

to the squadron in America which you may happen to fall in c. s. c. with on the coast of America. You are to take care to keep such signals as private as possible and when you quit his majestys service as a store ship or transport; you are to deliver up the paper directing the signals to the admiral or commander in chief of the fleet in America. proper orders are sent to his majestys ships on that station, and by a strict observance of these rules you will perfectly distinguish your friends from any foes. You are take care not to go into Boston or any other port in America until you shall meet with some of his majestys ships who can conduct you in, direct you to the place where the Army is, and assure you that it is a port of Safety.

I am sir your most obedient humble Servant
John Robinson

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Private signals for knowing each other, to be observed by the ships and vessels under the command of the admiral commanding in chief in America :

By Day. The ship to Windward shall lower down her Foretop-sail, which the ship to Leeward shall answer by lowering down the maintopsail. Then the ship to Windward shall hoist an english Jack at her maintopmast head which the ship to Leeward shall answer by hoisting an English Jack at her foretopmast head. Then both ships shall hoist their proper colours.

By Night. The ship to Windward shall hoist four lights where they can be best seen one over the other. The ship to Leeward to hoist four lights abreast of each other where they can be best seen. Then the ship to Windward to burn one false fire, and the other to burn two. These signals to be kept as private as possible.

Php. Stephens adm^y office 22 Sept^r 1775 (Copy)

[Beatty & Johnson to Council.]

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Gentlemen. By a resolve of the late convention, there is to be sums of money transmitted to the Committees of observation in the respective Counties to defray the expenses of the several minute Companies, Cap^t Strickers demands by a special order of the Convention are discharged. Cap^t Youngs and Cap^t Goods remain otherwise. some of the men in those companies are anxious to have what is due, and we believe the captains have an uneasy time of it if business will admit you to attend to this matter, and you will have the money sent up