the Clerk do Summons the Capt^{ns}. Hall, Sullivan, Anthony, & Morgan to Attend the Board on Wednesday Evening

Adjourned to next wednesday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Wednesday 21st January 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Edw^d Darrell, Josiah Smith, George Smith Esq^{rs}—

Capt^{ns}. Hall, Sullivan, Morgan & Anthony attended the board According to Summons & reported the State of the Vessels under their Command—

Orders were drawn on the Treasury [break] sums in favour of—

George Monk for a Boat for the Gen^l Moultrie [break]

George Morris for painting the above Boat [break]

£630 —

The above acco^{ts}. Certified by Capt^t. Philip Sullivan

Adjourned to next Friday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Friday 23^d January 1778—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 26th January 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake first Commissioner—

Tho^s Savage Tho^s Corbett Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Afternoon 4 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 27th. January 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Tho^s Corbett, Tho^s Savage, Josiah Smith, Geo Smith, Edw^d Darrell, Esq^{rs}

The Captains Hall, Sullivan, Morgan, & Anthony, were Sum-
mon'd to Attend the Board this Evening & they attended Accord-
ingly—

A Letter was wrote to Alex^r. Moultrie Esq^r Attor^y General

Navy Board 27th January 1778—

Sir/

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

By Order of the Board

To Alex^r. Moultrie Esq^r } Edward Blake first Commiss^r
Attorney General }

[Break]eed that the [undecipherable] of the before mentioned Mens
wages *when* settled by the Cap^t. & the Attorney General shall be
paid to Captⁿ Sullivan by the Clerk, and to be repaid him when
received by Alex^r Moultrie Esq^r—

A Letter to Captⁿ William Hall—

Navy Board January 27th 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you deliver from on
board the Brigg Notre Dame to Captⁿ Sullivan of the Gen^l Moultrie
Twelve of the Men belonging to the Notre Dame

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To Captⁿ William Hall }
of the Notre Dame }

A Letter to Captⁿ Philip Sullivan—

Navy Board, January 27th 1778—

Sir/

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

To Captⁿ. Philip Sullivan } Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r
of the General Moultrie }

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav ^r . of	
Capt ⁿ . Philip Sullivan Amo ^t of his Acco ^t . against	} £1823.. 5—
the Ships Volunteer & Gen ^l Moultrie.	
Capt ⁿ . Will ^m Hall his acco ^t . against the Brigg Notre	
Dame	743 — —
George Bowing for 9 M ^{os} . wages on board the Defence	189 — —
M ^{rs} . Lester for 2 Months wages for 3 Negroes— on	} 186 ———
board the Floating Battery to 19 th Jan ^{ry} 20/ 3 ^d	
day	
James Toussiger for Making 4 Six pound Carriages	} 120 — —
for the Notre Dame a £30.	
Tho ^s Shubrick Esq ^r . for hire of his Negr ^{oe} Carpen-	} 631 ,, 17. 6
ters at State Ship Yard to 31 st Dec ^r . Last	
	£3693 ,, 2—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Thursday 29th Ja[break]

Adjourned to next Monday Evening [break]

Navy Board Monday 2^d February [break]

The Board Met According to Adjourn[break]

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r

Tho^s Savage, Tho^s Corbett, Josiah Smith } Esq^{rs}—
Edward Darrell Geo Ab^t. Hall }

A Letter to William Vallentine Esq^r. Commissary

Navy Board 2^d Febr^y. 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy have about Two Hundred Bar-

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

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to his Excellency the President—

Navy Board 2^d Februy— 1778—

Sir/

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

To his Excellency

By Order of the Board

John Rutledge Esq^r

Edw^d Blake first Commiss[break]

A Letter to Elisha Sawyer Esq^r. Commissary—

[Break]r/

Navy Board 2^d Febr^y. 1778—

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

Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the following Sums in fav^r. of

James Bricken for 30 Spears for the Gen^l Moultrie a £6 £180— —

James Stedman—

Making Carriages for the Brigg Polly. . . . £288—

for the Ship Gen^l Moultrie. . . 246—

for the Brigg Notre Dame 180— 714—

£894—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 5th February 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Geo Smith Esq^{rs}.—

Navy Board Feb^y. 1778—

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

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Ordered that the Commissary be directed to purchase as much Rum as will be Necessary for the present Expedition

adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock --

Navy Board Monday 9th February 1778—

Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 12th Feb^y. 1778—

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 16th February 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r.

Josiah Smith, Geo. Smith, Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}.—

The first Comm^r. informd y^e Board that he had wrote & ordered

the Clerk to deliver Instructions to Capt^s. Hall, Sullivan, Morgan & Anthony, & their warrant officers respectively,— which the Board approved.

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

Navy Board 16th February 1778—

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

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

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

John Bonnet for work on board the Gen ^l Moultrie..	£293. 10 —
Wheeler & Smith.....for the Volunteer.....	160.. .. —
Edw ^d Shrewsbury.....for the Brigg Polly....	150 — —
Ja ^s Cooke for the Polly & fair American.....	803. 6 —
Tho ^s Addison for Lumber &c. for Ship Yard.....	33 „ 10 —
Sam ^l Wells for Lumber for the Ship Yard.....	.460 „ 18., 9.
Edm ^d Egan Beer for the . . . Brigg Polly	553. 2. 6
John Hughes 2 Acco ^{ts} . against Beaufort Gally	514..15 —
Paul Pritchard for the Notre Dame—	£23. 9.
ditto for the Gen ^l Moultrie	596 14.6
	—————
	620.. 3 6
David Hamilton for the Eagle pilot Boat	115 — —
Cha ^s Duncan Rendezvous Acco ^t Fair American	3736 „ 12. 6
Tho ^s Ditchfield .. ditto . . . Fair American. . . .	4797. 10 —
ditto.ditto . . . Notre Dame.	3321. 10 —
Rich ^d Ellis. 2....ditto . . . Ship Volunteer	4555 — —
John Vesey . . . ditto . . . Brigg Polly . . .	4017. 17. 6
James Bryan — dittoGen ^l Moultrie	5168 „ 2. 6

Will^m Trusler Sundry Acco^{ts}. Viz^t

The Tryals Acco^t. of Beef. 57.. 1 —

continued Over £29357 ,, 19 3

The Eagle Pilot boat for Beef. 85 ,, 12, —,

The Ship Yard. ditto. 74 ,, 15, —,

The Floating Battery. . . ditto. 9 ,, 12, —,

The Rattle Snake. . . . ditto. 29.. 16—

The Brig^t. Notre Dame ditto. 953. 5—

The Ship Gen^l Moultrie. . ditto. 697 ,, [break]

The Ship Volunteer. . . . ditto. 234. 1. 6

The Brig^t. Fair American ditto. 894. 14. 6

The Brig^t. Polly ditto. 1289. 17. 3

The Several Vessels to divide.—ditto. 377. 15. 6

£34004 ,, 9,, 6

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 19th February 1778

Adjourned to next Monday Even^g. 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 23^d February 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r

Josiah Smith Geo Smith } Esq^{rs}.—
John Edwards Geo Ab^t. Hall }

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of Dan^l ONeille for the use of the Rope walk £2000 —

Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 26th February 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Josiah Smith Jun^r Esq^r. in the Chair

Geo Ab^t. Hall, Tho^s Savage, Tho^s Corbett Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}.—

The following Order of the Privy Council dated the 12th Inst. was Received by the Board this Evening the purport of which is as follows—

Viz

In the Privy Council

February 12th 1778—

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

By his Excellency the president

Ordered Accordingly

(Signed) John Colcock

Sec^{ry}. Pv. C^l.

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of

Rob ^t . Cochran for 3 Months rent of the Ship Yard & Four Negroes to the 28 th Ultim ^o	} £ 305 — —
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Will ^m Wilkins Making Sails &c. for the Defence..	£75 —
ditto..for the Eagle pilot boat	295 .
ditto..for the Tryal ditto...	54.15

————— 424.15 —

Leger & Greenwood for rum Supplied the Commissary	7199 ,, 15 —
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Nath ^l Russell & C ^o . for rum supplied...ditto	5432 — —
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Elisha Poinsett Medicines for the Notre Dame	£850..2.6
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ditto..for the Fair American..	118.15	968 ,, 17 ,, 6
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Edward Stiles for the..Comet..	£7 — —
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for the..Volunteer	38. 7. 6'
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for the Gen ^l Moultrie	58.10 —
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for the Fair American	6 — —
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for the Polly....	51 . 15
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for the Rattle Snake.....	4 — —
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————— 165 ,, 12. 6

M ^{rs} . Lester for 1 Month wages for 3 Negroes a 20/ p day on board the floating Battery	} 93
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Ordered to be p^d by J:C

————— £14,589 — —

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board. Monday 2^d March 1778.

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present— Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Thomas Corbett Geo Ab^t. Hall Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}

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

Nathan Legare for 10 Barrels Beef. .a	£40.	£400., —, — ,,
John Waren for 12 Barrels Pork a	£50.	600 ———
Capt ⁿ Philip Sullivan for the Gen ^l Moultrie. . . .		400 ———
ditto ditto for the Volunteer.		975 ———
Elisha Sawyer Commissary his Acco ^t . of Dis-		
bursements.		14234 . 6.8
Paul Pritchard for the Volunteer to be paid by		
J. C.		16 .. 10—
William Johnson Sundry Acco ^{ts} . against the		
Brigg Polly	£794. 13.6. }	
Notre Dame.	359. 7. . }	
Rattle Snake.	49. 11.3. }	
Brigg Fair American.	280. 12.6. }	
Eagle Pilot Boat.	73. 4.9. }	
Tryall ditto.	17. 10.— }	
Commissary for Sundrys.	101. 10 —	1676.9—
Tunis Tebout Ball ^{ce} . of his Acco ^t . for Beaufort		
Gally		875. 4 .6

£19177 ,, 10.2==

Agreed that the Rattle Snakes Cargoe of Rice now in Store at Gadsdens wharf be forthwith Advertized and Sold at Public Vendue by the Clerk of this Board—

Adjourned to next Thursday Even^g 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 5th March 1778—

adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 9th March 1778—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith Geo Smith Edw^d Darrell Geo Ab^t. Hall Esq^{rs}—

The following Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r of

Tho ^s Mayfield wages due him as Boatswain on board	} £165 . 13 . 4
the Brigg Comet from 12 th Oct ^r . 1777. to 5 th	
Feb ^y 1778	

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 12th March 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present . . Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Tho^s Corbett, Edw^d Darrell, Esq^{rs}.

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of—

Tho^s Gardener wages due on board the Brigg Defence £189 . 2—

M^cCulley Righton his Acco^{ts}. for Jan^y. & Feb^y. 313 . 2—

Dan^l Caron for Schooner hire attending the Vessels of
warr. 160 — —

£662 .. 4—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 16th March 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Geo Abbot Hall, Josiah Smith, Tho^s Corbett, } Esq^{rs}—
Edward Darrell, John Edwards . . . }

In the Privy Council

March 13th 1778—

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

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

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

Navy Board March 16th 1778

To Elisha Sawyer Commissary

Sir/

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

Edward Blake first Commissioner

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

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

Navy Board Monday 23^d March 1778—
 adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 26th March 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Edward Darrell, Josiah Smith Esq^{rs}—

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of

Dan^l ONeille for the use of the Rope walk £2000 — —

Paul Ripley wages due him as Midshipman on board the Brigg Comet from the 16 th Oct ^r . 1777 to 14 March 1778 4 Months & 27 days a £28. $\frac{7}{8}$ Month..	} 137.. 4 —
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Jarvis Williams wages due him as Masters Mate on board the Brigg Comet from 27 th Sept ^r 1777— to the 14 March 1778— 5 M ^{os} . & 16 days a £30 $\frac{7}{8}$ M ^o	} 166 — —
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Mackie & Cameron Coupering Bread & Water Casks	174 [break]
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Carried over	£247 [break]
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[Break]ght up	2447. 19 —
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Ralph Atmer Caulking Public Boats.	27 — — —
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Jacob Boomer Sundry Acco^{ts}. Viz for the

Brig^t.. Notre Dame—Beef supplyd.. £308. . 15.

„ Fair American . . . d^o. 372.. 5 —

Ship Gen^l Moultrie . . . d^o. 983.. 5 —

Brigg Polly d^o. 313 — —

Eagle Pilot Boat. d^o. 36.. 5 —

Schooner Rattle Snake. . . d^o. 20.. 10 —

Ship yard d ^o 333.. 11. 3.	2367.. 11.. 3.
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£4872.. 10.. 3

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

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

Navy Board Thursday 2^d April 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Tho^s Corbett, Edw^d Darrell, Josiah Smith, Roger Smith Esq^{rs}—

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r of—

Tho ^s Smith Amo ^t . of the Pilot Boat Tryals pay Bill	} \$82.12—
from the 2 ^d Decem ^r 1777. to the 27 th Janr ^y 1778. }	
Philip Hart for Lignumvite & Rosewood for Ship Yard..	165.7. 6

£247.19.6

The Board Agreed to furnish Roger Smith Esq^r with Twelve Bar-
 rels of Salt Provisions and what Cordage may be wanted for the
 Vessels now fitting out by him on account of the State

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 6th April 1778.

The Board Met According to Adjournment.

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Geo Abb^t. Hall Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Board Received a Letter from M^r. David Hamilton Acquainting
 them of his Intention to decline the Management of the State Ship
 Yard in case his wages are not augmented—

Agreed that M^r. Duvall should send Two Men with M^r. Paget a
 Branch Pilot to Carry out of Stono Inlet the Spanish Schooner now
 lying there by application of George Abbot Hall Esq^r—

M^r. Duvall applyed for, and the Board agreed to furnish the
 Pilot Boat Eagle with two new Masts &

The following order was sent to M^r. David Hamilton

Navy Board April 6th 1778—

Sir/

You are hereby directed to furnish the Eagle Pilot boat with
 Two Masts of 63 & 66 feet Each & 10 Inches in the Partners as
 Soon as possible

To

M^r. David Hamilton }
 at the State Ship Yard }

By Order of the Board—

Edward Blake first Commiss^r—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r of Stephen Duvall's pay bill of the Eagle Pilot boat to the 4th Inst. }
 being 3 Mo^s. } £483 — —
 Smith & Darrell for Sund^{ys} Supplied the Commissary 827...5—
 Smith & Darrell for Jackets Supply^d the Gen^l Moultrie 540 ———
 Tarlton Brown Advanced by him for the Beaufort }
 Gally to be paid by the Clerk. } 10..10

£1860..15

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 o'Clock—

Navy Board Thursday 9th April 1778—
 Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 o'Clock—

Navy Board Monday 13th April 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
 Roger Smith Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}.

Ordered that the following Advertizement be Inserted in M^r. Wells's next Gazette and One Hundred hand Bills be Struck of Immediately—

By an Act passed the 28th March last for the better Regulating of Pilots &c. it is therein provided that the Commissioners of the Navy shall Cause a Leading Mark to the Beacon to be Erected in the same place where the former One stood Also two leading Marks as Guides through the Middle Channel and One for Lawfords Channel, and shall also Cause Buoys to be fixed a Long the North Channel at fit places so as to Render the Navigation of those Channels more safe and Secure, Any Persons inclinable to undertake and Execute the above Business are desired to deliver in their proposals in writing to

John Calvert Clerk to the Navy Board

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Quarter Master Gen^l. that the Board Expects he will pay the hire of the Floating Battery Regularly every Month—

Ordered that those Men in the Hospital who have Entered in the States Service (for the late Expedition) and now well Enough to be discharged from thence be sent on board the Beaufort Galley—

A Clause of the Pilotage Act, and the following Letter were delivered to Stephen Duvall and Will^m Farroe Commanding the Eagle and Tryall Boats—

Sir/

Agreeable to the Above Clause [break] of the 28th March last the Commissioners of *The* [break] that you do Alternately lay with your Pilot Boat *at Anchor* near Sullivans Island at Night and that you do *proceed* to Sea as Early as possible Every Morning so as to give the Necessary Assistance to any Vessels bound into any port in this State.by Order of the Bo[break]

Navy Board	}	Edward Blake first Commiss[break]
13 th April 1778		

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for in fav [break] of Dan^l ONille for the use of the Rope

Walk.	£1000 — —
Tho ^s Smith for the Pilot Boat Tryals Pay Bill to this day	231. 4 —
Richard Mercer Sundrys Supplied the Notre Dame	£185. 10.
.the Fair American	272. 15
	<hr/> 458. 5.
Rob ^t . Beard Tin work for the Navy.	154 — —
Tho ^s Joel for Spars & Lumber for the Ship yard.	1126. .3. .11. .
John Moor 3 Months Wages and Disbursements } on board the floating Battery to the 9 th Ins ^t .	} 174—10—

The Board agreed to Allow the Men hired on board the pilot Boats Forty two pounds Each per Month in future—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 16th April 1778—.

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

George Abb^t. Hall, Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}— —

The following Note was wrote by the first Commiss^r to his Excellency the president and Approved of by the Board

Edward Blake presents his Compliments to his Excellency the President and Informs him that agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly passed the 28th March 1778 He (by Order of the Commis-

sioners of the Navy) sent Orders to Mr. Stephen Duvall and Mr. Will^m Pharoah¹ The Two Pilots Intrusted with the care of the Eagle and Tryall Pilot Boats) to Anchor Alternately at Night as near to Sullivants Island as possible and to proceed to Sea Early every Morning, so as to give the necessary assistance to any Vessels bound into any of the ports in this State, but instead of Obeying such Orders Mess^{rs}. Duvall, Pharoah, and two Other pilots Just waited on him and Informed him, that they will not Serve any Longer as Pilots and Declared they would not go out to Sea any more in the Boats; this behaviour is very Alarming (Especially at a time we are in hourly Expectation of Vessels Ariveing from Every Quarter) and well worth the Notice of the Executive Authority—

Orders were drawn on the Treasury

in fav ^r . of Tho ^s Shubrick Esq ^r . for Negroe hire in the	}	£539. 1.3.
State Ship yard to the 31 st March last.		
Beaufort Galley Ball ^e . of pay bill to the 9 th March. . . .	}	256. 13.4.
Alex ^r . Rose for Cash Advanced in part of wages due		
from the Brigg Defence to John Hays, Rob ^t . Hervey		
Ezek ^l Lambert Sam ^l Frost Abr ^m Heath & Geo Bowen	}	601. 5 —

£1396,,19,, 7

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board

Thursday [break]

The Board Met According to Adjournment.

Present. . Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commission[break]

George Abb ^t . Hall Josiah Smith	}	Esq ^{rs} —
Edward Darrell Roger Smith		

A Letter from the first Commissioner to Captⁿ Sullivan on his [undecipherable] was approved of this Evening

Captⁿ. Philip Sullivan

Sir/

You'll please Order a Num[break] of Men from on board the Gen^l Moultrie to assist in Landing her Guns out of the Schooner and have all the powder, and Gunners Stores

¹Farrow. It is so given in the engrossed copy, and heretofore Mr. Calvert, the clerk, has spelled the name Farroe. (See p. 148.)

Landed & delivered to the proper Officers appointed to Receive them—

I am Sir your Hble Serv^t.

Monday 20th April 1778—

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

To Captⁿ Philip Sullivan—

Sir

Navy Board 23^d April 1778—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that all the Stores on Board the General Moultrie belonging to the Public of this State be Landed & delivered to the proper Officers Appointed to receive them, and that the Warrant Officers belonging to said Ship do make a proper Return of all the Stores Expended during the late Cruize as well as all such as may be delivered on Shore, and that a proper pay Bill for said Ship be made out and Delivered to the Clerk of the Navy Board as soon as possible

By Order of the Board—

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Similar Letter was wrote and delivered to Captⁿ Charles Morgan of the Brigg Fair American— [Break]^t. . *James Mayberry of The Gen: Moultrie* was Nominated by the Board to the *Command* of the Beaufort Galley and the Following Orders were given him—

Sir/ You are to take Charge of the Beaufort Galley early tomorrow Morning and be as Expeditious as possible in getting her ready to Clean, taking out her Two Guns & Landing them on Gibbes's Wharf before you lay her a Shore

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

Navy Board }
23^d April 1778 }—

To his Excellency the President

Navy Board 23^d April 1778—

Sir/

Immediately after rece^t. of your Letter the Commissioners of the Navy Board sent to Lieut. James Mayberry the first Lieu^t of the General Moultrie to know if he would Accept the Command of the Galley which he agreed to do, the Commissioners therefore beg leave to recommend him to your Excellency as a fit person for that Command

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To his Excellency }
the President }

To Brigadier General Moultrie

Navy Board 23^d April 1778—

Sir/

The President having desired that the Beaufort Galley should be Immediately got ready to Transport Stores &c. to Georgia, and that you would furnish some Men to Assist in getting her ready The Navy Board will be glad that they be Ordered on board Tomorrow Morning to Assist Captⁿ Mayberry in getting her a Shore to Clean her—

To Brig^r. General Moultrie } By order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r
Captⁿ— [break] harl [break] appointed by the Board to Appraise what Damage [break] Ship Gen^l Moultrie & Brig^t Fair American may have [break] during the Cruize.

The Board Agreed to allow Captⁿ Thomas Shubrick for his Negroe Carpenters at the State Ship Yard Forty Shillings per day for Each from the first Inst—

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

Will^m Smart freight of 50 Barr^{ls} Pork from Geo Town. . . . £100
Edw^d Hair for 2015^w. Tallow dd the Commissary a 15/. 1511,,5

£1611,,5

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Ended—¹

Navy Board

Monday 27th April 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith, Geo Abb^t. Hall, Edw^d Darrell, Geo Smith Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting were read—

A Letter to M^r M^cCulley Righton Boat-keeper—

Sir/

Navy Board April 27th 1778—

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do with all possible dispatch, have all the Boats belonging to this State that now are or have at any time been in your Care (as Boat keeper)

¹End of the second of the thin blank books in which the original journal was kept by the clerk.

Cleaned and put in good Order, and that you do make a proper Return to this Board, of all such Boats by next Thursday Evening—

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r of John Gaboriel for the Ball^{ce}. of his Acco^t. that is.

For the State Ship Yard. £3705. 11. 6.

For the State Rope Walk. 18 — —

————— £3723. 11. 6

Paul Pritchard for the Rattle Snake to be p^d by y^e Clerk 18. 12. 9.

————— £3742. . 4. 3

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 30th April 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r—

Geo Ab^t. Hall, Roger Smith Geo Smith Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}.

Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the follow^g Sums

The Beauforts Galleys Pay Bill to the 13th Apr £161. 14 —

The Ship Gen^l Moultries pay bill to the 18th. Inst. }
being 4 Months & 3 days Amo^t. } 8531. . 0. 8

————— £8692. 14. 8

The Board agreed to go *tomorrow to the Beacon to fix* on a proper place for a Leading Mark for *the Bar*

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6. O'Clock.

Navy Board Monday 4th May 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Josiah Smith Esq^r. in the Chair

Tho^s Corbett, Geo Abb^t Hall, Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read

On Friday the first Inst. the following Members of the Board with the Two Pilot Boats went down to the Bar and after Stationing the said Boats properly they fixed on a proper Spot to have a Beacon, or Leading Mark Erected on a Line with the Bar and Lighthouse Viz—

Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r

George Abbot Hall, Josiah Smith, Thomas Corbett } Esq^{rs}—
 George Smith, & Edward Darrell. }

Mr. David Edgar from the Ship Yard Attended the Board According to Summons and was desired to attend again on Thursday next—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of

The Brig^t Fair Americans pay Bill from the 22^d of December 1777 to the 24th April 1778 4^{mo} & 2^{days}. £7124,, 4. 7
 Dan^l ONeille for the use of the Rope walk. 1000 — —

£8124..4.7—

Mr. John Gaborial Laid before the Board a plan and proposals for Erecting a Beacon or Leading Mark to the Bar—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 O'Clock.

[Break] Thursday 7th May 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Josiah Smith Esq^r. in the Chair.

Edward Darrell, Roger Smith, Esq^{rs}.

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read

Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the following Sums. in fav^r. of Dan^l ONeille for the use of the Rope walk. . . . £3000 — —

Joshua Toomer Timber for the Ship yard. 583,, — —

The Beaufort Galleys pay bill to the 14th Ult^o. to }
 be paid by the Clerk. } — — 68,, 3. 3

£3651,, 3. 3

adjourned to next Monday Even^g 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 11th May 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith Edward Darrell, Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting were read—

The Board Agreed to Mr John Gaborials Proposals for Erecting a Leading Mark or Beacon to the Bar—

Agreed to Allow the four Sailors Captⁿ. Steel took into pay at St Augustine on board the Schooner Rattle Snake Fifty pounds Each, also the Man that watered the Vessel while there Fifty pounds for their Services—

Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the following Sums Viz	
To Anthorry Bonneau Amo ^t of his Acco ^t for Pork . . .	\$9902,,19.4.
John Hays Ball ^{ce} . due him from the Brigg Defence	193,,11,,3.
Five Soldiers for work on board the Beaufort Galley	} 37..10.—
Ordered to be paid by the Clerk	
A pay bill for a Detachment of marines on board the Gen ^l Moultrie— Jn ^o Blake Esq ^r . Command ^r .	} 1153,, 8 —
Jn ^o Knowles wages due him on board the Brigg	
Notre Dame as Chief Mate	} 136 — —
	£11423,, 8,,7

Adjourned to next Thursday Even^g 6 oClock

Navy Board Thurs[break]
 Adjourned to next Monday Evening [break]

Navy Board Monday 18th May 177 [break]
 The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present. . Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commission[break]
 Josiah Smith, Geo Abb^t. Hall, Edw^d Darrell, Esq^{rs}.

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—

The Board agreed to recommend John Drew to the Command of the Schooner Rattle Snake—

Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the following sums in favour of {

Sam ^l Frost for Ball ^{ce} . of wages due him from the Brigg Defence as Armourer from 4 th Janr ^y 1777 to the 4 th of May 1778 is 16 Months a £35. 7 ⁹ M ^o	} £459.. 5 ..
£560 —	

62 dollars 110 15

459 5

Capt ⁿ James Doharty for Ball ^{ce} . of pay bill and dis-	}	1412.. 6.1.
bursements for the Beaufort Galley to 9 th March		
Aaron Lovis Blockmaker Order ^d to be paid by the		
Clerk 30 Dollars. or		48..15 —
		<hr/>
		£1920.. 6.1—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 5. oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 21st May 1778—
 Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Monday. 25th May 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournm^t

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith, Geo Smith Edw^d. Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read.

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

[Break] for Turning for the fair American	£25. 10 —	
Capt ⁿ . [break] Morgan Ball ^{ce} . of his Acco ^t . and—	}	799.. 7.. 4.
disbursements for the Brigg Fair American		
John Calvert Amo ^t of pay bill for the Marines on	}	760 — —
board the Brigg Fair American.		
Capt ⁿ . James Woodhouse Ball ^{ce} . of wages and	}	900,, 2. 6—
disbursements for the Schooner Rattle Snake		
Elisha Sawyer Commissary his disbursements and	}	4848—16 —
Salary to the 30 th Ulto Ball ^{ce}		
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		£7333. 15. 10—

Adjourned to next Thursday Even^g 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 28th May 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Edward Darrell, Josiah Smith Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting were read—

A Letter to M^r. David Edgar—

Navy Board 28th May 1778—

M^r. David Edgar

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy request that you do Immediately discharge Alexander Miller from the State Ship Yard and Inform the Commissioners of the Time he has worked there—

By Order of the board

May 28th 1778—

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board

Monday 1 J[break]

The Board Met According to *Adjournm*[break]

Present Josiah Smith Jun^r. Esq^r. in the Chair

John Edwards, Edward Darrell Esq^{rs} :

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read

An Order was drawn in favour of—

James Wright for 250^{lb}. w^t. of Bread for the Beaufort Galley £175.

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board 4th June 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read

An Order to the Commissary

Navy Board June 4th 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you Supply Captⁿ. Drue with the within mentioned Articles for use of the Schooner Rattle Snake

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To M^r Dan^l Smith }
Commissary for the }
Naval Department }

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of

Robt. Cochran for One Quar. Rent of the Ship Yard & 4 Negroes due the 28 th April Last	}	£305 —
Rich ^d Ellis as a reward for his particular Services and Assistance afforded the Ship Gen ^l Moultrie when on Shore on the Bar and Sweeping for her Anchors with his own boat		
Tho ^s Mayfield for like Services.	}	150 —
		£755.
		to 755 — —
[Break] Oneille D ^r . to the Rope walk for 408 ^{tw} Cordage sold & delivered Will ^m Gibbes Esq ^r . a £70 ⌘ 100 and One Hambrough Line 60/.	}	£288 „ 12 —
Smith & Darrell D ^r . to the Rope walk for 652 ^{tw} Cordage dd them for the Beaufort Pilot boat a £70 ⌘ C ^t		
		456 „ 8 —
		£1500

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 8th June 1778—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 9th June 1778

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock

Navy Board Wednesday 10th June 1778—

The board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r

Josiah Smith Thomas Corbett Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting were read

The following Letters were wrote Viz

To his Excellency the President

Navy Board 10th June 1778

The Commissioners of the Navy request your Excellency's directions respecting the Brigg Polly— If she is to be delivered to the proper Owners and the Crew discharged

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r—

Mr., David Edgar

Sir

You'll please Order the public Flatt to proceed to Kewah Island for a Quantity of knees and live Oak Timber now ready at a Landing for the use of the State Ship Yard—

Navy Board }
10 June 1778 }

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake [break]

A Letter to Mr Aaron *Lovis Block* [break]

Mr. Aaron Lovis

Sir/

You are to furnish Captⁿ. Hall of the Brigg Notre Dame with all such Stores as may be wan[break] for said Brigg that may be within your Department

June 10th 1778—

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss[break]

To Captⁿ Hezekiah Anthony

Captⁿ. Hezekiah Anthony

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy request that you do as soon as possible make the proper returns of all the Stores Expended by the different Warrant Officers on board the Brigg Polly on the late Cruze (Signed by yourself) And also of all such stores or Merchandize as may have been taken by you Out of any Prizes during said Cruze

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r.

Navy Board June 10, 1778—

To Captⁿ. Cha^s Morgan—

Captⁿ Morgan

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy request that you do Make a return as soon as possible of all such Stores or Merchandize

as may have been taken by you out of any Prizes during said Cruize
 Navy Board } By Order of the Board
 10th June 1778— } John Calvert— Clerk—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of—
 John Scott Jun^r for hire of his Schooner. £60 — —
 Paul Pritchard for a Steamer & Iron work for Ship Yard 350 — —
 Elisha Poinsett 2 Acco^{ts}. for Medicines Supplied The
 Ship Gen^l Moultrie. £1992
 The Brigg Polly. 1260.5 3252. 5

Cont [break]

[Break] up. £3662 ,, 5—
 Thomas Smith founder his Acco^t. 555 — —
 Nath^l Havens for wages due himself and his Negroe }
 Lewis on board the Brigg Comet } 316,,3.4.
 McCulley Righton his Acco^t. for April as boat keeper 160 — —
 Alex^r Miller for 7 days work at the State Ship Yard }
 Ordered to be paid by the Clerk a £84 ~~ff~~ m^o. } 22,,12.1

£4716,, 0,, 5

adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 11th June 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

— Josiah Smith, Edw^d Darrell, Geo Ab^t. Hall, Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of the Last Meeting were read

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of—

John Calvert pay bill for the Detachment on board }
 the Brigg Polly. } £1431..6..6.
 John Calvert pay bill for the Schooner Rattle Snake }
 Cartel to S^t. Augustine Cap^t Elijah Steel. } 1286..2 —
 Will^m Johnson Amo^t. of Cap^t. Elijah Steels disburse-
 ments 153. 0. 9.

£2870 9..3.

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 15th June 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Jn^o Edwards, Geo A. Hall, Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

the Minutes of Last Meeting were read

Gentlemen/

Navy Bo [break]

The Commissioners of the Navy are desired [break] his Honour the Vice President to Discharge the Brigg Polly from the Service of the State, and to deliver her to the proper Owners— You'll therefore please appoint a proper person to receive said Brigg from Cap^t Anthony who has Orders to deliver her with an Inventory of all her Stores to such person as you may appoint to receive her—

By Order of the Board

To Mess^{rs}— Smith & Dorrell—
and the Other Gentlemen Owners }
of the Brigg Polly }

Edward Blake first Commis^t

Navy Board 12th June 1778—

Sir/

You are directed by the Commissioners of the Navy to Deliver the Brigg Polly with all her Stores, Together with an Inventory of all the Stores belonging to said Brigg to such persons as the Owners may direct to receive her—

You are also to discharge all the Men belonging to said Brigg Immediately after delivering her to the Owners, and to deliver a proper pay bill to the Clerk of the Navy Board that they may be paid their wages

By Order of the Board

To

Edward Blake first Commis^t

Capt. Hezekiah Anthony—

A Letter to Captⁿ John Drew—

Navy Board June 15th 1778—

Capt John Drew Sir/

Your Letter of the 13th Inst— was this Evening laid before the Board, and in Answer thereto *am* to Inform you that the Board will not agree to your proposals. As you have Every Advantage that is allowed in the Merchant Service, you must Expect to run the *same* risk that Capt^{ns}. in the Merchants Service do, if [break] not agreeable to you another Master *must be* [break] the Rattle Snake—

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commissioner

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of—	
Henry Reeves for sundrys Supplied the Ship Yard	£205. 10 —
David Hamilton his Salary and Disbursements at the State Ship yard.	} 1408. 18. 9.
Jacob Boomer Beef supplied the Ship Yard.	
Dan ^l ONeille for the use of the Rope walk.	688. 12. 6
Jn ^o Calvert the Brigg Pollys pay bill to 10 th Ins ^t .	1000 — —
Blakes & Sawyer for Rice Storage Bbls & Cooper- age for the Schooner Rattle Snake	} 4539. 14. 10
	4755. 14. 3
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	£12598—10,, 4.

adjourned to Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 18th June 1778—
adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 22^d June 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith, Geo Smith, Edw^d Darrell } Esq^{rs}—
Thomas Corbett. George Abb^t. Hall . . . }

The Minutes of last Meeting were read—

Agreed That the Clerk do Pay Alex^r. McMullin 2 } £42 — —
Months wages due him from the Rattle Snake }

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of Commodore Alex ^r . Gillon for 58330 feet of Mahog ^y a £5 ₤ 100	2916. 10—
McCulley Righton his Acco ^t . for May.	93 — —
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	£3051. 10—

The Board agreed to go down to the Lighthouse on Wednesday
next.

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 O'Clock.

Navy Board Thursday 25 June 1778.

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 O'Clock.

Extra Meeting

Navy Board Saturday 27th. June 1778—

The Board Met According to Summons—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith Edward Darrell } Esq^{rs}—
 John Edwards Geo Ab^t. Hall.. }

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—

An Information was Laid before the Board against Cap^t. Briggs Lately appointed to the Command of the Schooner Rattle Snake as a person Inimical to the Liberties of America

The Evidences against the said Cap^t. Brigg appearing Trifling & frivolous the Board therefore Acquitted him

adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 29th June 1778—

adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Extra Meeting

Navy Board Tuesday 30th June 1778—

The Board Met According to Summons—

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, George Smith, } Esq^{rs}—
 Edw^d Darrell Jn^o Edwards, Tho^s Corbett, }

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—

The following Letters were wrote

A Letter to Cap^tⁿ. Will^m Hall

Navy Board June 30th 1778

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that [break] *open a house* of Rendezvous tomorrow morning under a proper [break] officer for Eight days in order to procure Seamen for the Notre Dame; it is hoped that you will Endeavour to avoid the Heavy Expence that has usually attended a rendezvous, and that you Order daily Accounts thereof to be delivered and reported to the Board; you will also prepare the Notre Dame as soon as possible for a Cruise and have her Carried into the Road

Captⁿ. Will^m Hall } Edward Blake first Commiss^r.
 of the Notre Dame }

A Letter to the Commissary

Navy Board 30th June 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you sell all the Beef in your possession belonging to the Navy at public Vendue, and Account for the same to the Board

Mr. Daniel Smith }
Naval Commissary }

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

P.S you are Likewise to purchase Twenty Barrels of good Flour and have it baked as soon as possible for the Notre Dame

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to his Excellency the President

Navy Board 30th June 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to Inform your Excellency, that the Schooner Rattle Snake having been prevented from proceeding on a Voyage which was Intended to furnish the Navy and Army of this State with Rum, First by a General Embargo, & afterwards by her being Ordered to St. Augustine as a Flag of Truce, is now again loaded and will be ready for Sea in a few days The Commissioners request your Excellencys Orders respecting that Vessel in Consequence of the Embargo laid by Congress on provisions

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Com^r.

An Order was drawn on the *Treasury in favour* of the Clerk of this Board for the Amo[break] of the Notre Dames }
pay bill to the 20th June 6 Months } 7376..16..2.

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board' Thursday 2^d July 1778—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 6th July 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Geo Abb^t. Hall, Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of

Dan ^l O'Neill for the use of the Rope Walk dated 4 th Inst	£1000 ———
Jn ^o Calvert amo ^t . of Pay bill for the detachment of Marines on board the Brigg Notre Dame	920. 10—
Blakes & Sawyer for 19500 feet of Inch boards for the State Ship Yard. a £10 Ⓕ 100	1950 — —
Gasper Wershing for Beef Supplied the Beaufort Galley—	83. .15—
Will ^m Parker for Schooner hire Assist ^g the Gen ^l Moultrie	110 — —
Capt. Jn ^o Drue for wages & disbursement due himself & a Negroe on board the Schooner Rattle Snake	141 — —
Capt ⁿ . Philip Sullivan Amo ^t . of Disbursements for the Ship Gen ^l Moultrie	454 ———
	£4659. . 5—

Ordered that Captⁿ. Hall do shut up the Notre Dame's Rendezvous this Evening—

Order of the Privy Council respecting the Rattle Snakes Cargoe dated 1st Inst.—

In the Privy Council Wednesday 1st July 1778—

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter he had received from the Commissioners of the Navy respecting the Rattle Snake now a Third time ready for Sea, having on board a Cargo of Rice— The Board advised that her present Cargo be unloaded; such part thereof as the Commissary shall want be delivered him, and the rest sold, that she be reloaded with such Articles as are not prohibited by the Embargo & forthwith proceed on her Voyage—

By his Excellency the President—

Ordered Accordingly—

(Copy)— Jn^o Colcock Sec^y P^y C^l.

A Letter to his Excellency the President

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to acquaint your Excellency that several of the Seamen & Officers which lately belonged to the State Brigg Defence are now in Charles Town and have applied to the Board for payment of their wages till their return— as the Commissioners have never seen any Law respecting the payment of wages to such persons as are Captured in the Service

of this State, they will be glad of your Excellencys Directions respecting the Crew of that Vessel—

July 6th 1778—

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To his Excellency the President—

Adjourned to Next Thursday Evening 4 oClock

Navy Board Th[break]

The Board Met According to *Adjournment*

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Edw^d Darrell, Geo Abb^t. Hall, Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting were Read

The Board agreed to Load the Rattle Snake for a Voyage with Lumber and a few Hh^{ds}. of Tabocco—

Agreed to go to Hobcaw Tomorrow to View the Ship Yard Late Begby and Mansons—

Orders were drawn on the Treasury for the follow^g Sums in fav^r of Dan^l ONeille for the use of the Rope walk £2000 — —

An Additional pay Bill for the Notre Dame Ordered	} 212. 16.
to be paid by the Clerk.	

2212. 16—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 13th July 1778—

The Board Met According to *Adjournment*

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commiss^r—

Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell, Geo Ab^t. Hall, Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—

On Friday Last the 10th Ins^t. the following Commiss^{rs} viz Edward Blake Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell & Geo Ab^t. Hall Esq^{rs}— According to Appointment went to Hobcaw to Take a View of the Ship Yard Late Begby & Mansons with M^r. Paul Pritchard whom they desired to furnish them with an Estimate of the Cost of Land, Buildings, Ship on the Stocks, Timber, Blocks, Negroes &c.

The following Letter was wrote to the *president*
Navy Board 13th July 1778.

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to inform your Excellency that the Brigg Notre Dame is near Ready to Proceed on a Cruize, and will be Obliged to your Excellency for Commissions for the First and Second Lieutenants and Warrants for the Master, Gunner, Carpenter, Boatswain, and Surgeon, Agreeable to the Inclosed list, and if any particular Instructions are to be given to Captⁿ. Hall, the Board will be glad to be advised as Early as Possible—

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

His Excellency }
the President }

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r of Will^m Trusler for Beef Supplied the follow^g Vessells &c

Ship Gen ^l Moultrie.	£94..15
Brigg Fair American.	291..10 —
Beaufort Galley.	145. 7. 6
Ship Yard.	212. 6. 3.
Rattle Snake	293. 3. 9.
Notre Dame.	1141.. 5 —
Brigg Polley	306. 10 —
Eagle Pilot Boat	685. 6. 3.
Tryall Pilot Boat.	299. 6. 3. £3469. 10

Audley & Hopkins for Cordage Supplyd the Com- missary.	427.. —
Blakes & Sawyer for 21325 w. of Flour a £35 ^{per} Ct. d ^o	7463..15 —
Myer Moses for Flour & Butter to. d ^o	1343. 3 —
Stephen Duval's pay. bill for the Eagle Pilot boat } from the 4 th of April to the 4 th July & disbursements }	1009. 13. 9

£13713,, 1,, 9.

adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 16 [break]

The Board Met According to *Adjournment*

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

John Edwards Josiah Smith— } Esq^{rs}—
Edward Darrell George Smith }

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—

A Letter to M^r Stephen Duvall YesterdayNavy Board July 15th 1778—

Sir/

Eleven Prisoners of war having made their Escapes last night, have Taken a Sailing boat Belonging to M^r. Redhall and are very probably gone to the S^oward; the Commiss^{rs}. of the Navy direct that you do Immediately proceed with the Eagle Pilot Boat to the Southward and Endeavour by Every means in your power to Overtake and bring back to Charles Town the said Prisoners

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^rTo M^r. Steven Duvall—

Should the Eagle be gone out the Board Recommend that M^r. Duvall do go out in the Tryal and take Charge of the Eagle at Sea, as she is the fittest Vessel for that purpose.
E—B—

A Letter to M^r Paul Pritchard—Navy Board 16th July 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy have received and considered your proposals respecting the Sale of the Ship Yard at Hobcaw, which they find to be different from what they expected from the Conversation they before had with you, both respecting the Commission charged on the purchase and the Terms of your own attendance; the Commissioners understood you were willing to carry on the Yard holding a Share yourself and to receive a proportion of the profits upon which principle they desired your proposals— M^r Livingston's condition also of sending any Vessels that he [break] *e to the Yard*, in preference to all Others is not agreeable to them tho the Commissioners would by all Means give the preference to Continental Vessels Another principal obstacle with them is that you have not proposed any term of time to remain at the Yard, they could not think of making any Agreement without your engaging to carry on the Business of the Yard for a term of Years—

Should you be inclinable to alter your proposals either to carry on the Yard jointly or to receive a certain Share of the Profits for your Management, they will recommend the matter to the President & Council for their approbation.

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r.To M^r. Paul Pritchard—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of—

John Calvert an Additional pay bill of the detachm ^t of Artillery on board the Brigg Polly.	} £714 .. 15 —
Nath ^l Russell & C ^o . for 3 Hh ^{ds} . of Rum sold the Commissary	
W ^m . Axon his Acco ^t . for Measuring Lumber at Ship Yard.	2254. — —
W ^m Farrow Tryal Pilot boats pay bill to 13 th Ins ^t 3 Mo ^s	122. 13. 6
Tho ^s Shubrick Esq ^r . for Negroe Hire at Ship Yard to 7 th Ins ^t	373..16 —
	668. 2. 6
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	£4133— 7— —

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 20th July 1778—

The Bóard Met According to Adjournment

- Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r first Commissioner—
 Josiah Smith Edward Darrell } Esq^{rs}—
 Geo Abb^t Hall Thomas Corbett }
 The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—
 Instructions to Captⁿ William Hall—

Navy Board..20th July 1778—

Sir/

The Brig^t Notre Dame being well fitted, having her full Complement of Men, Provisions and stores for a Three Months Cruize; The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you Sail in Company with Commodore Gillon and that you do Strictly Comply with Every part of the Annexed Order of the president and Privy Council— Should you be so fortunate as to take any prizes during your Cruize, you are to put on board a proper person as prize Master with a Sufficient Number of Seamen to Navigate her with Orders to proceed to Charles Town, or some Inlet in the State of South Carolina, and to Treat all Prisoners with the greatest Humanity and Tenderness— you are also to advise the Commiss^{rs} by Every Opportunity of all Transactions worthy their Notices— You are to be particularly Careful of all the Stores on board and see that all the Warrant Officers make Clear and regular returns to you, of all the Stores Expended every Month, and if found right, you are to Sign Such

returns; you are also at the End of the Cruize to lay before the Board, a Clear and regular return of all the Stores Expended during the Cruize as also of all such as were received on board as well as what remain without which no pay will be allowed—

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

(Annexed) In the Privy Council Tuesday July 14th, 1778
The Board advised that Captⁿ Hall of the Notre-Dame be directed to put himself under the Command of Commodore Gillon to sail with him 100 leagues Eastward of this Coast & then to return immediately or accompany him to the Havannah as the Commodore shall think proper, and in case he shall go to the Havannah, that he return from thence to this Port directly or proceed to the West Indies with the Commadore as he shall direct, and in case also he should go to the West Indies that he then *return immediately* here—

By his Excellency the president

Ordered Accordingly

(Signed)— John Colcock Sec^y Pr. C—

Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of

Capt ⁿ . Will ^m Hall his Acco ^t . of Bounty and Additional pay allowed by Act of Assembly pass ^d 21 st March 1778.	} £1166. 6 —
Jos Stanyarne for 22600 Shingles ship ^d on board the Rattle Snake a £20 ₤ 1000.	
	} 452 — —

The following Acco^{ts} were Ordered to be paid by the Clerk

Paul Newman 10 days wages due him from Rattle Snake	28 ———
Step ⁿ Hopkins going after Deserters for Notre Dame	45 — —
Doct ^r . D'Ubertas for Medicines for . . . Notre Dame—	92 — —
Edw ^d . Shrewsberry for a Spar for the Eagle Pilot boat—	54 — —

£1837. .6—

adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4th oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 23^d July 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
Josiah Smith Edward Darrell, Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r of
 Tho^s Ferguson Esq^r. for Pork for the Navy.....£1509. 12—
 McCulley Righton a Cooperage bill..... 129..15—

£1639.. 7—

adjourned to next Monday Even^g 4 oClock—

Navy Board. Monday 27th July 1778

Adjourned to next Thursday Even^g. 4 oClock—

Navy Board Wednesday 29 July 1778.

Extra Meeting

The Board Met According to Summons—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Edw^d Darrell, Geo Ab^t. Hall Tho^s Corbett } Esq^{rs}—
 Josiah Smith John Edwards. }

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—

An Order of the Privy Council—

In the Privy Council July 28th 1778—

Ordered that the Overseer of the works at the North end of
 the Town do furnish the Navy Board with such Number of Negroes
 as they may require with a proper person as an Overseer, for finish-
 ing the Ship Yard—

By his Excell^{cy}. the President with
 the advice of the Board

(Signed) Jn^o Colcock Sec^y P^y. C^l..

The Original Served }
 on Tho^s Butler Overseer }

An Order of the Privy Council .

In the Privy Council 28th July 1778—

The Board advise that the Commissioners of the Navy be desired to
 furnish & provide a proper Vessel to Carry as a Cartel or Flag of

Truce 100 prisoners of War to St. Augustine to be got ready as soon as possible.

By his Excell^{cy}. the President
Order^d Accordingly

(Signed) Jn^o Colcock Sec^y P^y. C^l.

Agreed to send Fifteen Negroes to work at the Ship Yard and Ten to Gadsdens wharf to Move the Mahogany lying there belonging to the Public with Two white Overseers, One for Each place—

Agreed with Captⁿ. William Phillips in behalf of the Owners of the Schooner Call^d the Oak Hampton Packet to go as a Cartel or Flag of Truce to St^t Augustine. *The Owners of* said Schooner to find & furnish a White man and five Negroes; for which the Commissioners of the Navy agree to Allow the said Owners Forty two pounds Currency ₹ day, the Vessel to be taken into pay on Friday next—

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 'oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 30th July 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith Geo Abb^t. Hall } Esq^{rs}.
Tho^s Corbett Edward Darrell }

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read

The following Letter was wrote to his Excell^{cy} the president

Navy Board 30th July 1778—

Sir.

The Commissioners of the Navy think it their duty to inform your Excellency, That M^r. Farrow who went out Pilot of the Brigg Comet and escaped from New York, has informed them that Captⁿ. Pines and his Lieut^{ts} are still Confined there as prisoners, and they apprehend that the Lieut^{ts} of the Brigg Defence are also still Confined; The Commissioners mention this before the Cartel proceeds to St. Augustine imagining that Capt^{ns}. Bachop & Osborn with their Lieut^{ts}. may (if sent to New York) be Exchanged for the above Mentioned Officers— And as a Speedy Release of the State officers would be an Encouragement to Enter into the Service they recommend the Consideration thereof to Your Excellency

By Order of the Board,
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of Edw^d
 Weyman for Guns Twine & Nails dd Commiss^y £8863..11. 6
 Jn^o Calvert for Indico bo^t. for the Rattle Snake.....8040. 15.

[undecipherable]	£16904	6	6
Amo ^t . bro ^t from the Other side [break]			
Sam ^l Paine Jun ^r . for 57 Gall ^s Taffie for y ^e Navy	£7...399..—..—		
ditto for 498 ^w . Cordage a £70. for the Notre Dame	348—12..—		
Capt ⁿ Jam ^s Briggs Amo ^t . of his acco ^t . for Sundrys Advanced & Supplies for the Schooner Rattle Snake	1001..17..—		
The Trustees for the Rope Walk 1 Years Rent due the 1 st March Last ordered to be paid by the Clerk—	100	—	—
			£18753.. 5. 6

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 3^d August 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Edw^d Darrell, Geo Ab^t. Hall Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—

Mr. Stephen Duval Acquainted the Board that Captⁿ Ingraham in a Schooner had Carried off one of the pilots belonging to the Eagle pilot boat notwithstanding they laid said boat in their way in Order to take him from on board the said Schooner— in Consequence of which the following Letter was wrote to Mr. William Morgan—

Navy Board 3^d August 1778—

Sir.

Mr. Duval the Pilot having complained to this Board that Cap-
 tain Ingraham in a Schooner belonging to You has carried a way a
 Negroe Pilot; The Board desire that You will take particular Care
 he be delivered in Charles Town as soon as possible the Law having
 inflicted severe penalties on those who Transgress in that respect—

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r.

To

Mr. William Morgan—

The following Letter of Instructions was wrote to Captⁿ. [break] es Briggs by the first Commissioner and approved of by the board this Evening—

Navy Board 31st. July 1778—

Captⁿ. James Briggs.

Sir/

With the Schooner Rattlesnake now under your Command, the Commissioners of the Navy Direct, that you do proceed with all possible Dispatch to the Island of S^t Croix, where you are to dispose of the Cargoe (Agreable to the Inclosed Invoice and bill of lading) for the highest price you can Obtain, and after paying the Costomary port charges, and deducting five $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent from the Sales for your Commission, you are to Invest the Ballance of N^t. Proceeds in good high proof Rum of which you must be particularly Careful in the Choice; as Soon as the Cargoe is sold and the proceeds shipp'd, you are to proceed with all possible dispatch for Charles Town, or some convenient Inlet in the State of South Carolina. The Commissioners particularly recommend that you keep a good look out from the Masthead every hour in the day while at Sea, and by every means in your power avoid Speaking with any Vessel on either passage; and that you do Strictly Comply with all the Rules and Customs of the ports you may go into during the Voyage; that you take on board a Sufficient Quantity of Provisions and Stores of every kind to serve the Voyage; and that you avoid going into any Expences whatever on Account of the Vessel more than what you are absolutely Obliged to do—

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

The Board agreed to go down to the Lighthouse on Thursday next at 6 oClock in the Morning and the Two Pilot boats were Ordered to attend for that purpose

The following Order was drawn *on the Treasury in favour of*—

Sam^l Wells for Lumber Supplied the Ship Yard £745.7..9.

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 6th August 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

John Edwards, Josiah Smith, } Esq^{rs}—
Edward Darrell, Roger Smith, }

The Minutes of last Meeting were read—

The Commissioners being prevented (on Acco^t of bad weather) from going down to the Lighthouse as agreed on Monday last, they further agreed to go down on Saturday Morning Next—

The following Order was drawn on the Treasury in Fav^r. of—
Captⁿ. Isaac Harleston for Lumber Supplied the Ship } £773. 14—4
Yard. }

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 10th Augst. 1778—

adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 13th Augst. 1778—

adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 17th Augst. 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournm^t—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Geo Ab^t. Hall, Josiah Smith, Tho^s Corbett, } Esq^{rs}
Edw^d Darrell, Geo Smith, Jn^o Edwards, — }

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read

[Break] Letter to the Commissary

Navy Board Aug^t. 17th 1778—

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that the Commissary for the Naval Department do Immediately sell at Public Vendue all such Bread in his Possession as is not fit for the Service of the Navy—

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

On Saturday the 8th Inst. the following Commiss^{rs} Edward Blake, Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell, John Edwards, Geo Ab^t. Hall, &

Roger Smith. Esq^{rs}— according to Appointment went down with the Two Pilot Boats, with an Intent to fix on a proper place to Erect a Leading Mark for Lawfords Channel but the wind blowing very fresh, which caused a great Sea prevented them from accomplishing the business . . .

The Clerk was Ordered to Summon Cap^t Philip Sullivan to Attend the Board on Thursday Evening

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of William Trusler 5 Beef Acco^{ts}. viz for

The Notre Dame to the 31 st July	£1124. 12. 6	
Notre Dame's Prizes'	278.. 2. 6	
Rattle Snake	105. 7. 6	
Eagle Pilot Boat	130..17..6	
Tryal Pilot Boat	73. 10 —	£1712. 10 —

Cap ^t Isa Caton for Mr. Jn ^o Dupey a Ball ^a due him } from the Brigg Defence.		160 — —
Dan ^l Bourdeaux for Flour sold the Commiss ^{ry}		1148.. 2 —
Jos. Kershaw for Flour sold ditto . . .		4802.. — —
McCulley Righton his Acco ^t for June & July. . . .		157.. 5 —
Will ^m Sisk 2 ^d Lieut ^t of the Notre Dame wages due } him to the 1 st June last Ordered to be paid by the } Clerk		331.. 6 8
		<hr/> £8311.. 3 8

Adjourned to Next Thursday Even^g 4 oClock

Navy Board Thur [break]
adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 24th Augst 1778—
The Board Met According to Adjournment—
Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
 Josiah Smith George Smith }
 Edw^d Darrell Roger Smith } Esq^{rs}—
The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r of—

Tarlton Brown disbursements for the Beaufort Galley	£141.	14.	6—
Arch ^d Gamble for wharfage & Storage on Gadsdens wharf—		822.	18. 8—
North & Trescot for sundrys Supplied the Commissary		675.	7. 6
Dan ^l ONeille for the use of the Rope walk		200	— —
		<hr/>	
		£3640..	0..8—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 27th Aug^t 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith George Abb^t. Hall } Esq^{rs}—
 Thomas Corbett Edward Darrell }

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—

A Letter to his Excellency the President

Navy Board 27th Aug^t. 1778—

Sir/

The first Commissioner having rec^d the inclosed Letter from Captain Pyne, Late of the Brigg Comet, the Board think it their Duty to make Your Excellency Acquainted with it, at the same time to recommend, that as we have Actual information of Many Men belonging to this State, being confined at New York, a Cartel may be sent there as soon as Convenient with the British Prisoners now here, to Exchange for Captain Pine, and such other Prisoners of this State as may be *there*.

By Order of the Board—Edw^d Blake *First Comm^r*

[Break] Letter to Captⁿ. Hez^a. Anthony—

Navy Board 27th Aug^t. 1778—

Captⁿ Hez Anthony

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy have rec^d. your Letter of the 19th Inst. offering to take the Command of the New Brigg now Building— In Answer thereto they Inform you that Captⁿ Pynes's Services & Sufferings intitle him to a preference in the Command of that Vessel, if he should be Exchanged in time,

and the Commissioners have some reason to believe that he will, but, if he should not, then it will rest with the Commissioners to recommend to the Legislature such persons who may offer, as they shall think Worthy, and in that case, Captain Anthony may depend that his Name shall not be forgot—

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commiss^r

A 2^d Letter to his Excellency the President

Navy Board 27th August. 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Beg Leave to Inform Your Excellency, that M^r. Paul Pritchard has offered to Sell to them Three fourths of the Ship Yard at Hobcaw lately purchased by him from Begbie and Manson, together with the Negroes, Land, Timber &c. Agreeable to the Anexed Schedule, at the Rate of One Hundred and Three Thousand six Hundred Pounds for the whole, he to hold the Other Fourth, and to Superintend, Manage, Direct, and Engage for, and Provide, all Materials for Carrying on Business with Dispatch at said Yard, he to receive One Fourth part of the Neat Profits for his Trouble, and to Share as an Owner in the remaining three Fourths—

The Commissioners are of Opinion that the purchase will be Advantageous to the State for the following Reasons—

1st Because M^r. Pritchard (who is to Superintend) is a Man of Property, an Experienced Ship Wright, *has long* had [break] Ship Yard, and understands the Management of Negroes, [break] procure Timber, Plank, and other Materials for Ship Building with more Dispatch, and upon as reasonable Terms as any Person in the State—

2^d Because the Situation at Hobcaw is much better than at Cochrans, as the Latter is so near to Town, that the people belonging to the Yard, as well as the Sailors belonging to the Vessels do Frequently come to Town, get Drunk, and quiet the Service, which may be Easily prevented at the former besides there is on the Premises at Hobcaw a great deal of Store room, very Substantial good Wharves and Other Conveniences Sufficient to Heave down Three Vessels at the same time, Whereas at Cochrans there is scarcely Storage, and the wharf will only admit of One Vessel to Heave down at a Time, And as there is a Prospect of having Several *Frigates* as well as Other Vessels, in the Service of this State, and it is Probable that many Vessels of War belonging to Other States may put into this Port to Clean and Repair, The Commissioners of the Navy do recom-

mend to your Excellency, that said Ship Yard &c— be Purchased for the use of the State, as the most Convenient, safe and fit place for a State Ship Yard—

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commissioner

Ordered that Mr. Will^m Sisk Late 2^d Lieu^t. of the Notre Dame be Employed to Superintend the finishing and fitting the New Brigg at the State Ship Yard—

Mr. Duvall applied to the Board for a New Suit of Sails for the Eagle Pilot Boat— The Board thereupon Order^d that the said Boat be furnished with a New Suit of Sails immediately—

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

[Break] for Sundrys Supplied the Commiss ^{ry} Viz	
Notre [Break] for 3 Hh ^{ds} . Rum.	£974—
Rattle Snake for Boards.	1751..12
Flag of Truce for Boards for platforms....	58.. 3.
Ship Yard for Timber.	20..12— £2804..7—

Beaufort Galley Amo ^t of Pay bill to the 17 th Inst	
Inclusive	3276..1..10
Sam ^l Willason for wages due him from the Notre	} 91 — —
Dame from 20 th Janr ^y to the 1 st June a £21 ⌘ Mo..	
adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—	

Navy Board Monday 31st August 1778

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Geo Abb^t. Hall, Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—

Sent An Order to Captⁿ. Robert Cochran to gether with an Extract from the Pilotage Law respecting the Powder receiver passed the 28th March 1778 viz^t.

Navy Board 31st Aug^t. 1778—

Capt. Rob^t Cochran

Sir/

Please pay to M^r- John Calvert (agreeable to the above Clause of an Act of Gen^l Assembly) all such Monies

as you have received for Powder Money &c. after deducting the Commission allowed by the said Act—

To Rob ^t . Cochran Esq ^r }	By Order of the Board
Powder Receiver— }	Edward Blake first Commiss ^r

adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday [break]

The Board Met According to *Adjournment*

Present Josiah Smith Esq^r. in the Chair

Thomas Corbett. Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting were read—

Ordered that M^r. George Paget Pilot be Summoud to attend the Board on Monday Evening next—

Ordered that the Clerk do pay Sam^l Berreman a Marine on board the Beaufort Galley Omitted in Pay bill. .£43.2.6—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 7th September 1778—

adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 10th September 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake, Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Geo Smith, Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting were read

Agreed between the Commissioners & Dan^l O Neille that the Rope Walks Accounts should be Settled by Jn^o Edwards Esq^r Signed by Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner & Dan^l O'Neill

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of—

Dan^l O'Neill for the use of the Rope Walk£1000—

The Clerk Reported to the Board he had seen and spoke to Cap^t Robert Cochran as Powder Receiver relative to the paying the Ballance of Powder Money into his hands he gave for Answer he should lay that Matter before the Legislature before he paid any Money Out of his hands

Adjourned to next Monday Even^g 4 oClock

Navy Board Monday 14 Septem^r— 1778
 Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 4 O'Clock.

[Break] Board Thursday 17th September 1778—
 Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Friday 18th September 1778—
 The Board Met According to Adjournment
 Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—
 Tho^s Corbett, Roger Smith, Geo. Smith . . } Esq^{rs}—
 Josiah Smith, Jn^o. Edwards, Edw^d Darrell }
 The Minutes of last Meeting were read—
 A Letter to his Excellency the President.
 Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to Inform your Excellency that Mr. Paul Pritchard has applyed to the Clerk of the Navy-Board for an Answer respecting the Purchase of the Three Fourths of the Ship Yard (Late Begbie and Mansons at Hobcaw) of which your Excellency was Informed before and Acquainted him that he Expected an Answer from the Board soon, or that he must do something with it, Intimating that he should Offer it to some Private Person, The Commissioners therefore beg leave to recommend to Your Excellency that said three Fourths of said Ship Yard be purchased for the use of the State as the Most fit and proper place for a State Ship Yard—

The Commissioners of the Navy also beg leave to Acquaint your Excellency that several Officers and Seamen belonging to the Navy of this State, who have been Captured by the Enemy, have returned to Charles Town and Demanded their wages to the time of their return, That altho some in like Circumstances have been paid by Orders of the Board, Yet they have never seen any Law or resolution that directs the pay of such Officers or Seamen as are Captured in the Service of this State; and as the Legislature is now sitting they have refused payment to Several who are Now in Town The Commissioners *therefore wait your Excellencys* Instructions respecting this Matter, as *also* whether or not such

Officers and Seamen are to be continued in the pay of the State after their return to Charles Town—

The Commissioners of the Navy also beg leave to Acquaint your Excellency that in their Opinion the Beaufort Galley may be Altered and made a much better Vessel for the Defence and Service of the State than she at present is, by raising her deck and running a Light waist on her, she may Mount Ten or Twelve Carriage Guns, and by rigging her as a Schooner or Brigg she may be Employed either as a Guarde de Coste or a Galley The Commissioners of the Navy therefore beg leave to recommend to your Excellency that the Beaufort Galley may be Altered Accordingly—

The Commissioners of the Navy also beg leave to Acquaint your Excellency that the Law that Constitutes the Navy Board will Expire the Eighth day of October next—

Navy Board 18th Sept^r. 1778—

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r—

To His Excellency }
the President— }

The Board agreed to go down Tomorrow forenoon with the Two Pilot Boats to the Lighthouse to view the Beacon Erected and finished as a Leading Mark to the Ship Bar and also to fix on a proper spot to Erect a Beacon or Leading Mark for Lawfords Channel—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of

Tho ^s Screvin 2 Acco ^{ts} . for Lumber & Sparrs dd the Ship Yard	£867. 0. 6.
Tho ^s Ditchfield 1 days Rendevouse for Notre Dame	173 „ 17. 6
Dan ^l Smith Commissary his disbursments to 29 Aug ^t	3913. 14. 11.

£4954 „ 12—11.

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 4 oClock—

[Break]ard Monday 21st September 1778—

The Board Met According to Adjournment

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith, Edw^d Darrell, Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read—

The Following Commissioners went down on Saturday last as agreed on with the Two Pilot Boats to the Lighthouse and viewed

the Beacon or Leading Mark Erected and finished as a Guide for the Ship Bar and approved of the Same. They also fixed on a proper place or Spot to Erect a Beacon or Leading Mark for Lawfords Channel

Edw^d Blake Jn^o Edwards Josiah Smith—
 Edw^d Darrell Tho^s Corbett Geo Abb^t. Hall Geo Smith } Esq^{rs}—

The following Letter was wrote to Rob^t Cochran Esq^r Powder receiver

Navy Board September 21st 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy in a Letter of 31st August desired that you would pay all such monies as you had received for Powder Money &c. after deducting the Commissions allowed you by Law into the hands of M^r. John Calvert, which you did not then Comply with, The Commissioners therefore Direct that you do pay Into the hands of said Calvert on or before next Thursday all such Monies you have received on that Account

By Order of the Board

To Robert Cochran Esq^r }—
 Powder Receiver— } Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

The following Advertisement was Ordered to be put in Timothys,¹ Crouches,² and Wells's³ Gazettes—viz^t

All persons having demands against the Commissioners of the Navy of this State are desired to deliver them in properly attested to the Clerk of the Navy Board on or before the 8th day of October next Charles Town 21st Septem^r. 1778—

By Order of the Board

John Calvert Clerk—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of—

John [Break]Erecting *Beacon for the Ship Bar* £2656. . . .—
 [Break]djourned to Next Thursday Evening 4 oClock—

Extra Meeting Navy Boa[break] *Tuesday 22 Sep*[break]

The Board Met According to Summons—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r— first Commissioner

Josiah Smith Geo Smith Edw^d Darrell Tho^s Corbett Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting were read—

¹Peter Timothy: *The Gazette of the State of South-Carolina.*

²Mrs. Ann Crouch: *The Charlestown Gazette.*

³John Wells, Jr.: *The South-Carolina and American General Gazette.*

N^o 1. A Note from his Excellency the president to the first Commiss^r

The President presents his Compliments to M^r Blake w^d. be glad he w^d turn in his mind some plan for Taking the Little Privateer that hovers about our Inlets— it is Sugested to me that the Pilot boats well Manned Assisted by some Barges w^d Certainly take her in her lurking place at Bulls Where she may pick up some of our Vessels— it is realy Disgracefull to let such a thing go unpunished— and the president wou^d be very glad to Concur in any plan for her Captivity. . . . Thursday Morning

Edward Blake Esq^r. to his Excellency the President in Answer to the Above Note N^o 1—

Edward Blake presents his Compliments to his Excellency the President and is of Opinion that the Large pilot boat with Twenty five Men is Sufficient to take the privateer (said to be now Lurking at Bulls) but as it would be Imprudent to run any risque when we have sufficient force to send E B. would recommend that the small pilot boat with 15 or 20 Men be sent in Company with the Other— if his Excellency should Direct the Boats to be sent he may depend E B will do Every thing in his power to forward their going away this Evening— Some Men from the Regiments will be wanted—

N^o 2 His Excellency the President to Edward Blake Esq^r.

The President will be very glad M^r. Blake will take every Method to secure Success— the Weather being a little boisterous will probably detain the Rogue in at Bulls where she may be Nabbed—

[Break] Blake Esq^{rs}. Answer to the Note N^o 2—

Edward Blake presents his Compliments to his Excellency and begs Leave to Acquaint him that the Commiss^{rs} of the Navy (in his Opinion) has no right to send the pilot boats anywhere out of the Pilotage without an Order from his Excellency for so doing, the Commissioners will therefore be Obliged to his Excellency for his Direction respecting the sending the Pilot Boats in Quest of the Privateer Supposed to be at Bulls— in the meantime the Necessary Orders will be given to the Commissary to Supply what Stores may be wanted—

N^o 3 His Excellency the president to the Commissioners of the Navy—

Gentlemen

As I have Certain Intelligence that a Small Vessell of very Little force has been lurking about our Inlets and have taken

Several of our Coasters, and that she may Easily be taken by our Pilot boats properly Manned— I do therefore desire and require you will Order them to be Equiped and properly Manned, in order to go in quest of her to Bulls Island or any other Inlet where she may be Lurking, and to Cause her to be taken and bro^t. into port— I have requested Gen^l How to aid us with a party of the Troops which will render the Success of the Expedition more Certain— It will be necessary that the Boats are well assured of their superiority before they Venture too far and that they be Cautious to Secure a Retreat—

(Signed) Raw^s Lowndes—

To the Commissioners }
of the Navy..... }

22^d Sept^r. 1778

N^o—4—His Excellency the president to the Commiss^{rs} of the Navy—

The President having had the Concurrence of the Council in the proposition of sending the Pilot Boats after the small privateer beg the Commissioners will Expedite the Boats on that Errand— the president will give a Commission to the principle Pilot

Friday Evening—

A Letter to M^r Stephen Duvall.

M^r. Duvall

Sir/

You are directed by the Commissioners of the Navy Board Immediately to take on board the Eagle Pilot Boat Provisions and Water for Twenty five Men for Three days, and all such Stores and Ammunition as may be wanted for said Boat and to have the Eagle Pilot boat in readiness to proceed to Sea this Evening

Sept^r. 22^d.

by Order of the Board

To Cap^t. Stephen Duvall

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r.

A Letter to M^r. Alexander Elsinore

M^r. Elsinore

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Immediately take on board the Tryal Pilot Boat Provisions and water Sufficient for Twenty Men for Three days and all such Stores and Ammunition as may be wanted for said Boat and to have the Tryal Pilot boat in Readiness to proceed to Sea this Evening—

Sept^r. 22^d 1778

By Order of the Board

To Alexander Elsinore

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to the Commissary—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do furnish Mr. Duvall and Mr. Elsinore with Sufficient Provisions, water, Stores, and Ammunition for a Cruize of Ten days for the two Pilot Boats Eagle and Tryal—

Sept^r. 22^d 1778—

To the Commissary of the Naval Department

A Letter to his Excellency the president

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to remind your Excellency that on the 27th Aug^st they Informed your Excellency that Several of the Officers and Men belonging to the Navy of this State were detained on board the Prison *Ship at New York* as prisoners of War, and that they apprehend Captains Bachop and Osborn with their Officers would be taken in Exchange for Officers of Equal rank belonging to the Navy of this State since which a Mr. Frisbie Late First Lieut. of the Notre Dame Captured in a Prise Ship has been set at Liberty on Parole till the first of January Next at which time he will be Obliged to return unless before Exchanged the Commissioners of the Navy therefore beg that your Excellency will be pleased to Establish some Certain plan for the Exchange of such prisoners as are Captured in the Service of the State in preference to those taken in Merchant Vessels

By Order of the Board

Sept^r 22^d 1778—Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To

His Excellency the president—

Instructions for Capt. Stephen Duvall—

Navy Board 22^d Sept^r. 1778—Cap^t Stephen Duvall

Sir/

With the Eagle pilot boat under your Command you are to proceed with all possible dispatch to Bulls Inlet in Quest of a small privateer Schooner which if you are so lucky to Meet there you are to Endeavour to take and bring to Charles Town, But should she not be there when you Arrive the Commissioners recommend that you Endeavour by every means in your power to Inform yourself which way they are gone If to the Northward that you pursue her as far as George Town Inlet and no Farther, Unless the Vessel is Actually in Sight— If to the Southward that you look into every Inlet as far as Port Royal and after Scouring the Coast so far, if no Certain Intelligence where you

may find her, You are to return to Charles Town— The Tryal pilot Boat Cap^t. Elsinore is ordered to Sail with you, and to Obey all such Orders as you may give him during the Cruize the Commissioners recommend *that you pay particular attention to*, and keep a good harmony between your own Men and the Officers and Men of the Detachment on board both Boats and that you be very particular in your directions to Cap^t Elsinore so as to prevent a separation of the two Boats—

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commissioner

To Cap^t Stephen Duvall — — — — }
 Commanding the Eagle Pilot Boat }

Instructions for Alexander Elsinore

Navy Board 22^d Sept^r. 1778

Mr. Alex^r. Elsinore

Sir/

The Tryall Pilot boat under your direction being ordered in Company with the Eagle Pilot boat to proceed to Bulls Inlet in Order to find out Attack and take a small privateer Enemy on the Coast, you are to prepare your boat with all possible expedition to proceed to Sea Tomorrow morning under the Command of Mr. Stephen Duvall of the Eagle, and you are to Obey such Instructions and Signals as he shall give you, taking care not to Separate from him without Orders—

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To

Mr. Alex^r Elsinore

Commanding the Tryall Pilot Boat—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 24th Sept^r 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournm^t

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

John Edwards Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read

The Board Agreed with Mr. John Gaborial to Erect a Beacon or leading Mark for Lawfords Channel of the following Dementions Viz. the Pole or Mast to be Seventy five feet High and Eighteen Inches Diameter with a Lanthorn or Grateing on the Top of Thir-

teen feet by Ten to be finished According to Agreement for Three Thousand Three Hundred & forty four pounds.....£3344.....

An Order on Mr Dan^l O'Neill at the State Rope Walk

Navy Board 24th Sept^r. 1778—

Mr Dan^l O'Neill

Sir/

Please deliver to Mr. Dan^l Smith or his Order on Sight Eight Empty Tar Barrels for the use of the Naval Department

By Order of the Board

To Mr. Dan^l O'Neill }
at the State Rope walk }

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r- of—

Henry Lindowre for Baking for the Navy.....£1850..6—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

The following Advertisement was Ordered to be [break]

All persons having demands against the Commissioners of the Navy of *this State*, are desired to deliver them in properly attested to the Clerk of the Navy Board on *or before* the 8th day of October next—
By order of the Board. John Calvert Clerk.

Navy Board Monday 28th Sept^r. 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Edw^d Darrell Tho^s Corbett Geo Abb^t. Hall Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting were read—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 1st October 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell John Edwards Esq^{rs}.

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

A Letter to Cap^t. Will^m Hall

Navy Board 1st., October 1778.

Captⁿ. Will^m. Hall

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do attend the Board this Evening at Seven oClock & bring with

you the Log Book for the last Cruize and such Orders as you may have received from Commodore Gillon since *you* left Charles Town and that you do deliver to the Clerk of the Board Returns of all the Stores Expended during your late Cruize properly Signed and Certified also Indents from all Your Warrant Officers of such stores as is wanted for the Brigg Notre Dame to fitt her Out for Another Cruize—

• By Order of the Board—
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To Capt. W^m Hall Commanding }
the Brigg Notre Dame }

Captⁿ. Will^m Hall attended the Board and brought with him his Log Book and his Orders from Commodore Gillon

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 5th Octob^r 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Geo Abb^t Hall Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell } Esq^{rs}—
Roger Smith John Edwards - - - - - }

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

A Letter was wrote to Cap^t William Hall by the first Commiss^r and One to M^r David Edgar dated the 3^d Inst. and approved off this Evening which is as follows—

Cap^t. William Hall

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Imediately Carry the Brigg Notre Dame [break] Ship Yard and have her Cleaned and put in good repair with all possible Dispatch to proceed on a Cruize and that you do not suffer your Men to leave the Vessel on any pretence without leave from yourself or the Commanding Officer on Board, and that you do give your possitive Orders that no Officer leave the Vessel in the day, or Sleep out of her one Night without leave, and that you do furnish the Board (by Monday next) with regular Returns of all Stores Expended during your Late Cruize, as well as of all received on board, and what remains in the possession of the different Warrant Officers, and that proper Indents be made for all such Stores as may be

wanted for the next Cruize and deliver them to the Clerk of the Board by Thursday next

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commiss^r.

To Cap^t. Will^m Hall Commanding }
the Brigg Notre Dame }
A Letter to M^r. David Edgar

Navy Board Oct^r. 3^d 1778—

M^r. David Edgar
Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that the Brigg Notre Dame be Cleaned and put in good and Sufficient Repair to proceed on a Cruize, with all possible dispatch

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commiss^r

To M^r. David Edgar at }
the State Ship Yard— }

A Settlement was made between the Commissioners of the Navy and Dan^l ONeille Rope maker at the State rope walk to the First of June last when a Ballance appeared to be due from Dan^l ONeille to the Commissioners of Eleven Hundred and Forty four pounds two Shillings and Three pence half penny, Two Coppys of the Settlement made and Signed by the first Commissioner and the said Dan^l ONeille One Copy delivered to the Commissioners and the Other Copy to Dan^l ONeille— due the State £1144.2.3½
Cap^t William Hall attended the Board & delivered Returns from the Warrant officers of the Brigg Notre Dame.

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r of—

Dan ^l ONeille for the use of the Rope walk	£3000	— —
John Gaborial in part for Erecting Beacons	1000	— —
Stephen Duvall the Eagles pay bill to the 4 th		
Ins ^t	£945	— —
ditto for Disbursements for ditto	101.15	
		1045 15.

Joseph Darling Making and Mending Sails—

for the Notre Dame 4 Acco ^{ts}	£662. 2. 6
for the Beaufort Gally	69 — —
for the Brigg Polly	86 — —

817.. 2.6

£5863. 17.6.

adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board ————— Thursday 8th October 1778—
 adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Extra Meeting

Navy Board Friday 9th October 1778—

The Board Mett According to Summons—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

John Edwards Geo A Hall }
 Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell } Esq^{rs} }

The Minutes of last Meeting was read

A Letter from his Excellency the President

Sir/

I have this Morning received Intelligence from M^r Motte of the Capture of his Schooner by two small Vessels lying at Bulls which if Suffered to remain there will greatly Annoy the Trade— I therefore desire the favour you will Consult the Navy Board and Endeavour to send out some Vessel of Force Sufficient to take them as you know better than I do the Situation and Circumstances of the Vessels in Harbour, it is unnecessary for me to name any particulars— If any further Orders are Necessary from *me from time* to time you shall receive them with whatever Assistance I can Contribute being

Sir Your Most Obed^t Serv^t.

(Signed) Raw^s Lowndes—

To Edw^d Blake Esq^r—

A Note from the first Commissioner to his Excellency the Presid^t

Edward Blake presents his Compliments to his Excellency the President and Acquaints him that M^r— Livingston has offered the Continental Sloop Missapotamia which is now ready to Sail with near Forty Men on board, as a few Marines will be usefull Your Excellency will please send an Order for Fifteen with an Officer, also a pass for said Sloop to the Forts—

To

By Order of the Board—

His Excellency the presid^t.—

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

9th. October 1778—

N. B. if your Excellency think proper to Order the Large Pilot Boat to go also, and will direct a party of Twelve Marines and an Officer, she may Sail this afternoon and be usefull—

A Letter to Mr. Duvall—

Mr. Stephen Duvall

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you Immediately send on board the Continental Sloop Missapotamia Cap^t. Briggs.— a good and Sufficient Pilot to go to Bulls, in Quest of two Small Boat Privateers now lying there

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To Mr. Stephen Duvall }
Oct^r. 8th— — — — }

A Letter from his Excellency the President

Sir/

I think it will insure Success if the Large Pilot Boat is sent out with the Sloop as she may cut them of in their attempt to Escape— Taking care to avoid Superior force I will immediately go to the General to Obtain an Order for a party to go on board each as you desire and *will send* it to you with an Order to pass the Forts—

Your Obed^t. serv^t.

To

(Signed) Raw^s Lowndes—

Edw^d Blake Esq^r—

Friday Morning

Instructions to Cap^t. Stephen Duvall

Navy Board Octob^r 9th 1778—

Cap^t Stephen Duvall

Sir

With the Eagle Pilot boat now under your Command you are to proceed with all possible Dispatch in Company with the Sloop Missapotamia Cap^t. Briggs in Quest of two Small privateer Boats said to be at Bulls, and by every means in your power Endeavour to take or distroy them The Commissioners of the Navy Recommend that you Endeavour all in your power to Cultivate Harmony and Friendship between your own people and the Continental Troops which go with you and that you always keep your Vessel Clear, and in good Order to Engage that you keep a Regular Watch of one half of the Troops, as well as boats Crew as well at anchor as under Sail, to prevent being Surprised by an Enemy and that you Continue to Cruize for Four days from the time you leave Cha^s Town Barr in such Station as to you appears most promising of Success unless the Sloop should return sooner in that Case you have Liberty to return also—

By Order of the Board

To Cap^t Stephen Duvall—

} Edward Blake— first Commiss^r

Command^g the Pilot boat Eagle }

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 12th October 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
 Josiah Smith Geo A Hall Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury, in [break]

<i>William Glen Jun^r</i> : for Live Oak Timber for the ship Y ^d	£87..15 —
Sam ^l Payne for 364 Gall ^s Taffie sold the Commissary a £7.,5.	2639 — —
Dan ^l Smith Commissary his disbursments.	1812. 8..9.
McCulley Righton his Acco ^t . for Coupering Pork &c.	639,, 5 —
Frances Boyd widow of James Boyd for wages } due him on board the Brigg Notre Dame. }	80. .10 —
Edw ^d Darrell former Commiss ^{ry} his acco ^t of Disbursments	683,, 14.. 3
Peter Dumont a Rendevouze Acco ^t for the Notre Dame	2004 — —
Jn ^o . Gaborial for 2 Battoes and work at Ship Yard.	328 — —
Cath ^a Harvey hire of 2 Negroes at Ship Yard to 30 th Sept ^r	374.. —
Will ^m Trusler for 3 Beef Acco ^{ts} . viz	
Tryall Pilot Boat £265.10.	
Eagle Pilot Boat. 312. 7.6	
Beaufort Gally. 273. 7.6.	
—————	851.. 5 —
McKemney & Saylor a Couperage bill.	1398,, 12. 6
	£10,898,, 10,, 6

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 15th October 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
 Geo Smith, Edw^d Darrell, Roger Smith }
 Josiah Smith Geo Abb^t- Hall. } Esq^{rs}—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in faviour of }
 Edw^d Weyman 10th June 1777. for Bread Supplied the } £307 — —
 Navy which has been Omitted to be Charged before. . . }

Ordered that Mr. Abell Frisbe go on board the Notre Dame and Act as first Lieut. on board the same

Ordered that the Tryall pilot Boat be Immediately sent to the Ship Yard to be repaired

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 19th, October 1778.

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

John Edwards, Josiah Smith, Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

The following Letter was wrote by the first Commissioner Yesterday and Approved of by the Board this Evening

Navy Board Octob^r 18th 1778—

Mr McCulley Righton Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Immediately Collect together all the Boats, Flatts Peteaugus &c. Belonging to this State as well such as are at Sullivants Island, Haddrels Point, & Fort Johnson, as them in Charles Town, and have them all Cleaned and put in good repair, fitt and ready for Service on the Shortest Notice, and that you do Purchase a Sufficient Number of Oars and have in Constant readiness for all the Boats &c—

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To Mr. McCulley Righton }
Public Boat Keeper—

A Letter to Mr. David Edgar—

Navy Board 19th Oct^r. 1778—

Mr. Edgar Sir/

Please have a Boat belonging to the Public and sent you by Mr. Doughty Immediately put in good repair, and Please Enquire at the Yard about a Grapnall & Cable said to be Lost out of said boat when last at the Ship Yard.

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Note to Abraham Livingston Esq^r

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Present their Compliments to Mr. Livingston and are ready to receive the Papers respecting the Hobcaw Ship Yard and make payment *as soon as* duly Executed Oct^r 19th

Navy Board 19th Oct^r. 1778—

Ordered that the Commissary do furnish the Tryal Pilot boat with a New Jib Stay, Main Shrouds & Blocks—

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

Ordered that all such Provisiion in the Commissarys Charge as is not fitt for Service be sold at Vendue

Edw^d Blake

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in faviour of—

The Clerk of this Board his 2 Years Sallery to the 12 Ins ^t . and Disbursements.	}	£7102. 15. 9.
Edw ^d Blake for so much paid John Connor Late Mate of the Rattle Snake on Acco ^t of wages		
Abel Frisbe first Lieut ^t . of the Notre Dame his and his Two Boys wages.	}	104 — —
Rob ^t — Raper Ball ^{ce} . due him for Negroe hire at the State Ship Yard filling in the wharf		
Alex ^r . Elsinore for the Tryall pilot boat Pay Bill to the 13 th Ins ^t	}	945 — —
Geo Layfield for Schooner hire assisting the Gen ^l Moultrie when A Shore on the Barr.		
		122. 10 —
		627. 4 —
		400 — —

£9301 ,, 9 ,, 9.

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 22^d October 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

The following Commissioners went to Hobcaw Yesterday in Order to take possession of the Ship Yard Negroes &^c but was prevented by reason some Alterations were to be made in the Titles...
George Abbott Hall, Tho^s., Corbett, George Smith Esq^{rs}.,

An Order from the *Privy Council*

In the Prevy Council Wednesday 21st October 1778—

The Board advised his Excellency to direct the Commissioners of the Navy to Issue Orders to the Pilots to bring all Flaggs of Truce or Cartels. to an Anchor in Five Fatham Hole or off Morris's Island,

and then to give immediate Notice of their Arrival to the Commanding Officer at Fort Moultrie

By his Excellency the *President*
Ordered Accordingly,
(Signed) John Colcock *Séc^r. Pr. C^l*—

A Letter from his Excellency the *President*
Gentlemen/

As Flaggs of Truce frequently of late Arrive in this Harbour from the Enemy, which under Various pretences may probably have some Secret designs of gaining Inteligence or Making Discoveries of our Situation, It behoves us to defeat all such plans and Stratagems by restricting them to such a Station, and taking such Other Measures as will prevent their doing us any Hurt, You will therefore be pleased to give Orders to the Several Pilots, whenever a Flagg of Truce is brought in, that they Cause her to come to Anchor either in Five fathom Hole or near Morris's Island, and then forthwith give Notice thereof to the Commanding Officer at Fort Moultrie, who is directed to send a Guard on board, if it is necessary— the Pilots should also be Ordered to Assist in puting the Guard on board, In every such Case the Pilots should immediately make report to me.— I Likewise desire that Orders may be given to the Pilots to Inform every Master of Vessell whom they Bring into this Port, that by Law they are required to wait on the Govern^r. and Commander in Chief, as for want of this knowledge, they often incur a Penalty, which they would otherwise Avoid

I am Gentlemen

Cha^s Town 22^d Oct^r. 1778—

The Commiss^{rs}., of the Navy

A Letter to M^r Stephen Duvall—

M^r. Stephen Duvall

Your Most Obed^t. hum^e. Serv^t—

(Signed) Raw^s Lowndes—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do bring to Anchor Either in five Fatham Hole, or under Morris's Island, Every Cartel or Flagg of Truce, that may be bound into the Port of Charles Town, and that you do not on any pretence whatever bring any such Vessel Nearer to Fort Moultrie then above Directed, and as soon as Anchored and properly Moored you are to Acquaint the Commanding Officer at Fort Moultrie who is derved to send a Guard on board all such Vessels which Guard you are directed to Carry on board in the Pilot boat if required so to do by

said Officer, and Immediately after proceed to Charles Town and Acquaint his Excellency the president

You are likewise Directed to Inform Every Master of Vessels that you may bring into this port, that by Law they are required to wait on the Govern^r. or Commander in Chief as soon as they Arrive Otherwise they are Liable to pay a Penalty—

By Order of the Board

To Cap^t Stephen Duvall

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Copy of the foregoing Letter was delivered to M^r Alex^r. Elsinore Commanding the Tryall Pilot Boat—

A Letter to M^r. David Edgar—

M^r. David Edgar

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do with all possible dispatch repair and put in good Order all such boats belonging to the Public as may be sent to the Yard by M^r. M^cCulley Righton, as well as all such boats, Batteaus &c. as may be at the Yard, that they may be ready for Service on the Shortest Notice

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

Octob^r 22^d 1778—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury *in favour of*

Nath ^l Havens his Acco ^t . against the Men on board	}	£1566 .. 14—9
the Comet. Ballance to be deducted.		
John Rose for hire of his Schooner Oakhampton as	}	1932 — —
a Cartel to & from St Augustine 46 days a £42		
⌘ day	}	446 — —
Cap ^t Ja ^s Mayberry his disbursements for the Beau-		
fort Gally		
Lieu ^t Steph ⁿ Hopkins for wages due him on board	}	318 — —
the Notre Dame to the 16 th Ins ^t		
		£4262 .. 14. 9—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 26th October 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake first Commissioner

Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell Geo A Hall Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in fav^r of

Cap ^t James Mayberry a Qua ^r . Cask of Rum 27½ Galls	}	£770 — —
Purchased at S ^t Marys for the use of the Beaufort Galley a £28 7/8 Gallon.		
Thomas Buckle for Sail Duck & Twine dd Commiss ^{ry} .	1378 — —	
Jona ⁿ Sarrazin for Sail Duck dd Commissary.	720 — —	
John Smith for Sail Duck dd ditto.	1875 — —	
Dan ^l Bourdeaux Sail Duck dd ditto.	2800 — —	
Abell Frisbee One Month wages due him as first Lieu ^t . of the Notre Dame to the 20 th Ins ^t	}	90 — —
		£7633 — —

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock.

Navy Board Thursday 29th. Octo^r. 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell Geo A Hall Esq^{rs}

Mr. Paul Pritchard Attended the Board and Executed Titles to the Commissioners of the Naval Department of Three Fourths of the Ship Yard &c. at Hobcaw late Begbie and Mansons, and a Bill of Sale for Fifteen Negroes Also His Agreement for his Performance as Director and Manager of said Yard—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in faviour of Abra^m Levings-ton Esq^r. and Paul Pritchard being for the Purchase of Three Fourths parts of the Ship Yard at Hobcaw with the Negroes and Appurtenances thereon for the use of the State of South Carolina £77,700 — —

Agreed that the New Brigg at the State Ship Yard be Called the Wasp—

Agreed that the Commissioners go to Hobcaw on Saturday Next to Receive and Take possession of the Ship Yard, Negroes &c. in the name of the State—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 2^d November 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

John Edwards, Josiah Smith, Edw^d Darrell, Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

Orders was drawn on the Treasury in favour of—	
Will ^m Hatch wages due him on board the Brigg Fair } American to the 1 st Sept ^r Last :	£175 — —
Philip Gemble wages due him on board the Fair } American to the 1 st Sept ^r last. }	175 — —
	£350

The following Commissioners went to Hobcaw on Saturday Last as agreed on and took possession of the ship yard Negroes &c. in the Name of the State Viz Edw^d Blake Josiah Smith & Geo Smith Esq^{rs}.

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6. O'Clock

Navy Board Thursday 5th, Novem^r.. 1778.

The Board Meet According to adjournment

Present—Josiah Smith Esq^r. in the Chair—

Edw^d Darrell Geo A Hall Roger Smith Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav ^r of Dan ^l } ONeille for the use of the Rope walk. }	£2000 —
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Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 9th Novem^r. 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournm^t—

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Geo Ab^t. Hall, Josiah Smith, Edw^d Darrell, Roger Smith, Esq^{rs}

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

The Following Letter was wrote by the first Commissioner to his Excellency the President and approved off by the Board this Evening—

Navy Board Novemb^r. 6th. 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Beg Leave to Inform your Excellency, that some time past, Captⁿ— James Pyne and Lieu^t Wells Late of the Brigg Comet— returned to Charles Town from their Captivity, as did also Lieu^t Will^m Sesk of the Notre Dame, (who had been Captured in a Prize) on their Arrival here the Com-

missioners Directed them to look after the finishing and fitting of the New Brigg now Building at the State Ship Yard— said Brigg being now near Ready to be Launched— The Commiss^{rs} of the Navy Board beg leave to recommend to your Excellency Cap^t. James Pyne as a fitt and proper person to Command said Brigg, and Mr. Wells and Mr. Sesk as fitt and proper persons for Lieutenants for said Brigg

To His Excellency }
the President } By Order of the Board
Edward Blake, F[break]

A Letter to his Excellency the President—

Gentlemen/

As I have not been favoured with the perusal of the Deeds for Conveying the Ship Yard at Hobcaw to the public either before or since the Execution, And Indeed did not know what was done in the Matter, till by mere Accident two days ago— And as it is probable I may be Called upon to know something of that Transaction, and should not Chuse to remain totally Ignorant in an affair that was refered to my Direction— I should be very glad to be favoured with the Sight of the Deeds, if it will not give the Commissioners too much trouble

I am Gentlemen

Your very Hbl^e Serv^t

(Signed) Raw^s Lowndes

Cha^s Town— }
6th Nov^r. 1778 }

To the Commissioners }
of the Navy Cha^s Town— }

Cap^t. Tho^s Pickerin and Joseph Foster's Letters was Laid before the Board by Mr. William Downs and agreed to be Considered at a future Meeting—

A Letter to His Excellency the President

Navy Board 9th Novem^r. 1778—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to Acquaint your Excellency of the Arival of the Schooner Rattle Snake, with a Cargoe of Ten Hh^{ds}. of Rum Four Pipes of Maderia Wine, and a Quantity of six qua^{rs}. Cloths, as the Cloth and wine are Articles not wanted for the Naval Department, The Commissioners beg your Excellencys Directions, how they are to be disposed of and in what Manner the Schooner Rattle Snake is to be Employed after Landing her present Cargoe—

To

His Excellency }
the president }

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in favour of—
 Tho^s Hutchinson Esq^r. for Pork Supplied the Com-
 miss^y

	£777. 7. 6
Jona ⁿ Sarrazen for Blocks Supplied. ditto	1337 — —
Lieu ^t . Will ^m Sesk wages due him to the 1 st Ins ^t	459 — —
	£2573. 7. 6.

Adjourned to next Thursday Even^g 6 oClock.

Navy Board Thursday 12th Novemb^r 1778
 Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board May 16th Novemb^r 1778—
 The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Josiah Smith Esq^r— in the Chair—
 John Edwards Edw^d Darrell Roger Smith Esq^{rs}—
 The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r of—

Gilbert Calm for wages due him on board the	}	£287— 9—4.
Brigg polly.		
James Williams wages due him from the Brigg	}	270..13. 4.
Comet.		
Jacob Boomer Beef Supplied the State Ship Yard	}	1148. 12. 6—
to the 31 st October.		
John Calvert the Notre Dames pay bill to the 20 th	}	6029. — —
October being 4 Months.		
		£7735 .. 15. 2—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 19th Novemb^r 1778—
 The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—
 Josiah Smith, Edw^d Darrell John Edwards Roger Smith Esq^{rs}. .
 The Minutes of last Meeting were read.

- A Letter to Mr. . . McCulley Righton

Navy Board Novem^r 19th 1778—

Mr McCulley Righton

Sir/

The President Yesterday Informed me that Several of the Boats belonging to the State, Still remain at Sullivants Island altho you have been frequently Directed by the Commissioners of the Navy Board, to have all the Public Boats Carried to the State Ship Yard, to be put in good repair—I am realy sorry I am Obliged to say that the public Business has been Neglected in your Department, as if the Orders of the Board had been Complied with, it is probable Every Boat belonging to the State would at this time be fitt for Imediate Service— The Commissioners of the Navy Board Again Direct that you do have all the Boats belonging to the Public of this State Collected together and Sent to the State Ship Yard at Hobcaw, with all possible dispatch, and that said boats be put in good repair so as to be fitt for any Imediate Service, And that you do send a boat and hands to the State Yard at Cochrans for the Large Flatt and have her Imediately Carried to Fort Johnson to take in some Cānnon for Sullivants Island—

To Mr. McCully Righton }
public Boat Keeper. . }

By Order of the Board
Edward Blake first Commiss^r

Mr. McCulley Righton attended the Board and Acquainted the Commissioners he should decline Acting as Public Boat keeper at the End of this Month—

The following Advertizement was Ordered to be printed and One Hundred Hand Bills Struck— viz—

The Commissioners of the Navy are in want of a proper Person as Public boat Keeper, any person properly Qualified— are desired to apply in writing— Directed to the Commissioners of the Navy and deliver the same to

Charles Town } John Calvert—Clerk to the Navy board
19 Novem^r 1778 }

An Order was given to McCully Righton on David *Edgar*, at the State Ship Yard to deliver the public boats when repared and called for by him—

An Order to the Commissary—

Navy Board 19th Novem^r. 1778

The Commissary to Provide Twenty Bar[break] of Beef Fifty Barrels of Flower and what Canvass may be wanted for the Two Brigantines

To Mr. Dan^l Smith— } By Order of the Board
 . Naval Commissary } Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

The Board agreed this Evening that the New Brigg at the State Ship Yard now ready to Launch be Called the Hornet and not the Wasp as was some time ago agreed on—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r— of—

Fred ^k Long wages due him on board the Comet—	£350 — —
Smith & Darrell for Sail Duck Supplied the Commiss ^{ry}	1198. 2.6—
Sam ^l Payne for Cordage Supplied. ditto. . .	532.17.6.
Henry Lindoure for Baking & flower for . . . ditto	1870 — —
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	£3951 — —

Adjourned to next Monday Even^g 6. oClock—

Navy Board Monday 23^d Novem^r. 1778—
 Adjourned to Tomorrow Morning 9 'OClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 24th Novem^r 1778—

The Board Mett according to Adjournment

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of Cap^t William Hall for the purpose of Enlisting Men for the Notre Dame for five Hundred Dollars¹ or. £812.10.—²

A Note to his Excellency the President

20th Novem^r. 1778—

Edward Blake presents his Compliments to his Excellency the president and Acquaints him that the Notre Dame may be ready to proceed on any service in the Course of Ten days provided Cap^t. Hall can get her Manned, the Usual method of geting Seamen for the Navy of this State has been by Opening a House of Rendevouze, which has been lately attended with a very great Expençe Say from

¹Spanish milled dollars, not United States money.

²Currency of South Carolina.

Eighty to one Hundred pounds ¶ Man, The Commissioners of the Navy are of Opinion if the Bounty was advanced to half that sum Men might be Inlisted for a Longer time then they have Usually been, but as the Bounty (for Seamen) Allowed by Law is Ten Pounds, some of the Commissioners are off Opinion that Bounty Cannot be Advanced without an Order from your Excellency, and as no time should be lost in getting said Vessell Mann^d the Commissioners of the Navy Board will be glad of your Excellencys Directions as Soon as possible

To his Excellency the president—

His Excellency's Answer to the Above—

Gentlemen

The State of Georgia being now Invaded by a Land force from East Florida, and also threatned with an Armament by Sea, it behoves us to give her our utmost Aid and Assistance to Deliver her from her present perilous Situation, and we have Accordingly promised that we will exert ourselves for that purpose— You are therefore desired to use your Utmost Diligence and Endeavours to fitt out and Equip such a Force as in the present Situation can be procured, and to Man and furnish them in the best Manner you possibly can for sea in a warlike Manner, Giving a Bounty of Twenty Dollars ¶ Man to Every able Seaman who will Inlist for the Servi[break] And promising the Owners of such Vessells as you *shall* take up, that the public will make good all damages or Losses that may be Sustained while they are in the public Service—The said Vessels to be Employed in the Defence of Georgia, and to be dispatched with the utmost Expedition for the purpose and to Oppose any Naval Armament that may be Employed against that State— You are requested to take the most Speedy and Effectual measures to Accomplish this Service— And also to fitt out and prepare for the same purpose the States Vessells the Notre Dame and Rattle Snake, and to appoint such Commanders as you shall Judge most proper to give Effect and Success to the Expedition— And you are desired to Call for the Aid and Assistance of all persons well disposed to the service of this State to furnish such Articles and Necessarys as may be wanting for furnishing and Supply-

ing the said Vessels with what may be wanted to fitt them for Sea,
what Cannot otherwise be Obtained

I am Gentlemen
Your Obed^t. Serv^t.
(Signed) Raw^s Lowndes—

Cha^s Town—
Council Chamber
22^d Novem^r. 1778

The Commissioners of the Navy Board—
A Letter to Cap^t William Hall

Navy Board 23^d Novem^r 1778—

Cap^t Will^m Hall

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do with all possible Dispatch get the Brigg Notre Dame fitted and Manned to proceed on an Expedition to Georgia, and that no delay may happen for want of Seamen the Commissioners Direct that you do Open a House of Rendevouse in Concert with the Other Vessels fitting out under the direction of a proper Officer who will be furnished with Articles for the Seamen that may Engage, to Sign, which Seamen are to be taken on board as soon as possible, and Allow Twenty Dollars Bounty to Every able Boydie'd Seaman that may Enlist for the Term of the Expedition—

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Copy of the foregoing was delivered to Cap^t James Pyne Commanding the Schooner Rattle Snake— Cap^t Benj^a Stone Commanding the Sloop Sally. Cap^t Jerem^h Dickinson Comm^d^g the Sloop Rachael Cap^t W^m Allen Comm^d^g the Sloop Family Trader—

A Letter to his Excellency the President

Navy Board 24th Nov^r 1778

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to Inform your Excellency that the Owners of the Different Vessels Intended for the Expedition to Georgia have agreed to let their Vessels to the public Your Excellency in Your Letter of 22^d make no mention wether they are to be paid the Value the Owners put on them in case of loss or to be appraised nor wether the Hire is to be agreed for by the Commissioners, or settled by the Legislature The Com-

missioners, of the Navy Board will be glad of your Excellencys Instructions respecting these Matters

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To His Excellency Raw^s Lowndes Esq^r.
President and Commander in Chief
of South Carolina

His Excellency the presidents Answer *to the above*.

The President and Council agree that the Commissioners appoint Three Indifferent persons to Value the Vessels that may be taken into the public service for the Defence of Georgia, and the public will be Answerable for the damage arising to the Owners while those Vessels are in the public Service by Loss— The wages to be allowed for the Hire of the Vessels to be refered to the Legislature—

In Council 24th Nov^r 1778

(Signed) Raw^s Lowndes—

A Letter to the Owners of the Vessels Taken into the public service—

Navy Board Novem^r 24th 1778—

Gentlemen

The Commissioners of the Navy have Just received Directions from the president to have the different Vessels taken into the Service of the State (for the Expedition to Georgia) Valued by three Indifferent persons, they therefore request that you will appoint a fitt and proper person to Value the Sloop Rachael on Account of the Owners, and the Commissioners will also appoint One on Account of the State, and in Case they Two should not agree, that they do appoint a Third person as an Umpire You'l please advise the Board as Early as possible of the person you appoint and Furnish a particular Inventory of all the sails, Guns Stores &c. of Every-kind to be laid before the appraisers an with the Board —By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r.

To Richard & John Todd Owners of the Sloop Rachael
To ditto and Others Owners of the Sloop Family Trader
To Joseph Atkinson & Others Owners of the Sloop Sally—

A Letter to M^r David Edgar—

M^r. David Edgar Sir

The Commissioners of the N[break] Board desire that you do come to Town Early Tomorrow morning and

bring with you One of the Hands belonging to the State Ship Yard with proper Tools to Make a Mould for a Breast Hook for the Sloop Rachael now in the States Service

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

Navy Board 24th Nov^r. 1778—

Mr. David Edgar—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of Capt Will^m Hall for 500 dollars to Enlist men for the Notre Dame £812.10—

Adjourned to Tomorrow forenoon 9 oClock—

Navy Board Wednesday 25 Novem^r 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell— Esq^{rs}— —

A Letter to Mr. John Dorsius—

Navy Board Novem^r 25th. 1778—

Mr. John Dorsius Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board being in Imediate want of a Boat, and proper Chains for the Yards of the State Brigg Hornet request that you furnish her with a proper Boat and Chains in return for those you had from the Public for the Ship General Moultrie—

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To Mr. John Dorsius—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in fav^r. of—

John Calvert to Inlist Seamen for the Georgia Expedi-

tion say 2000 Dollars is. £3250 — —

John Calvert the Beaufort Gallys Pay bill to 17th. Oct^r :

3 Mo^s

1132.10 —

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board. Thursday 26th Novem^r 1778—

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Extra. Meeting

Navy Board Saturday 28 Novem^r. 1778—

The Board Mett According to Summons

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Edw^d Darrell Geo A Hall John Edwards Esq^{rs}.

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read

A Letter was wrote to his Excellency the Pres[break]

Navy Board 28th Nov^r. 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy agreeable to your Excellencys Orders Immediately took into the public service Three Sloops, in Addition to the Notre Dame and Rattle snake and the Better to induce men to Inlist, Ordered a Rendevouse to be Opened, and having Mett this Evening in Order to Enquire into the progress of the Captains in recruiting service find the difficulty of Manning the Vessels to be very great, there having been Only 49 Men Inlisted in the different Vessels notwithstanding an Expençe of £3700 has already Accrued at the Rendevouse in Addition to the Bounty of Twenty Dollars ꝑ Man, The Commissioners are at a Loss how to advise your Excellency in the present Case the Seamen in General complain of the Bounty being too small, if a Larger Bounty would Induce them to Inlist, and the Expençe of the Rendevouse saved, it would, in the Opinion of the Board be in the End, the least Expensive way of procuring Seamen, and they Cannot help Expressing their doubts of having all the Vessels Manned with that Expedition the Nature of the Service seems to require—

By Order of the Board

Edward Blake first Commiss^r

To his Excellency }
the President }

Subjoined is a List of Men on board the different Vessels

Notre Dame 40 Men Officers Included—

Rattle Snake	. 8 Men	} Officers Exclusive adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock
Sloop Sally	.. 18. Men	
Sloop Rachael	— 6. Men	
Sloop Family Trader	7. Men	

Extra Meeting—

Navy Board Monday Morn^g. 30th Novem^r 1778

The Board Mett According to Summons ~

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

A Letter to the Naval Commissary—

Sir/ Navy Board 30th Novem^r 1778—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Receive from on board the Sloops Rachael Cap^t Jeremiah Dickinson, Sally Cap^t Benja^a Stone and Family Trader Cap^t. William Allen all such stores, as has been delivered (belonging to the public to the several Vessels on the service of the State) and that you do forbid the Butchers furnishing said Sloops with any Beef on Acco^t. of the public, but if any of the Stores should be Expended by any of the Sloops, in that Case you are to deliver an Acco^t. to the Owners of such Sloops, Charged at the Current price who must Settle for the same—

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

Navy Board. Novem^r. 1778—

Gentlemen—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board have Received directions from the president in Council to discharge The Sloop Sally out of the Service of this state and return *her* to her proper Owners, you will therefore please Direct *the* Cap^t. to deliver to the Commissary of the Naval Department all such Stores as have been delivered to him belonging to the Public while in the Service and please Accept the Thanks of the Navy Board for your Readiness in Letting your Vessel for the Service of the Public—

To Mr. Joseph Atkinson & C^o— — } By Order of the Board
& Other Owners of the Sloop Sally } Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Copy of the above Letter was Directed to Richard & John Todd and Other Owners of the Sloop Rachael and Family Trader—

Navy Board 30th Novem^r. 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you call upon Cap^t Pyne for the Articles of the Schooner Rattlesnake and that you use all your Endeavours to enlist Men for the said Vessel, giving a Bounty of Thirty Dollars for Every able Seaman who shall enlist for the Term of Six Months but to Open no Rendevouze. . . .

By Order of the Board—

Lieut. Charles Crowley—

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

Navy Board 30th Novem^r 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do use your utmost Endeavours to Compleat the Number of Seamen for the Brigg Notre Dame and that you encrease the bounty to Thirty Dollars for every able Seaman who will Enlist and Sign Articles for the Term of Six Months and that no rendezvous be kept for the Future. By Order of the Board

To Cap^t Will^m Hall of the }
Brigg Notre Dame } Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

Navy Board 30th Novem^r 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do with all possible Dispatch get the Brigg Hornet Compleatly Fitted and Manned to proceed on a Cruize, and in Order to encourage Seamen to Enter into the Service of the State the *president in Council* has Advanced the Bounty to Thirty Dollars for every able Seaman that may Enlist for Six Months, The Commissioners recommend that you do Exert yourself all in your power to get said Brigg ready, as the Service of the state at this time Require it—

By Order of the Board

To Captⁿ James Pyne }
Adjourned to Six oClock this Evening } Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

Navy Board Monday Evening 30th Novem^r 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first CommissionerJosiah Smith, Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

The Board agreed with Mr. William Selthridge as Public boat Keeper in the Room of Mr. McCully Righton resigned—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in fav^r of Paul Pritchard for Sundrys purchased of him for the } £4854. 2. 6
use of the Hobcaw Ship yard. }

Dan^l ONeille for the use of the Rope walk. 2000 — —

£6854. 2. 6

Adjourned to next Thursday Even^g 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 3^d Decem^r. 1778—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Roger Smith, Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in fav^r of
Will^m Trusler for Beef Supplied the Notre

Dame	£1963 .17.6
Brigg Hornet—	430.. 2.6
Pilot Boat Eagle	376 .15
Pilot Boat Tryal .	225 . 7.6
Rattle Snake—	141 . 7.6
Beaufort Gally—	132 . 7.6
(Cochrans) State Ship Yard .	120 — —
	3389..17..6
Amo ^t . of Orders on the Treasury Con ^d Over	£3389 [break]
Martha Bochet Administratrix of Anth ^y Bochet dece ^d for wages due on board the Brigg Defence from the 4 th Janr ^y to the 4 th of Decem ^r 1777 when he died a £28.7 ^d M ^o .	} 308 — —
Seth Gilbert Blacksmiths work for the Sloop Rachael		143.. 7..6
John Burnhouse wages due him on board the Defence	196..10..8.
	£4337..15 .8

Adjourned to next Monday Even^g 6 oClock—

Extra Meeting

Navy Board Saturday 5th Decem^r. 1778—

The Board Mett According to Summons—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Edw^d Darrell, Geo Ab^t Hall, Jn^o Edwards,

Esq^{rs}

The following Letter was wrote by the first Commissioner dated the
4th and approved of by the Board this Meeting

Cap^t Will^m Hall .

Sir

The Commissioners of the Navy Board
Direct that you do Immediately Order the Sails of the Notre Dame
to be Bent, and all the people belonging to said Brigg to repair on

board, and that the Brigg be Immediately put in Order to proceed to Sea on the Shortest Notice

Navy Board 4 th Decem ^r . 1778	} By Order of the Board Edw ^d Blake first Commiss ^r
Cap ^t . Will ^m Hall..}	

A Letter from his Excellency the president

The President having Received Information that a Privateer is now off the Barr (a Small Vessel) Recommend it to the Navy Board to send out the Notre Dame, and if she is not full Manned that the Crews of the Other Vessels should be Joined to Strengthen the Notre Dame, or such Other Method as the Navy Board shall think more proper to Dispatch her tomorrow Morning

The Commissioners of	} Friday Evening
the Navy}	

To his Excellency the president

Sir/

As soon as I knew the Brigg to be a Privateer I sent for Cap^t Hall and gave Orders for the Sails of the Notre Dame to be Bent and Every Man belonging to said Brigg to repair on Board, and the Brigg to be got in readiness to Sail on the shortest Notice the Commissioners of the Navy will do Every thing in their power to forward her Sailing

I am Sir

Friday Evening — — — — —}	} Your Most Obed ^t . Serv ^t Edward Blake
To his Excellency the president}	

A Letter to Cap^t. James Pyne

Cap^t. James Pyne

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Order all the Seamen Belonging to the Brigg Hornet to go on board the Brigg Notre Dame, and Obey the Orders of Cap^t. Hall and his Officers, during the present Cruize, which will not Exceed Ten days when they are to be returned on board the Hornet, Youl please Inform your Men that any Commission Vessel fitted as a Cruizer Taken by them during the Cruize will belong wholly to the Captors

Saturday Morning	} By Order of the Board Edw ^d Blake first Commiss ^r
5 th . Decem ^r . 1778	

N. B Any of the Officers of the Hornet that Chuse to go in the Notre Dame as Volunteers have the Commissioners Liberty to go—

A Copy of the above sent to Cap^t. James Mayberry—

To his Excellency the President

Sir/

As the Notre Dame has not her full Complement of men I have Directed an Officer to go round the Town with a Drum & fife and Endeavour to get a few Volunteers I shall be glad to know from your Excellency how long the Brigg is to remain Out, as Several persons would go for a few days, that will not go to be kept any long time. Your Excellency will also please advise the Commissioners of the Navy Board whether they are to give Cap^t. Hall his Orders or if he is to receive them from your Excellency, and will also please furnish papers for said Brigg to pass the Two Forts

I am Sir

Saturday Morning
5th Decem^r. 1778 — — }

Your Most Obed^t Serv^t
Edward Blake—

His Excellency the President

A Letter from his Excellency the President

Sir/

I should think it most Adviseable that the Notre [break] should Confine her Object soly to the protection of the Coas[break] by no means to Extend her Cruize— As it will facilitate the getting of Volunteers that she should be Ordered in in a short time the Commissioners will be pleased to give Directions Accordingly— At the same time giving a Caution to Cap^t- Hall as the Enemy has a small fleet on the coast of Savannah to aVoid falling in with a Superior Force

Cha^s Town 5th Dece^r. 1778
To Cap^t Edw^d Blake first }
Commiss^r. of the Navy }

I am Your Obed^t. Serv^t.
(Signed) Raws Lowndes—

Navy Board Decem^r 5th 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy having received directions from his Excellency the president to Order the Brigg Notre Dame under your Command to Sea with all possible Expedition, in quest of a Privateer Brigg which appeared off the Barr Yesterday and fired on the Pilot Boat, you are hereby directed to proceed Immediately to Sea with the Brigg Notre Dame and exert your utmost Endeavours to discover, Attack and Take or distroy the said Brigg, or any other Enemy that you think prudent to Engage— The Commissioners recommend, if you do not discover the said Brigg presently after your going Out, that you Scower the Coast as Farr as Tybee to the Southward and Cape Fear to the Northward and if

you do not discover the *said* Vessel or *other* [break]es in the Course of Ten days; that you then Return to *Charles Town*—

You will for the Encouragement of your Crew Inform them that all armed Vessels fitted Solely for war that may be made prizes, will be the Entire property of the Captors

The Commissioners have Ordered the Men and such of the Officers as chuse to go, from the *Hornet* and *Rattlesnake* on board the *Notre Dame*, which they hope with the Men you have on board, and the Volunteers that may offer will be a Sufficient Number— By Order of the Board

To
 Capt Will^m Hall of the }
 Brigg *Notre Dame* }

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to his Excellency the President

Sir/

After having a Drum about Town all day with Two Officers Endeavouring to get Volunteers for the *Notre Dame* I am Just Informed by Capt. Hall that he has got but Two Men Enlisted and the promise of four as Volunteers, so that his whole Number Officers Included will not Exceed Fifty five or Sixty Men, Whereas the Common Complement Allowed is Eighty five, An Alarming Circumstance Add to this that I have applyed to two of the Branch Pilots and both refused to go on the Service, I have Ordered the Brigg down to the Road, but unless more Hands can be Obtained, it will be Imprudent to send her Out—

Saturday Evening }
 5th Decem^r— 1778— }
 His Excellency the }
 president }

I am Sir Your
 Most Obed^t. Serv^t.
 Edward Blake

A Letter from his Excellency the president

Sir/

I am of the same Opinion with you, that we Ought not to run Resque of Sacrefising the Brigg, to Order her Out with *so few men*. It will be Best Notwithstanding to *keep her* in readiness, perhaps a fitt *of Zeal may Seize the Seamen*, when they—hear that the Enemy *heaves* in Sight again— It is much to be Lamented that such a Languor should possess the whole Trade—without men nothing can be done

Edward Blake Esq^r—

Your very hum^le Serv^t

(Signed) Raw^s Lowndes—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 7th Decem^r 1778—
 The Board Mett According to Adjournment
 Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
 Geo Abb^t. Hall, Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}—
 Orders was drawn on the Treasury in faviou^r of
 the Clerk of this Board for Amo^t of wages due Lieut. } £775 — —
 Richard Wells of the Brigg Comet }
 Cash borrowed of the presed^t— of Congress 200 dollars 325

450—
 McCully Righton his 2 Acco^{ts}. for Sept^r. Octob^r. &
 Novem^r 3 mo^s 512—15—

\$1287 „15—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 10th Decem^r. 1778—
 The Board Mett According to Adjournment
 Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
 George Abb^t. Hall, Roger Smith } Esq^{rs}—
 Josiah Smith Edward Darrell }
 The Minutes of last Meeting was read—
 The Board Agreed that the Clerk should pay Capt. Will^m
 Hall what Moneys are due him from Sundry Men belong- }
 ing to the Brigg Notre Dame for Necessarys Supplied } £
 them also) the wages due John Christopher and John }
 Alfoney on board the Brigg Notre Dame Omitted in pay }
 bill. } 107.16
 Then Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock.

Navy Board Monday 14th December 1778—
 The Board Mett According to Adjournment
 Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—
 Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell Geo Ab^t. Hall Esq^{rs}—
 The Minutes of last Meeting was read—
 A Letter from his Excellency the president dated the 13th Ins^t—
 Sir/

Coll^o Smith has represented to me that a Schooner in which he
 with some Other Citizens are much Interested, and in which is also

the Baggage of a Detachment of the Artillery lately Ordered on duty to Fort Johnson—was drove on Shore at Long Island in the storm of Last Night where she is in great Peril of being lost and the Goods destroyed—I therefore desire you will Order the Rattle Snake Immediately down to her Assistance in Order to preserve if possible the said Schooner and her Contents—And to give Orders that the said Baggage belonging to the Detachment of Artillery if Saved to be delivered at Fort Johnson—

Chas Town 13th Decem^r 1778—

To Edw^d Blake Esq^r—

A Letter to Cap^t Stephen Devall—

Sir/

Having received Information from his Excellency the President that a Schooner from George Town, in which the Baggage of a Detachment of the Artillery was on board—was drove on Shore on Long Island, the Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Immediately go with the Eagle Pilot boat to the Assistance of said Schooner, and Endeavour by every means in your power to save all the Baggage belonging to said detachment of Artillery—and all such other goods as you possibly can, and Deliver all such Baggage as you may save, at Fort Johnson.

Cap^t Stephen Duvall

Leave a pilot to Carry out
the *Notre Dame*.

A Letter to his Excellency the President

Sir/

Agreeable to your request, the Schooner *Rattle Snake* would have been Sent to the Assistance of the Schooner on Shore on Long Island had she been in Order for such service But at present she has no Sails Bent Ballast on board or Men belonging to her, as all her Men were turned over on board the *Notre Dame*, However I have Ordered the Eagle Pilot boat Immediately on that Service, and hope she will be in time to give the Necessary Assistance—I am Sir

Decem^r. 14th 1778—

His Excellency }
the president }

I am Sir Your
very hum^{bl}. Serv^t.

(Signed) Raw^s Lowndes

Navy Board 14th Decem^r 1778

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

Your Most Obed^t Serv^t.

Edw^d Blake

Orders to Cap^t William Hall—Cap^t Will^m HallNavy Board Decem^r 14th 1778—

Sir/

In your Orders of the Fifth Ins^t the Commissioners of the Navy Board Directed you to Cruize on this Coast for the Enemy's Privateers, not Exceeding Ten days from the time you left Charles Town Bar, since which Two Sloops the Sally Cap^t. Benj^a. Stone and the Family Trader Cap^t Will^m Allen—have been fitted out by the Merchants of Charles Town for the Like Service, with Orders to Cruize in Company with the Notre Dame, in Search of Several of the Enemys privateers—which have been seen Hovering on this Coast, not Exceeding Twenty days from the day they leave Charles Town Bar and to receive Signals from you to prevent any Separation—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board therefore direct that you do furnish Cap^t. Benj^a Stone of the Sloop Sally and Cap^t Will^m Allen of the Sloop Family Trader, with proper Signals before you sail over the Bar of Charles Town and that you do Embrace the first Opportunity to proceed to sea in Company with the Sally and Family Trader, and Continue to Cruze together as far to the Northward as Cape Fear and to the *Southward* as far as Tybee Not Exceeding Twenty days from the *time* you Leave *Charles-town* Bar, During all which time you are to Take, *sink*, *Burn* or Distroy any of the Vessels or goods belonging to any of the Subjects of the King of Great Britain, Except such as may belong to the Inhabitants of Burmuda or New Providence And if you should be so fortunate as to take any prize during the Cruze you must send them into some port in this State and be particularly Carefull that you Secure your prisoners in such Manner so as to prevent their doing any hurt—and when you return into port you must Anchor in Rebellion Rhoad, and not Suffer any man to go on shore out of the Notre Dame till you have Liberty from the Board for so doing—

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^rThe following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of

Will ^m Downs Admin ^r of the Estate of Rich ^d Belcher	} £357 — —
Dec ^d for wages due the said Belcher as Midshipman on board the Brigg Defence.	
Dan ^l Smith Commissary his Acco ^t . of Disbursments	} 8187 .16 .2
to the 13 th Ins ^t	

Cap^t Jn^o Hatter his Acco^t. of wages and a boat bo^t by }
 him going as a Cartel to St Augustine. } 375..15 —
 £8920..11..2

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board. Thursday 17th Decem^r 1778—
 Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board. Monday 22^d Decem^r 1778—
 The Board Mett According to Adjournment
 Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
 Geo Ab^t. Hall Josiah Smith Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}.
 The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—
 A Letter from his Excellency the President

Sir/

Mr. Timothy whose Zeal prompts *him* to recommend any thing which he thinks beneficial to the Cause has informed me that a very small Pilot Boat of the Enemy is now at the Light house Standing to the Westward, which may probably do us some Mischief—He thinks Our Pilot Boat well manned would be a Match for her—If you are of the same Opinion all Circumstances Considered I shall be glad you will do the Needfull—Mr. Timothy will write to Cap^t. Newton to put some men on board and give what Assistance he can..

. Your Obed^t. Hbl^e Serv^t.
 Edw^d Blake Esq^r. Signed R Lowndes—

(no date) Decem^r 21st 1778 reced

A Letter to Cap^t. Stephen Duvall—

Navy Board Decem^r. 21st 1778—

Cap^t. Stephen Duvall

Sir/ By the recommendation of the president the Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Immediately proceed with the Eagle Pilot Boat in Quest of a Small Schooner rigged boat Supposed to be an Enemy privateer which appeared off the Lighthouse this Morning, and on discovering the Colours of the Vessels at Anchor off the Barr stood to the Westward

The Commissioners recommend that no time be Lost, and that you Call on board the General Moultrie and Acquaint Cap^t. Newton the service you are going on and request that he will Assist you with

some Men who we will make no doubt will give you Every Assistance in his power—

By Order of the Board

To Cap^t. Stephen Duvall

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

P. .S. . since writing the above we are Informed that Cap^t. . Benja Stone of the Sloop Sally is off the Barr, as the Owners of the said Sloop have Ordered him to Continue his Cruze the Commissioners request that you will Cruze a Long the C[break] in Company with Cap^t. Stone, and Look into E[break]uthward *as far as Tybee*, and Endeavour by Every means in your power [break] distroy any of the Enemy's Vessels you may discover on the Coast.

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to M^r Will^m Selthridge Boat keeper—

Navy Board 21st Decem^r 1778—

M^r. Will^m Selthridge

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Immediately go to Sullivants Island and have every boat belonging to the State Carried to the public Ship yard at Hobcaw and put into Immediate Repair, and that you do Visit the Two Ship Yards and see that all the public boats be fitt for Immediate Service and make a Return to the Board of all the boats belonging to the public and the Condition they are in by Thursday Next

To M^r. Will^m Sethridge }

By Order of the Board

public Boat Keeper }

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to M^r. Paul Pritchard

Navy Board 21st Decem^r. 1778—

M^r. Paul Pritchard

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Immediately put into Thorough repair all the public boats that are now at the Yard, or that may be delivered to you by the boat keeper, Leaving all other work untill that is Completed, and to deliver any boat or boats after they are repaired to M^r. Selthridge, taking his receipts for them as public boat keeper

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to M^r. David Edgar

Sir/

Navy Board 21st Decem^r 1778

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you Lay by all Other work Except the repairs of boats untill they are Completed, and

that you have them all put in proper Order with the utmost Expedition—You are at all times to receive such boats as Mr. Selthridge may deliver you to be repaired, and to deliver them to him [break] taking his receipt as public keeper without any further orders from the Board

To Mr. David Edgar }
at the State Ship Yard }

By Order of Board
Edw^d Blake first Commis[break]

A Letter to Mr. John Gaboriel—

Sir/ Navy Board 21st Decem^r. 1778—

The Commissioners of the Navy having been Informed that the leading Mark to be Errected for Lawfords Channel which they expected would have been finished before this time is very backward—desire that you will take care to have this said leading Mark finished with Expedition According to your agreement

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To Mr. John Gaboriel—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r of
Smith & Darrell for Canvass Supplied the Commissary £2065 — —
Geo Campbell wages due him from the Brigg Comet 339 .10 —
Ja^s Allen wages due him from the Brigg Comet 254 . 2 —
Luke Hunt wages due him from the Brigg Polly 198 . 2 —
Jane Howe a Rendevouze Acco^t. for the Brigg }
Notre Dame Hornet Rattle Snake Rachael Sally } 4330 .12 .6
and Family Trader }

£7187.. 6..6

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board. Thursday 24th Decem^r 1778
adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy [break] Monday 28th Decem^r. 1778—
T[break]ard Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
Edw^d Darrell Josiah Smith Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read

The following Letters was wrote by the first Commiss^r the 23^d Inst.
and approved this Evening—

A Letter to his Excellency the president

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to Inform your Excellency that Contrary to Orders given Cap^t Hall by the Board, the Notre Dame is now at Anchor in Rebellion Road and begs to know whither your Excellency has given any direction to Cap^t. Hall Respecting his coming into port,—if not the Commissioners will Immediately Order him Out to Continue his Cruize unless your Excellency should direct Otherwise—

Decem^r. 23^d 1778—

His Excellency the }
President }

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter from his Excellency the President

Sir/

Cap^t. Hall has this Moment *left me* I spoke to him a [break] his Conduct in a Manner I think it deserves his Coming into port Contrary to Orders and pretending it was Occasioned by his Egerness to give Notice of the Danger he thought *the* State in—and yet to delay so long coming or sending to [break] is really strange—he desired to know if he was to go out again directly, and I told him to receive Orders from the Navy Board—but I think it w^d be best to know something more of the Enemies Fleet whether Real or in the Clouds before he goes—

Edw^d Blake Esq^r—

I am Sir Your Obed^t hbl^e Serv^t

(Signed) R Lowndes—

Decem^r. 22^d 1778 (a Mistake) 23^d—

A Letter to Cap^t. William Hall

Cap^t— Will^m Hall

Decem^r. 23^d 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy are greatly Surprised to se the Notre Dame at Anchor in Rebellion Road, at a Time when you should be Cruizing to watch every Motion of the Enemy and give the Earliest Intelligence the Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Immediately proceed to Sea with the Notre Dame, and that you do Continue to Cruze Ten days from the time you leave Charles Town Barr (Unless Obliged by Stress of Weather or a Superiour Force of the Enemy to put into port Sooner) in such Station as Directed in your Orders of the 14th Instant, and that you do frequently Stretch in with the Barr and send to the Commissioners Every Intelligence of the Motions of the

Enemy During the Cruise as it is a Matter of the greatest Consequence to know where they are destined for—

To Cap^t. Will^m Hall }
of the Notre Dame }
By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commis [break]

A Letter to his Excellency the President
Sir/

I this Moment received your Letter respecting Capⁿ— Hall who I saw after he parted with your Excellency he Informed me that though I found fault with him for Coming in with the Notre Dame, that you approved of his Conduct I then desired to know if your Excellency had Directed him to go Out again or to remain in port, he Informed you had directed him to Call on the Commissioners for Orders, and I Immediately Ordered him Out to Continue his Cruize for Ten days Unless by Stress of Weather or any Superior force of the Enemy should Oblige him to return into port Sooner, and to Come frequently off the Barr, and give Every Intelligence he could get respecting the Motions of the Enemy, if your Excellency think proper to direct it, I will Order him to remain in port any time you please

Decem^r 23^d 1778—

his Excellency the presid^t

I am Sir Your Most Obed^t Serv^t.

Edward Blake

A Letter to Cap^t. Will^m Hall—
Cap^t. W^m Hall—

Sir/

Since delivering your Orders of this date, I have received a Messuage from his Excellency the president Adviseing that the Notre Dame remain in Rebellion Road till further Orders from the Commissioners of the Navy Board— You are therefore directed to remain with the Brigg Notre Dame in the Rebellion Road till you receive further Orders from the Board, and by no means Suffer any of the Men to go on Shore out of the Brigg, but to keep her in Constant readiness to proceed to Sea on the Shortest Notice

By Order of the Board

Wednesday Evening }
23^d Decem^r. 1778— }

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter from Cap^t. William Hall—

Sir/

It gives me the greatest Uneasiness to Acquaint you 12. of my Men have possitively declared they will not go to Sea with the few hands we have on board they are most of them our best Seamen,

and say the whole Labour of the Vessel rests upon them—have put them in Irons and shall keep them so till I have the pleasure to know how I am to Act I remain. . . . Your Most Obed^t Hbl^e Serv^t

To Edward Blake Esq^r. } (Signed) William Hall
1st Commiss^r. of the Navy }

N. B. Myself and Officers are very ready to go to Sea if you think proper—

A Note from his Excellency the president,
The president desires to know of M^r. Blake if there are Three Captains in the States Service now present Exclusive of Cap^t Hall—
The president is affraid if there are not the Sailors Cannot be tried for a Capital offence Sunday Afternoon—

A Second Note from his Excellency the presid^t
Sir/

I am of Opinion all Matters Considered that we Cannot proceed to try the Men Capitally—for want of a Sufficient Board of Officers to Constitute Court and therefore I w^d recommend that they be tryed under the Articles for a Lesser Offence

Your Obed^t Serv^t.
(Signed) R Lowndes—

Edw^d Blake Esq^r—

A Letter to Cap^t. William Hall—

Navy Board Decem^r. 27th 1778—

Cap^t Will^m Hall

Sir/

In Answer to your Letter of this day— the Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Immediately Cause the Twelve Men who refused to go to Sea in the Notre Dame, to be Tryed by a Court Martial— and that you do Immediately after Court Breaks up Transmit to the Board the whole proceedings of said Court, and that no punishment be Inflicted till the Board has Determined thereon—

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

To
Cap^t. Will^m Hall—

The proceedings and Judgement of the Court Martial Held on board the Brigg Notre Dame in Rebellion Road (on the Trial of Sundry prisoners on board said Vessel) being Transmitted to the Board the Commissioners approved of the Sentence— and wrote the following Letter to Cap^t William Hall—

Navy Board 28th Decem^r 1778—

Cap^t. Will^m Hall

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board having Examined the proceedings of a Court Martial held on board the Notre Dame the 28th Inst^{ts}— for the Trial of Sundry persons therein Named for the Heinous Offence of Mutiny do approve of the Sentence of said Court and Direct that the same be Inflicted as Early as may be, first taking Care to have read the 14th 19th. & 34th Articles of the Rules of the Navy and to Inform the prisoners that it is the Determined Opinion of his Excellency the president, as well as the Commiss^{rs} of the Navy, if they had been tried by a General Court Martial and found Guilty they would have been liable to Suffer Death—

To

By Order of the Board

Cap^t W^m Hall—

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r of

Blakes & Sawyer for Beef and Tallow Supplied the	} £2019 — —
Commissary	
Ordered that the Clerk do pay Henry — — — —	} 181 — —
Hainsdoff for Carving for the Brigg Hornet	

£2200 — —

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board. Thursday 31st December 1778—

The board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Edward Darrell, Josiah Smith, Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

A Letter from Cap^t. Will^m Hall

Sir/

Notre Dame Decem^r. 29th 1778—

I Have inflicted the punishment on the prisoners— According to the Decree of the Court Martial, the Pilot that boarded me this day said that he could not Carry me Out the wind being too much inn, would be glad to know if you have any further Orders I have the pleasure Sir to be

Your Most Hbl^e Serv^t.

To Edward Blake Esq^r. } —
1st Commiss^r of the Navy }

(signed) William Hall

A Letter from his Excellency the president

Sir/

In the situation we are in without Intelligence or Information I think it very Necessary to Endeavour to procure some knowledge of the Enemys Situation and Numbers *and therefore* would advise that the Pilot boat be sent out well Maned to make discoveries, taking care as much as possible to avoid danger and Surprize and to Secure a Safe retreat in case of being persued

Cha^s Town 29th Decem^r 1778

Your Obed^t. Hbl^e Serv^t—

Edw^d Blake Esq^r—

(Signed) Raw^s Lowndes—

A Letter to Cap^t. Will^m Hall

Cap^t W^m Hall

Decem^r. 29th 1778—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do Immediately proceed to Sea with the Notre Dame and that you do Endeavour to Stretch a Long the Shore to the Southward so farr (as if possible) to discover the Strength and Situation of the Enemy & to gain some Intelligence of their Destination, which you are to Communicate to his Excellency the president or the Commissioners of the Navy, as an Early Intelligence of the Enemy's Motions may be of the greatest Consequence to the State—

You are not to leave the Land by any Means Unless Obligated by Stress of Weather or by a Superiour Force of the Enemy, but you are to Endeavour all in your power to keep One of the Inlets to Leward of you so as to make a Harbour if any Enemy of superior force should Chase and out sail you— You are to Observe your former Orders respecting the time you are to Cruize—

By Order of the Board

Cap^t. Will^m Hall—

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to Cap^t. Stephen Duvall—

Cap^t Stephen Duvall

Sir/

By the particular desire of his Excellency the President, The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do as Early as possible tomorrow Morning proceed to Sea in the Eagle Pilot Boat and Stretch a Long the shore to the Southward as farr as (if possible) to discover the Enemys Fleet, and Endeavour all in your power to gain Intelligence of their Strength and Destination, which you are to Communicate to his Excellency the president or to the Commissioners of the Navy Board as soon as possible, as an Early Intelligence of the Enemys Motions may be of the *greatest*

Consequence to the State— The Commissioners recommend [break] you keep Close to the Shore, and make a Secure Harbour Ever [break] and that you do keep your Swivil Guns Mounted and Loaded [break] your small arms Clean and always ready for use, and that you [break] a Constant good Lookout to prevent being Surprized by any Boats & that your Cruize do not Exceed Three days from the time you Leave the Barr—

Cap^t. Stephen Duvall

By Order of the Board—

Edw^d Blake first Commiss [break]

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Ended the 31st Decem^r 1778—¹

Extra Meeting—

Navy Board. Sunday 3^d January— 1779—

The Board Mett According to Summons—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith	Roger Smith	Geo Ab ^t Hall	} Esq ^{rs} —
John Edwards	Edward Darrell	

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read

A Letter from his Excellency the president—

Sir/

As our Coasts are very much annoyed by little insignificant Cruizers, one of whom took last Monday a Sloop near or at the Inlet of S^o. Edisto— I Sumbit it to you and the Navy Board whether it is not Necessary to send out some fast Sailing Vessel to look into these places and give some Check to these daring Enterprizing Pickeroons as I have reason to think the very same Cruizer is now about the same place, I wish some Method Co^d. be devised to remove her or bring her in, as she is of no force at all and wou^d. be a very easey Conquest to almost any thing

3^d Jan^y. 1779—

Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first^{*} }
Commiss^r of the Navy. }

I am Sir your Obed^t Serv^t
(Signed) Raw^s Lowndes

A Letter to his Excellency the president.

Sir/

Navy Board Jan^y 3^d 1779.

In answer to your Letter of this day the Commissioners of the Navy Board recommend that the Eagle pilot boat be Immediately

¹End of the third of the small books in which the original journal was kept.

Ordered out in quest of the Privateer Mentioned, and that some small swift Sailing Vessel be taken into the service and Employed as a Guarda Coasta to Cruize in Company with the Eagle— Mess^{rs}. Buckle, Poaug & Pritchard, have a Vessel very fitt for the service The Two *former* of them Gentlemen have offered the use of her to the state on being Secured in Case of loss, If your Excellency approve of the recommendation the Necessary Orders will be given by the Board as soon as Answer is received

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss[break]

His Excellency the President—

A 2^d Letter to his Excellency the *President*

Sir/

I just sent to Mr. Duvall to Inform him the Service of the *Eagle* Pilot boat was to go on, when to my very great Surprize he Inform[break] me that none of the people belonging to the boat (Except his own [break] would go on the Service that they did Intend Quitting the Boat *unless* their wages was raised, I am Sorry for their Ingratitude—and am Satisfied that the raising their wages will not make them more Industrious, I am hopefull that hands will be got, so as to send her off tomorrow Morning, You may depend I will do all in my power to forward *it*.

Janr^y 3^d 1779.

His Excellency the president

I am Sir

Your Most Hbl^e Serv^t

Edw^d Blake first Comm[break]

Then Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 4th January 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell John Edwards Esq^{rs}.

The Minutes of Last Meeting was^e read—

Agreed to Take the Schooner Rice Bird into the public Service and that Mess^{rs}. Will^m Price and Sam^l Legare be applied to as appraisers of the said Vessel in behalf of the state and that Mess^{rs}. Buckle, Poaug, & Pritchard Owners of the said Vessel do appoint Two persons on their part as appraisers also—

Order of the prevy Council

January 4th 1779—

Ordered that the Commissioners of the Navy Board do Engag

[break] the Schooner belonging to Capt. Buckle and Others as proposed [break] them for the Service of the State as a Guarda Costa and that she be [break] the public risque

By his Excellency the pr[break]
with the advice of the prevy C[break]

John Colcock Sec^y. Pr^y. [break]

a Letter was received and read from M^r. Alex^r. Williamson—petitioning to be Clerk to the Hobcaw Ship Yard the Commiss^{rs}. agreed to the proposal in the said Letter, to allow the said Alexander Williamson £800 p Year as Clerk to the said ship Yard as proposed—The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. off—
Mess^{rs}. Moon & Jeffords for Iron Supplied the Com-
missary

£1638-18 —

Abram Heath wages due him from the Brigg Defence 405. — —

£2043.18 —

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 7th January 1779—

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 11th January 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell, Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

The following Notes was wrote by the first Commissioner and approved off by the Board this Evening—

A Note to Major Grimball¹

Edward Blake presents his Compliments to Major Grimball and will be much Obliged to him for the Lent of Two Hundred Musket Cartridges ready filled for the use of the pilot boat as they are going a way this Morning, If he can possibly spare Twelve Canisters filled for Two pound Guns it will ad to the Obligation—²

Thursday 7th January 1779—

Major Grimball

¹Major Thomas Grimball, of the Charles Town Battalion of artillery.

²On the margin is this note: “ { Borrowed the Cartridges }
{ from the Grenadiers— } ”

A Note to M^r Joseph Atkinson

The Commissioners of the Navy Board presents their Compliments to M^r. Atkinson, and will be much Obliged to him for the *Loan* of a pair of small Carriage Guns with the stores and a few s[break] for the use of the pilot boat for a few days; as the Guns they Borrowed from M^r. Nelson will not do nor Can they get a Shott to Suit them—

Thursday 7th January 1779—

M^r. Joseph Atkinson

Orders to Cap^t. Stephen Duvall—

Navy Board the 9th January 1779—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board having received Certain Information of a Small (Enemy) privateer being in one of the Southern Inlets in this State that has Captured Several of our Coasting Vessels—They Direct that you do Immediately proceed to Sea in the Eagle Pilot Boat, and that you make the Best of your way to South Edisto, and Endeavour by every means in your power to Take or destroy said privateer or any Other Vessels or goods belonging to the King of Great Britain or any of his Subjects, Except such as belong to the Islands of Bermuda or new Providence

Should you not Meet the privateer at South Edisto, you are to proceed to S^t Helena and port Royal, and you are to Endeavour to gain Intelligence which way she is gone and if possible Overtake her, in Order the Better to Carry this Expedition into Execution The Commissione[break] have Directed M^r. Sisk first Lieut^t. of the Hornet with a Number of the Seamen belonging to said Brigg to go in the Eagle and as the Commissioners Entertain a good Opinion of that Gentleman as an Officer they recommend that you do always Consult him on any Matter of Attack on or Defence against the Enemy, and *that* you do by every Means in your power Endeavour to Cultivate Harmony and good Order Among the Officers and Crew, and you do keep a Constant good Look out, to prevent being Surprised by the Enemy, and that you Continue to Cruize Six days from the Time you Leave Charles Town Barr, and that you do make known to Every man on board, that Every Vessel taken during the Cruize that is fitted out for the Sole purpose of a Cruizer is to belong wholly to the Captors and all Merchant Vessels One half to the State

and the Other half to the Captors and in Case of any Man being Maimed, or any way disabled in this Service to be Maintained and provided for as in the Navy of this State—all the Stores put on board by the president you are to Deliver at Beaufort agreeable to his Order to the Commissary there

To Cap^t. Stephen Duvall

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter from his Excellency the president

Sir/

I shall want Immediately a Small Vessel a Swift Sailor to go Express to Philadelphia, without loss of time. I am to Request you will take up such a Vessel and Order her to be got ready without the least delay to Carry Dispatches to Congress—

I am Sir

8th Jan^y. 1779—

Your Obed^t. Serv^t.

Edw^d Blake Esq^r—

(Signed) Raw^s Lowndes

A Letter to his Excellency the president

Sir/

Agreeable to your request of yesterday I have Enquired of Every person that I know to be Owners of such Vessels as would Answer to Send Express to Philadelphia, but Cannot get one on such Terms as I think will suit the Public— M^r. Corbett has a very fine schooner but says he Cannot possibly spare her, as he has no Other way to move his Family and property out of Town should the Enemy come this way, however if no Other can be got, and One must be had he will submit to let her go, but at present she has part of her Cargoe of Rum on board and must be Cleaned— Mess^{rs}. John Scott and Josiah Bonneau have One Equally fitt, both these Gentlemen are at George Town and I Cannot learn they have left any person to do their Business during their [break] M^r James Nelson has One very fitt and ready Cleaned— Mess^{rs}. Thomas Buckle, John Poaug & Paul Pritchard has also *one* that is fitt and Cap^t. Dunscombe has a Small Burmuda Sloop ready cleaned and very fitt, the Answers respecting the Three last Vessels I send Inclosed for your Excellency's perusal, if M^r. Nelson's proposals is Accepted as it is the Only offer please Advise me and the Necessary Orders shall be given, or if any Other mode is to be Adopted to procure a Vessel

You please send an Order and the Commissioners will give Immediate Directions—

9th Jan^y 1779

To

By Order of the Board—

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

His Excellency the presid^t

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r— of—
 Ja^s Bricken for Cleaning Guns for the Comet. £68. .10—
 Henry McCleave wages due him as Lieu^t on board the
 Notre Dame 135 — —

Will^m Trusler 7 Beef Accounts— viz For—

The Notre Dame.	£885 . 7.6
The Hornet.	276 — —
The Eagle.	181 . 2.6
The Rattle Snake.	105. .15—
The Tryall.	86 .12.6
The Sloop Rachael.	79 .17.6
The Sloop Sally.	62 . 5--1677 — —

£1880. .10—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 14th. January 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

The following Letter dated yesterday was wrote to his Excellency the President & approved of this Evening

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Beg leave to Inform your Excellency that Cap^t. Pinder of the Schooner Rice Bird Acquainted the Board that it was not possible for him to get /said Schooner Manned unless a Bounty was allowed— they also Beg leave to Inform your Excellency that no Shott can be got in Town to Suit the Guns belonging to said Schooner they will therefore be glad of your Directions, whether to allow the Seamen a Bounty, or to deliver said Schooner to her Owners— also whether or not the Commissioners are to do any thing respecting Mess^{rs}— Scott and Bonneaus

Schooner which Mr. Wright offered to Hire to the State as a Packet—
 By Order of the Board

Navy Board Janry 13th 1779— }
 His Excellency the president } Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

An Order was drawn on the Treasury dated the 8th Ins^t. for a Negroe Man Named Tower Hill purchased from John Wells in June 1777 for the use of the State Ship Yard £871..14.6

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 18th January 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The following Letter to Cap^t. Mayberry was Ordered to be wrote by the Clerk—

Cap^t Mayberry

Sir/

You are desired to Stop the Rendevouze and deliver a Copy of your Articles with the proper dates of the Entry of what Men are Shiped on board the Rattle Snake without Loss of time, and have every store taken on board, and the Vessel ready to proceed to Sea with all possible dispatch on a Cruize

Monday Evening } By order of the Board
 18th Janry— 1779— } John Calvert Clerk

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of the Clerk of this Board the 16th Ins^t. for 2000 Dollars. £3250 — —

Cash Dr. to the Rope walk rece^d. by the Clerk of the Board from Dan^l O'Neill part Sales of a Negroe } 991 .2 .6
 Jemey Sold Andrew Reid for £2000. }

adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 21st January 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in fav^r. of—

John Mortimer Williams, Amo^t of wages due W^m }
 Morgan Late Carp^r on board the Brigg Comet 2 Mo^s } £99.. 3.4
 & 25 days a £35 }

Capt ^t Ja ^s Briggs Ball ^{ce} due him on board the Rattle- snake	943 17. . 10
Henry Lindoure for Flower and Baking for the Navy..	6011—14—
Jane How a rendezvouze Acco ^t . for the Brigg Hornet—	996 . 6:3

£8051. 1. 5

Adjourned to Next Monday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board Monday 25th January 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment^r

Present Josiah Smith Esq^r. in the Chair—

Edward Darrell, Geo Ab^t. Hall Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read — — —

Instructions for Captⁿ James Mayberry—

Navy Board 23^d Jan^y 1779—

Cap^t. James Mayberry

Sir/

The Schooner Rattle Snake under you [break] Command Being Victualed and full Manned, and ready to proceed [break] a Cruize, The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do with *all* possible Dispatch proceed to St. Helena Inlet in Quest of Several small Enemy privateers that have for some time past been *hovering* in the Different Inlets in this State, and taken a Number of our Coasting Vessels, and as they will no doubt from their late Success be Encouraged to return soon, You are directed to remain in that Inlet for Ten or Twelve days, after which you are to Confine your Cruize wholly a Long the Shore, from Tybee to the Southward as farr as George Town Barr to the Northward, and to be very dilligent in looking into Every Inlet a Long the Coast for any of the Enemy's Vessels, and make St. Helina the place of your General rendezvouze, as that Inlet has been mostly Resorted to by the Enemy Pickeroon Privateers, You are to Continue your Cruize in the Manner above Mentioned for Three Months, from the time you leave Charles Town Barr, During which time you you are to Endeavour by Every means in your power, to Take, Sink, Burn, or distroy any of the Vessels or Goods belonging to the King of Great Britain, or any of his Subjects (Except such as belong to the Islands of Bermuda or new Providence) and should you be so fortunate as to take any prizes you are to send them into Charles Town, or some safe Inlet in the State, and to Treat all prisoners

that may fall into your hands with Humanity and Tenderness, and Endeavour by every means in your power to Cultivate Harmony and good Order among your officers and Men, and Advise the Commissioners by every Opportunity of every Intelligence worth Communicating, and should you have Occasion for any fresh provisions for the use of the Crew During your Cruize, You have Liberty to purchase as much Beef or Pork as will Amount to Two days Allowance every week, and Draw upon the first Commissioner for the Amount which shall be duly Honoured, You are to be very Carefull that none of the stores be wasted, or wantonly Expended by any of the Officers, and that fair and regular returns be made to you by all the Warrant Officers, of all stores Expended every Month, and if on Examination they are found right you are to Sign them, and at the End of the Cruize, you are to Cause a General return from each Warrant Officer of all stores received by him and Expended during the Cruize to be delivered to the Clerk of the Board, as no pay bill will be Allowed till Such returns are Made

By Order of the Board Edward Blake

An Order to the Commissary—

Navy Board Jan^y 25th 1779—

Sir/

You are hereby Directed Immediately to purchase sixty Barrels of Flower on the Lowest Terms, to be Baked up into Bread for the use of the Navy. By Order of the Board

To Mr. Dan ^l Smith—	}	Josiah Smith Jun ^r
Naval Commissary		

NB, also provide 70 yards of Ordinary Canvass for waist Cloths to the Brigg Hornet—

An Order was drawn the 22 ^d Inst. in fav ^r . of Dan ^l } ONeille for the use of the Rope Walk for. }	} £2000 —
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Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 28th January 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Josiah Smith Esq^r. in the Chair

John Edwards, Edw^d Darrell, Geo Ab^t. Hall Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of—

John Farrow for wages due him as Pilot on board the } Brigg Comet 9 Months & 20 days a 35/. 3 day. }	} £507. 10—
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An Order to Cap^t. Will^m Hall

Navy Board 28th Jan^y 1779—

Cap^t. Will^m Hall

Sir/

You are hereby Directed to deliver to Cap^t. James Pynes four 4-Pounder Guns with their Furniture, also five Hundred Shott to Suit them with as Many fill'd Cartridges and Other Articles he may now want for the use of the Brigg Hornet Taking his receipt for the whole

By Order of the Board
Josiah Smith Jun^r—

An Order to M^r Joseph Darling

Navy Board 28th January 1779—

M^r. Joseph Darling

Sir

Cap^t. Pyne being in immediate want of the Seven Stearing Sails, begun Making by M^r. Wilkins the Commissioners request you will take them in hand and Compleat the work to be done on them with all possible Expedition

By Order of the Board—
Josiah Smith Jun^r.

An Order to Paul Pritchard—

Navy Board 28th January 1779

Sir/

Cap^t. Pyne has Informed the Commissioners of the Navy that the Boat Built at the Ship Yard for the Hornet is finished and that the price is One Thousand pounds, you are desired to Deliver Cap^t Pyne the said Boat for which the Board will be Accountable— The Brigg Notre Dame is Ordered to Hobcaw Ship Yard and the Commissioners direct that you give her all possible Dispatch by laying by any private work that may Interfere— By Order of the Board To M^r. Paul Pritchard— Josiah Smith Jun^r.

The Brigg Notre Dame is Ordered to proceed to Hobcaw immediately to be Repaired and made fitt for Immediate service— with all possible Dispatch—

Addition to Cap^t Mayberrys Orders of the 23^d—

P..S..— Since writing the above The Board received a Message from his Excellency the President Desireing that you would be very watchfull at the Inlet least you Meet a Superier force, and that you do on Your Arrival at St. Helina Sound put your self under the Orders of General Bull or the Commanding Officer at Port Royal

You are therefore Ordered to Obey all such Orders as you may from time to time receive from said Commanding Officer then Adjourned to Next Monday }
 Evening 6 oClock } By Order of the Board
 E. Blake

Navy Board Monday 1st February 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r first Commissioner—

John Edwards Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

A Letter to his Excellency the President

Navy Board 1st Febr^y. 1779—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to Acquaint your Excellency, that there is at Present a great want of Necessary Stores for the use of the Naval Department of this State which Accasions great Delays in fitting out our State Vessels the Commissioners therefore beg leave to recommend to your Excellency that they be Authorised, to ship Adventures in a Number of different good Bottoms, and Import such Necessary Stores as may be wanted for the use of said Department, this Method they Conceive will [break] a great Saving for the State, and a Means of Equipping any Naval force with more dispatch then they have hitherto been able to do

By Order of the Board

To his Excellency the president— Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

Ordered that the Large Flatt be Immediately sent to the Ship Yard at Hobeaw, and be altered into a Gally for the purpose of— protecting the Inland trade of this State—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Thursday 4th February 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner—

Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell Geo Ab^t Hall Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read.

A Letter from his Excellency the President

Sir/

As the House of Representatives have desired that I would endeavour to Guard the Coast and Navigation of this State, &

Annoy the Enemy, by all the means in my power, I would for this purpose be inclined to purchase the Terantula, tho she may not be worth the Money Demanded for her I can get her for £14000—and as there is a Crew ready in her & I am told a very Active Commander I wish you would Consult him on the Terms on which he wou^d Serve the public, And if you find you can Employ him without Clashing with Other Officers—I should be glad you would put him in Commission, and give him Orders to prepare himself to go on Duty—he tells me he can get Men off hand which is a very good Qualification and recommendation at this time

4th Febr^y 1779—

Edw^d Blake Esq^r—

I am Sir Your

Obed^t Serv^t.

(Signed) Raw^s Lowndes—

A Letter to his Excellency the present in Answer to the above

Navy Board 4th Febr^y 1779—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy agreeable to your Excellencys desire have Consulted Cap^t. Langen of the Terantula, who is willing to Serve the State in Capacity of Master and Commander of said Vessel, during the time she is in Commission, but the Commiss^{rs} cannot help mentioning to your Excellency their Opinion that the Terantula is not by any Means so well Calculated for the defence of the Coast, and Inland Navigation as the Eagle pilot boat, which can be Replaced in the pilotage by the Beaufort Pilot Boat at present useless there, The Commissioners will therefore be glad of Your Excellencys Directions which Vessel you would prefer that they may give the Necessary Orders to have her Cleaned and got ready with Dispatch—

By Order of the Board

His Excellency }
the president }

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in favor of
James Bryan the Rattle Snakes Rendevouze Acco^t. £122 . 10 . —
Gamble & Ferguson for 10640^{tt} Iron . . . a £80 ₤ C^t. 8512 . — . —
Cap^t Benj^a Stone Ball^{ce}. of the Sloop Sallys pay bill . . 517 . 10 . —
Cha^s Basdon for Carpenters work on board the Sch^r.

Rice bird

48 . — . —

£10,300 — —

Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board. Monday 8th February 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith Edward Darrell Geo Abb^t Hall. Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board Advance to Mr. }
 Nath^l Havens purser of the Brigg Hornet in Order } {£1000 —
 to purchase Sloops Taking his receipt for the same }

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board. Thursday 11th February 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Edward Darrell }

Roger Smith John Edwards—} Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

An Order from the President & Prevy Council—

In the Prevy Council February 1st— 1779—

The Board Advised that the Navy Board be directed & Empow
 [break] to Ship in different bottoms to the West Indies to an
 Amount not exceeding Forty Thousand pounds Curr^y for the pur-
 chase of such Art [break] as are Necessary for that Department—

By his Excellency the pres[break]

Signed) Ordered Accordingly by Jn^o Colcock [break]

An Order from the Governor and Prevy Council

In the Prevy Council Feb^y 9th 1779—

The Board Advised that the Navy Board be directed to Order the
 Hornet to be Stationed at Stono River, with leave to Cruize Acca-
 sionally to the Southward but to a small distance from the Land
 that they have the Eagle pilot boat fitted out with dispatch for the
 protection of the Inlets

By his Excellency the Govern^r.

Ordered Accordingly—

(Signed) John Colcock Se^y P^y— Cl—

A Note from his Excellency the Governor—

The Senate and House of Representatives having requested
 that no Vessell may depart this port, the Commiss^{rs} of the Navy are

required to Order the several Pilots of this Harbour, not to Pilot, or Carry any Vessell to Sea untill further Orders—

To (Signed) J Rutledge¹

Edw^d Blake Esq^r. }
 first Commiss^r of the Navy }
 Feb 10th 1779—

A Note from his Excellency the Governour at Foott of One to the Clerk of this Board—

I think Mayberry should be sent for and Frisbie put in his Stead immediately— pray give Orders for it—

(Signed) J R—

A Letter to Lieut^t Abell Frisbee

Mr. Abell Frisbee

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy board Direct that you do Immediately Repair on board the State Schooner Rattle Snake now at Spencers Inlet, and that you take the Command of Said Schooner, and remain with her in Spencers Inlet till you receive further Orders from the Board, and that you do not Suffer any of the Officers or Men to leave the Vessel on any pretence, and that you do send Captⁿ Mayberry Directly up to Town, as the Commissioners have Business of the Greatest Consequence to Communicate to him, Should Captⁿ. Mayberry on any pretence refuse to Come up (to Town) you are to put him under an Arrest for which this shall be your Sufficient Warrant—

Navy Board }
 Feb 10th 1779— }
 By Order of the Board
 Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

You are to deliver this Letter directed to Cap^t. Mayberry

A Letter to Captⁿ. James Mayberry—

Captⁿ. James Mayberry

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do on Receipt of this Immediately proceed to Charles Town, as the Commissioners have Business of great Importance to Communicate to you, and they have Directed Mr. Frisbee to take the Command of the Rattle Snake during your Absence from

¹The term of office of President Lowndes having expired and the constitution of 1778 having provided that the title of his successor should be changed to governor and commander-in-chief, the General Assembly on February 9th elected John Rutledge to be the first governor of the State of South Carolina.

her, This you are to Inform your Officers off and Direct that they Obey him as their Captain
 Navy Board the } By Order of the Board.
 10th Febr^y— 1779— } Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to M^r. Stephen Duvall

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do not by any means Pilot or Carry to Sea any Vessel whatever, nor that you do not Suffer any of the pilots or hands belonging to the Eagle Pilot Boat to Carry to Sea any Vessel untill further Orders from the Commissioners of the Navy Board

Feb^y. 10th 1779— By Order of the Board
 M^r. Stephen Duvall Edw^d Blake first Comm^r.

A Copy of the above dd M^r. Alex^r Elsenore of the Tryall pilot boat
 Letters to Each Mess^{rs}. Luke Swain, Tho^s Ross & W^m Pharo—
 Pilots—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do not b[reak] any Means Pilot or Carry to Sea any Vessel whatever untill further Orders from the Commissioners of the Navy Board

Febr^y. 10th 1779— By Order of the Board
 Edw^d. Blake first Com[break]

The Board agreed to have the Eagle Pilot Boat Sent to the Old Ship Yard (Late Cochrans) to be Altered as they may think proper to Direct— in Consequence of which the following Letter was wrote to M^r. Stephen Duvall—

Navy Board Febr^y. 11th 1779—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that the Eagle Pilot boat be Immediately Carried up to the Old Ship Yard (Late Cochrans) and that all her Stores be Landed and a particular Inventory of them be delivered to M^r. Calvert; that a Careful Hand be directed to remain on Board, and that you do Immediately take Charge of the Beaufort Pilot boat, and that she be Employed in the pilotage Business in the room of the Eagle.

To By Order of the Board
 M^r. Stephen Duvall— Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

The Clerk was Ordered to pay Lieu^t. Rich^d Wells }
 Lieu^t. of the Hornet his wages to the 10th Inst. } £432 =
 Adjourned to next Monday Evening 6 oClock—

Navy Board Monday 15th February 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Geo Ab^t. Hall, Edw^d Darrell, John Edwards, Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

A Letter from his Excellency the Governor dated 13th Inst—

Sir/

Feb 13th 1779—

I Request that the Commiss^{rs}. of the Navy will, as Soon as possible Meet, Call together the Captains of Vessels in this Port, and the Ship Carpenters, and having Confer'd with them concerning the Building, or procuring, floating Batteries, Gallies, and Other Vessels, for the protection and Defence of the Harbours, Coast, and Inlets of this State, that they Digest, and report to me Such a plan or Scheme for this purpose, as, in their Opinion will be most effectual and practicable

Your Obed^t. Serv^t.

Edward Blake Esq^r.

(signed) J Rutledge

first Commiss^r. of the Navy of S^o Carolina

Resolved that the following persons be Summoned to attend the Board Tomorrow at 4 oClock in the afternoon to give their Opinion upon the foregoing Letter—viz

Mess^{rs}. Pritchard, Wallace, Lawrence, Shrewsberry— Edgar, Hamilton, and Captⁿ. Anthony

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in fav^r. of—

Nath^l Havens wages due him as purser on board the Brigg}

Hornet to the 7th Inst. being 9 Mo^s a £35. } £315 —

The Clerk was Ordered to pay Lieut. Will^m Sisk. 250 —

Adjourned to Tomorrow Evening 4 oClock—

Navy Board Tuesday 16th February 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, Geo Ab^t. Hall, Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

The Ship Carpenters, and Cap^t. Anthony, Attended the Board According to Summons Except M^r. Wallace who was gone in the Country—

The Following Letter was wrote to his Excell^{cy} the Governor in Answer to his of the 13th

Navy Board 16th February 1779—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy conformable to your Excell^e [break] Letter of the 13th have Consulted Mess^{rs}. Pritchard, Hamilton Edgar, Shrewsberry & Lawrence Ship Carpenters also Captⁿ. Anthony who upon Stating the Subject to them are of Opinion that the following Vessels may be got ready—

a Large Schooner at present belonging to Alex^r Wright Esq^r (who Asks £16,000 for her and her Materials) may be Completed in a fortnight to Mount 4-12 pounders to fight them on either Side

A Boat belonging to the public at Pritchards yard to mount 1-26 pounder—in 1- Month

A Boat belonging to M^r John Berwick who asks £8000 for her to Mount 1-26 pounder 1 Month

A Boat on the Hard at Trotts Point Owner not known by the Commiss^{rs} to Mount 1-26 Pounder 1 Month

A Boat of Col^o. Laurens's to Mount 1-26 pounder 1 Month

The Beaufort Gally to Carry 2-12—& 8-4 pounders may be Launched in a Month

The Ribbs of a Ship now on the Stocks at the Ship Yard may be finished to carry 10-26 pounders to fight on either side to draw about 7 feet water & be ready in 3 Months if Materials can be procured and 30 hands

The Commissioners of the Navy upon inquiring of the Ship Carpenters find that there are about 120 Ship Carpenters White and Black (Including their own hands) in and about Charles Town, many of whom are employed at Present upon private work and who the Commissioners are of opinion it may be necessary to have an Order from your Excellency to induce them to engage in the public Yards—

To

His Excellency }
the Governor—

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r.

Then Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 6 oClock

Navy Board. Thursday 18th. Febr^y 1779—Adjourned to next Monday Even^g 6 oClock—

Navy Board. Monday 22^d February 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner

Josiah Smith, John Edwards, Esq^{rs}—

The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

A Letter from his Excellency the Governor in Answer to One of the 16th—

Sir/

Cha^s Town Feb^y 17th 1779—

I Laid the Inclosed Report before the Council—their Advice is, that the Commissioners of the Navy be directed to Engage and fit for the public service the first Six Vessells therein Mentioned, that such 3 or 4 of them as will be most serviceable and can be soonest Dispatched be finished with all possible Expedition, that as many workmen as can be procured be Employed in that service— This Advice coinciding with my Opinion I Request that the Navy Board will take the most Effectual Means for carrying the Measure into Execution as speedily as possible— It is Expected that all private work, at Ship yards will be laid aside untill the public is served in this Matter so that they may be, done with the utmost speed, and you will notify to me the Names of any who refuse to Comply with this Expectation should there be any such which I hope there will not

I am Sir

Y^r. very Hbl^e Serv^t.

signed J Rutledge

Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first }
Comm^r. of the Navy }

M^r. Wallace attended the Board this Evening and agreed to undertake to finish a Galley as soon as possible after he receives the Vessel for that purpose—

A Letter to M^r. Paul Pritchard of the 17th—

M^r. Paul Pritchard

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board request that you do lay a Side all private work at the State Yard, and that you Employ all the Hands belonging to the Yard to work on the large Flatt and have her altered, Sufficiently Strengthened and Compleatly fitted as a Galley to Mount One Twenty six pound Cannon in the Bows and Two smaller Guns in the waist to fight them all on Either side Occasionally, with stocks to Mount Eight or Ten Swevels Guns, and to row with as many Oars as possible to be fitted with Masts and Yards, to carry two Latteen Sails. . . .

Feb^y 17th 1779—

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Note to John Lewis Gervais Esq^r—

Edward Blake presents his Compliments to John Lewis Gervais Esq^r. and Acquaints him that the Commissioners of the Navy Board having received an Order from his Excellency the Governor to fitt out Several Galleys for the protection of the Inlets in this State, have Consulted all the principle Carpenters on the most Expeditious way to Carry said Order into Execution, they recommend that the Commissioners should purchase Several Vessels Mentioned by them as fitt for that Service One of which belongs to the Honbl^e. Henry Laurens Esq^r., as that Gentleman is off the State, and you have the principle direction of his affairs, the Board of Commissioners will be much Obliged to you if you will let them have her for the use above Mentioned which will be doing a very Essential Service to the State in General And whatever price she may be appraised at they will readily pay—

Febr^y. 18th. 1779 — — }
John Lewis Gervais Esq^r }

A Letter to M^r. Dan^l Smith Commissary—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Endeavour by Every means in your power to procure— with all possible Dispatch Six 6 Inch Hawsers of Sixty fathoms Long Each, and all the small Cordage from One to Three Inches that you possibly can for the use of the Naval Department

To Dan^l Smith—
Naval Commissary
18th Febr^y. 1779.. }

By Order of the Board—
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r.

A Letter to M^r David Edgar

M^r. David Edgar

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Naval Departm^t Request that you do with all possible Dispatch finish & Launch the Beaufort Galley, and that you do Immediately furnish the Clerk of the Board with the Dementions of all the Sparrs, that the Rigging and Sails may be provided in time and that you do Engage any Number of hands you may think Necessary, and any Materials or Sparrs that may be wanted for said Vessel

Febr^y. 18th 1779— } —
M^r David Edgar }

By Order of the board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to M^r. Edward Shrewsberry—
M^r. Edward Shrewsberry—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy
boar[break] request that you will Immediately Employ as many
han[break] to work on the Schooner (Late M^r. Wrights) as you
possibly [break] to advantage, and that you will with all possible
Dispatch have her Altered and Completed for a Galley to Mount
One Twenty six pound Cannon in her Bow, and to be able to fight
4. Eighteen pounders on Either side— By Order of the board
Febr^y. 18th 1779— Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r
M^r. Shrewsberry will be pleased to take Immediate Charge of
Coll^o Laurens boat now laying at Prioleaus Wharf and have her put
in Immediate good Order for the service required

I am Sir

19th Febr^y. 1779—

Your Hbl^e Serv^t.

Edw^d Blake

A Note from the first Comm^r. to his Excellency the Govern^r—
Edw^r Blake Presents his Compliments to his Excellency the Govern^r
and Acquaints him that on receipt of his Directions to fit the Gallies
he wrote to M^r. Gervais respecting Coll^o Laurens Boat and
Acquainted him the State was realy in want of her, and begged he
would spare her, that she should be appraised, and the Commiss^{rs}
would pay the Value, he this Afternoon rece^d. the Inclosed, and
would be glad of your Excellencys Directions respecting her and
whether or not the Commiss^{rs} may promise to return her to M^r Ger-
vais when the Public may be done with her, Should they be directed
to take her—

She is now in Town and may be ready very soon E B— will
be glad of your Excellencys Answer as Early as possible as an
Answer cannot be given to M^r. Gervais till then—

19th Feb^y. 1779 }

His Excellency the Governor }

M^r Gervais's Letter refered to by the first Commiss^r.

M^r. Gervais presents his Compliments to M^r. Blake and Acquaints
him that he Consulted M^r Laurens's Attorneys Concerning the
Boat who are of Opinion that if she is absolutely wanted for public
service, the public must have her, but they are sorry that after being
Obliged to break up four plantations the means of receiving any
Advantage from his Other plantation will b[break] taken away—
particularly when it was considered that two yea[break] ago the

public had already a Vessel of his, and refused to let him have her again when the public wanted her no longer, be[break] she could be sold for more money at public sale, Therefore it would appear reasonable to leave him at least as the last resort, at any rate M^r. Gervais hopes she wont be appraised less than she Cost, and that when the public shall have no longer use for her he shall have the refusal at the same price he will be allowed, and that she shall be put in the same Order she is delivered—

Fryday 19th Febr^y. 1779—

His Excellency the Governours Answer—

I think the Terms proposed by M^r. Gervais reasonable viz That the public sh^d. allow what the Boat Cost and return her when they have no further Occasion for her at the same rate if Required but I presume the former wo^d be satisfactory However when the public wants her no longer, the present Owner sho^d Certainly have her returned if he Chuses it with^t, any advance of price—

A Note to M^r. John Stevenson—

M^r. Stephenson

Sir/

please furnish Cap^t. Pyne with a Schooner to take on board the Hornets Guns till the Brigg is Cleaned

22^d Febr^y 1779—

I am Yours &^c

Edw^d Blake

The following Orders was drawn on the Treas^y for in fav^r. of—

Dan ^l Smith Commissary to purchase Necessary stores } for the use of the Navy dated 18 th . Inst. }	£2000 — —
Will ^m Russell for an Anchor for the Brigg Hornet.	IIII. 5—
John Calvert for the Tryal Pilot boats pay bill to the } 13 th Janr ^y Last. }	672 — —
John Scott Jun ^r . for Mahogany for the Hobcaw Ship Y ^d	1712. 7—

Jacob Boomer 3 Beef Acco^{ts}. viz—

Ship Yard late Cochrans	£800. 5.	
Notre Dame.	85. 10	
Sloop Family Trader.	57. 7.6	
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£6438. 14.6—

Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board. . . . Thursday 25th Febr^y— 1779—
Adjourned to next Monday Even^g 5 oClock—

Navy Board. . . . Saturday 27th February 1779—
Extra Meeting

The Board Mett According to Summons—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r first Commiss^r

John Edwards Edward Darrell } Esq^{rs}—
Josiah Smith George A Hall. . }

The Minutes of Last Meeting was read—

A Note from his Excellency the Governor—

Sir/

Be pleased to put Cap^t. Turner who is appointed to the Command of the Eagle Pilot boat the Necessary Instructions and Directions for having her Ready for Service, as soon as possible

Feb^y— 25th 1779—

Your Most Obed^t Serv^t

To Edward Blake Esq^r. first }
Commiss^r of the Navy— }

(Signed) J Rutledge

The Board agreed to Take M^r Wrights Schooner at the price pro
[break]osed by M^r. Thomas Waring which is. . . . £16000 —

Ordered that Cap^t. Turner Ship hands for the Eagle Pilot
boa[break] to make up his Complement Twenty five Officers
Included—and that Mess^{rs}. Smith and Knights Ship Ten hands
Each for the Galleys to be Commanded by them—

A Letter to his Excellency the Governor—

Navy Board 26th Febr^y 1779—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to Inform
your Excellency that they are in want of a Quantity of Rum &
Flower for the use of the Naval Department that the Commissary
has Inform^d this Board that he Cannot purchase Flower under
Seventy pounds ₤ 100 w^t. and West India Rum One Hh^d. Only for
Seventeen pounds 10/- all Other persons Ask Twenty pounds ₤
Gallon, Carolina Rum Fifteen pounds ₤ Gallon The Commissioners
will be glad of your Excellencys advice respecting the purchase of
those Necessary Articles—

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

His Excellency }
the Governor— }

A Letter from the Clerk of this Board to the first Commissioner
Sir/

A place has lately Offered (that is purchasing Commissary of Public Stores) for which I offered myself a Candidate, and was Yesterday by the Governor and Privy Council, Elected to that Office on which I am Obliged to decline the Office of Clerk to the Navy Board, I hope no Gentleman of that Honorable Board will blame me for so doing. Mr. Edwards on my being Elected desired I would Think of some proper person to Supply or fill that Vacancy, I am of Opinion if agreable to the Gentlemen of the Board, that Mr. William Birt is a fitt person for that office, who is willing to undertake it, Should the Gentlemen not think of any One Else they may think more fitt

Chas ^s Town 26 th Febr ^y 1779—	}	I am D ^r — Sir with due respect Your Most Obed ^t Hbl ^e Serv ^t John Calvert
To Edward Blake Esq ^r — first		
Commiss ^r of the Navy Board		

A Letter to Cap^t. Robert Cochran

Sir/ Navy Board 27th Febr^y 1779—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board again request that you do Settle with Mr. John Calvert for all such Monies as has been received by you for Powder Money, Buoys & Beacons, as there is a Necessity of that Account being Immediately Settled, and the Money paid into the Hands of the Clerk of this Board

To Cap ^t Cochran—	By Order of the Board Edw ^d Blake first Commis ^s ^r
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Adjourned to next Monday Evening 5 oClock—

Navy Board. Monday 1st March 1779—

The Board Mett According to Adjournment

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Commissioner
John Edwards, Roger Smith Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}—
The Minutes of last Meeting was read—

Order of the Privy Council—

In the Privy Council Wednesday 24th Febr^y 1779—
Ordered that Will^m Tryon late Lieut^t of the Notre Dame be appointed Captain of the Beaufort Galley he being the Eldest Lieut^t in the Service—

By his Excellency the Governor
with the Advice of the Board
(Signed) Jn^o Colecock Sec^y. P^y. C^l—

Order of the Privy Council—

In the Privy Council Saturday 27th Febr^y 1779—
 Ordered that the Navy Board do send out the Rattlesnake & Hornet on a Cruize that the Rattlesnake do land at Beaufort the Stores she has on board for that place, and then Join the Hornet and Continue Cruising with her for not more than Ten days and that the Rattlesnake do go to and be stationed at S^t Helina

By his Excellency the Governor with
 the Advice of the Board

(Signed) Jn^o Colcock Sec^y P^y- C^l—

Instructions for Cap^t. Abel Frisbee—

Navy Board February the 28th 1779—

Sir/

With the Schooner Rattle Snake now under your Command you are to Embrace the first favourable Opertunity to proceed to Sea in Company with the State Brigg Hornet and the privateer Brigg Munmouth, and to Cr[break] in Company with them Vessels a long the Coast until you get as far to the Southward as S^t Helina Sound, or Port Royal Bar which ever may be most Convenient and safe for you to go into, you are then to proceed with all possible Dispatch to Beaufort, where you are to Deliver all the Stores you have on board for that Fort, to the Commanding Officer there & take his receipt for the same, after Landing all the stores at Beaufort you are then to go to S^t Helina and there remain, untill you receive further Orders from the Board, During the time you are on the Cruize, or that you may be Stationed at S^t. Helina, you are to Endeavour by every means in Your power to Take, Sink, Burn, or Destroy any Vessels or Goods belonging to the King of Great Britain, or any of his Subjects (Except such as belong to the Islands of Bermuda or new Providence, and all prizes Taken by you during the Cruize, you are to send to Charles Town or some safe Inlet in the State of South Carolina, and you are to Treat all presioners with Humanity and Tenderness and to Advise the Board by every Opertunity of Every Transaction worth Communicating, The Commissioners particularly recommend that you Endeavour by Every means in your power to Cultivate Harmony and Good understanding among the officers and Seamen, and that you Cause a regular and good Command to be Carried by all the Officers in their different Stations, and that you have the whole of the Vessels Company properly Quartered and Stationed, and regularly Exercised, to the Cannon and Small Arms Once Every Day, And that the rules of the Navy be Con-

stantly hung up in some public part of the Vessel where they may at all times be seen by any of the Crew, and that the same be publicly read to the whole Vessels Company Once every week— You are to be particularly Carefull that no Provisions or Stores belonging to [break] Vessel be waisted or Extravigently Expended, and you are to Cause Ev[break] Warrant Officer to keep an Exact and Regular Account of all Stores Expended in their Different Departments, and make a regular return to you Once Every Month, which you are Carefully to Examine and when found right to Sign them, and at the End of the Cruize, you are to Cause Each of them to Deliver to the Clerk of the Navy Board a General return of all Stores Expended, and of all Stores of Every kind that remain on Board, as no pay Bill will be allowed untill such returns have been examined by the Board—

As an Encouragement to the Officers and Seamen in the Navy of this State, to Engage privateers belonging to the Enemy, the State has agreed that all Vessels fitted out by the Enemy against the United States of America Taken by any of the States Vessels shall belong wholly to the Captors, and if any Man in the service shall be anyways Maimed or Disabled in any Engagement with the Enemy, he is provided for, And if any man is killed and Leaves a wife and Child they are to be provided for by the State this you are frequently to Inform the whole Crew off—

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to Cap^t. John Turner

Navy Board February 28th 1779—

Cap^t. John Turner

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Naval Department Direct that you do Attend the Altering and fitting of the Eagle pilot boat and that you do hurry the Carpenters all in your power, and that no delay may happen for want of hands to man her, you are directed Immediately to Ship all your Officers, and Men, to Serve Six Months, And as an Encouragement for Seamen to Enter into the Service you are to pay to Every Seaman, at the time he signs Articles Thirty Dollars Bounty, for which purpose the Board will supply you with Money You are also to make out proper Indents of all such stores as you will want for a Cruize of three Months, and Deliver said Indents to the Commissary for the Naval

Department, who has Orders to furnish the same without Delay—

By Order of the Board

To Cap^t. John Turner of } — Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r—
the pilot boat Eagle }

Instructions for Captⁿ James Pyne

Captⁿ James Pyne

Navy Board February 28th 1779—

Sir/

The State Brigg Hornet of which you are Captain being now Compleatly fitted, well Manned, and having a full Quantity of Provisions and Stores, and now ready to proceed on a Cruiz[break] the Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do *Embrace* the first favourable Opertunity to proceed to Sea in Company with the State Schooner Rattle Snake Captⁿ Frisbee, and the privateer Brigg of war Munmouth Captⁿ Ingersall, and that you Continue to Cruize in Company Close a Long the Coast, as far to the Southward as Tybee, and as far to the Northward as Cape Fear, not Exceeting Ten days from the time you leave Charles Town Barr, during which time you are by every means in your power, Endeavour to Take, Sink Burn, or Destroy, any of the Vessels or goods belonging to the King of Great Britain or any of his Subjects, Except such as belong to the Islands of Bermuda or new providence and in order to prevent Seperation during the Cruize you are to furnish Cap^{ts}. Frisbee and Ingersall with proper Signals, before you Sail Over the Bar of Charles Town The Commissioners particularly recommend that you do Endeavour by every means in your power to Cultivate Harmony and a Good Understanding, between all the Officers and Seamen, on board the Different Vessels, and that you Cause a regular and good Command to be Carried by all the Officers in their different stations on board the Hornet, and that you have all the Vessels Company properly Quartered and Stationed before you leave the Harbour, and that you Cause them to be regularly Exercised to the Great Guns and small Arms Once every day, and that the Rules of the Navy to be Constantly fixed in some public part of the Vessel where they may at all times be seen by any of the Crew and that the same be publickly read to the whole Vessells Company Once every week— You are not to Suffer any provissions or Stores belonging to the Vessel to be wasted or Extravigantly Expended, and you are to Cause every Warrant Officer to keep Exact and regular Accounts of all Stores Expended in their different Departments and make regular returns to you [break]very Month, which you are Carefully to Examine and when found right to sign

them, and at the End of three Months you *are* to Cause Each of them to return to the Clerk of the Board a General return of all stores Expended, and of all Stores of every kind that remain on board as no pay bill will be passed till such returns have been Examined— Should you be so fortunate as to take any prize, you are to put on board a proper person as prize Master with a sufficient number of men to Navigate her with Orders to proceed to Charles Town or some Inlet in the State of South Carolina, and to treat all prisoners with Humanity and Tenderness, and by Every Opertunity Advise the Board of Every Transaction worth Communicating— As an Encouragement to the Officers and Seamen in the Navy of this State to Engage privateers belonging to the Enemy, the state has agreed that all Vessells fitted out by the Enemy to Cruize against the United States of America, taken by any of the State Vessels shall belong wholly to the Captors, and in Case any man in the Service shall be maimed or any way disabled, he is provided for, and if any man is Killed in the service and leave a wife or Children they are to be provided for by the State, this you are to Inform the whole Vessels Company of—

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to Cap^t. Thomas Smith

Navy Board February 28th 1779—

Cap^t Tho^s Smith

Sir/

the Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Immediately apply to M^r. Edward Shrewsberry— for the Length of the Masts and Yards, that the Sails may be made for the South Edisto Galley, which is now fitting by him and which you are appointed Captain off, and that you do attend and Hurry the Carpenters all in your power— And that no delay may happen for want of hands to Compleat the Riging &c. [break] Commissioners Direct that you do Immediately Ship *all y*[break] officers and Ten Men to Serve as Seamen for Six Months *which* is the Time you are to Enlist all your Men for, And to *every* Man Enlisting as above you are to pay Thirty Dollar[break] *Bounty* on his signing the Articles The Commissioners will furnish you with Money for that purpose— You are Immediately to make out proper Indents of all the Stores of every kind that you may want to Compleat and fitt said Galley for service, which Indent you are to Deliver to M^r. Daniel Smith, Com-

missary for the Naval Department who has Orders to furnish the same without Loss of time—

By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to M^r. Dan^l Smith Commissary—
M^r. Dan^l Smith Navy Board February 28th 1779.

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Naval Department Direct that you do furnish Captⁿ. Thomas Smith of the South Edisto Galley and Captⁿ John Turner of the Eagle pilot boat with all such provisions and stores as may be wanted to fitt said Vessels for Service and that you direct the Different Blockmakers to make a Number of Six, Eight, Nine and Ten Inch Blocks for the different Gallies now fitting out, and that you also Engage Cables and Cordage to Supply said Vessels with, that no delay may Happen for want of any Article after the Carpenters are done with them

Dan^l Smith Esq^r.
Commiss^y for Naval } By Order of the Board
Department. . . } Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to M^r. Samuel Beekman—
M^r. Sam^l Beekman Navy Board February 28th 1779

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board are in Immediate want of a Compleat Sett of Blocks for the New Brigg now on the Stocks at the State Ship Yard (late Cochrans) they desire that you will with all possible dispatch Furnish said Blocks, And as there is a Necessity for fitting said Vessel for Immediate service with Dispatch, the Commissioners request that you will set a side all private work untill you have finished what may be wanted to Compleat said Brigg, as soon as the work is Completed the Board will Order Immediate payment

M^r. Sam^l Beekman & Co— By Order of the Board
Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

A Letter to Captⁿ. William Hall—

Navy Board 1st March 1779—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Direct that you do with all possible Dispatch get the Brigg Notre Dame Compleatly fitted and Manned to proceed on a Cruize, and in Order to Encourage Seamen to Enter into the Service of the State the Bounty is Advanced to Thirty Dollars for every able Seaman that may Enlist for Six Months, the Commissioners recommend that you do Exert yourself

all in your power to get said Brigg ready, as the service of the State at this time requires it—

By Order of the Board

Cap^t. Will^m Hall

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

Resolved that Three Negroes purchased by M^r. Paul Pritchard from Waring Esq^r. be for the use of the State Ship Yard at Hobcaw, and that the first Commissioner do Join in Bond with M^r. Pritchard for payment of the purchase Money for the said Three Negroes—

By Order of the Board

Edw^d Blake first Commiss^r

M^r. William Birt made application to the Board by Letter Directed to the first Commissioner to Become Clerk of the Navy Board in the place of John Calvert who has Resigned— The Board took M^r. Birts Application into Consideration and he was thereupon Sworn in Clerk to the said Board—

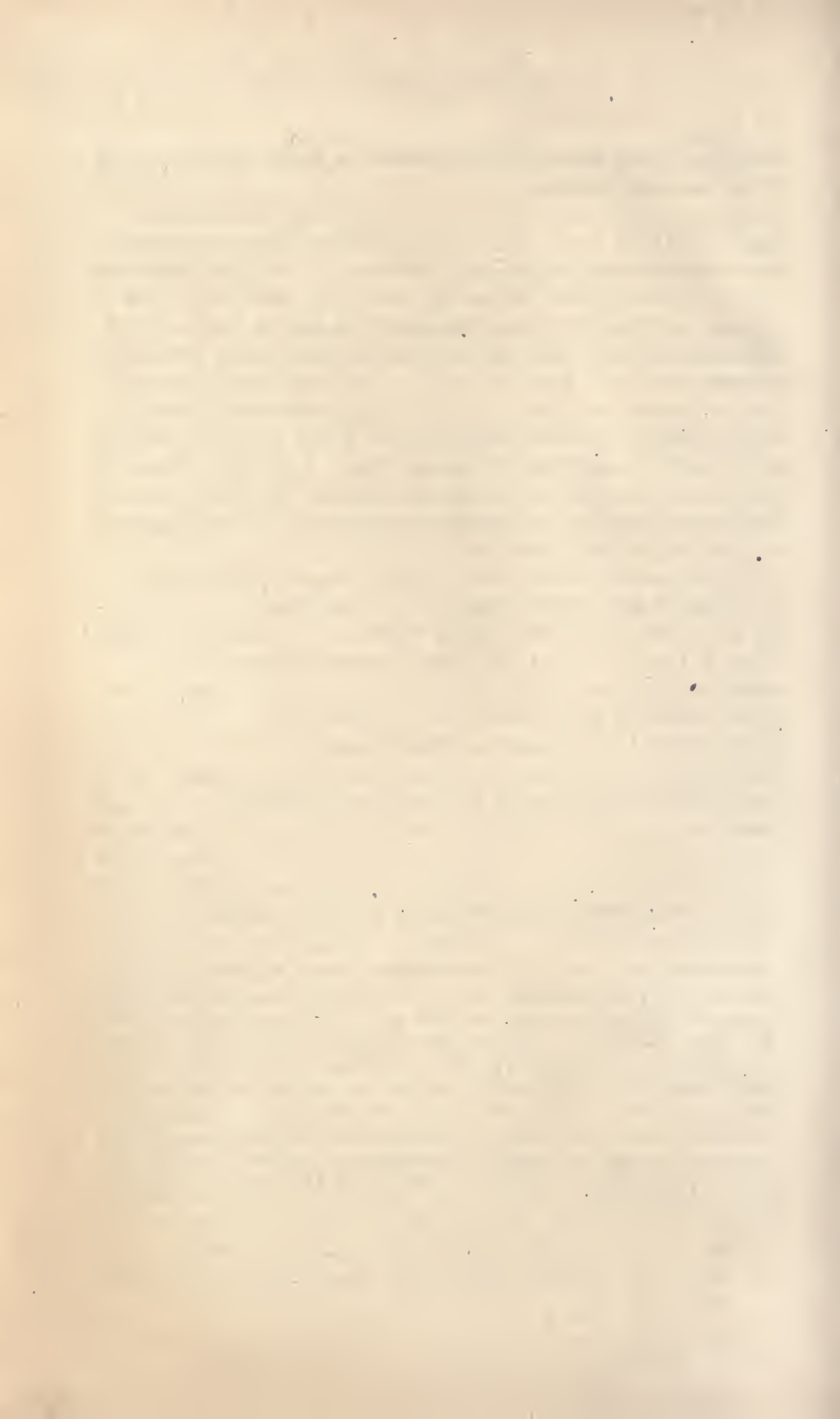
The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury in favo^r. of—

John Calvert for Amo ^t . of the Notre Dames pay } bill to the 20 th Febr ^y 1779 being 4 Months	} £5151.6 [break]	
White & Doughty for 33 Bbls Tarr sold the Commis- sary a £12		396 ———
Tho ^s Corbett for 400 w ^t Shott ditto . . . a 15/..		300 ———
Will ^m Selthridge his acco ^t as Boat keeper to 17 th Janr ^y — —		251. 5 —
James Bricken for Langrage & Sundrys for the Rattle Snake		143. 2 —

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Adjourned to next Thursday Evening 5 oClock—¹

¹Here ends the fourth of the small books in which the journal was kept, and here also end the entries by John Calvert. There is a break in the journal to Thursday, July 22, 1779. The next of the small books in which the original journal was kept, and which had been bound in with the other four by the New York authorities, was a little larger than the first four, and the fire burned it so deeply on the back that the stitching all came out, and when it was received from New York it was impossible to tell whether it had begun where Calvert's journal had left off and the part between March 1, and July 22, had been lost as a consequence of the fire, or whether that part of the journal had been kept in another small book that had never been acquired by New York.



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