

C. S. C.

[George Cook to Smith.]

On Board the Defence March 10th 1777

Sir. Last Saturday was solicited by Cap^t Jervis & Bolton, Mr Lions a mate & a foremastman all prisoners taken by the ship Defence of the state to obtain leave on parole, to be exchanged at New York. I have advised with several gentlemen on this head, particularly with M^r William Lux and yourself who all agree with me in the justice of letting them go on parole to be exchanged for some of those prisoners belonging to this state now at New York, And taken in one of the prizes that the ship. I by no means would have ventured to have given them a parole without particularly laying it before the General Assembly and getting their approbation for it, would time have permitted. this day I am informed that several persons belonging to the United States are to set out under the care of Lieu^t Matthewman to Philadelphia (of those states) who is to endeavour to effect an exchange for himself and others. I have enclosed you a copy of the paroles given, and their acknowledgement to us which I hope will be satisfactory.

I am sir y^r most Hble Serv^t

George Cook.

To John Smith Esq^r Annapolis:

[Parole of James Scott.]

Baltimore March 10th 1777

I do hereby pledge my Hon^r to George Cook Esq^r command^d of the ship of War Defence of Maryland that I will (after having obtained leave of Congress) proceed to New York, and there endeavour to be exchanged for Dennis Larkin formerly belonging to said ship and that in case such exchange cannot be effected that I will immediately return to this place to be disposed of as the Legislative power in the state of Maryland shall direct:

James Scott:

This is to Certify that James Scott of the Snow Georgea, was taken by the Ship of War Defence belonging to the State of Maryland the 5th day of October 1776 that the said James Scott do pass unmolested from this to Philadelphia and no farther without leave from the Hon^l Congress given on board the ship Defence the 10th day of March 1777.

George Cook.

P. S. The above named Jas. Scott was in the merchant service and is sent on his parole of Hon^r Geo. Cook.

James Scott for Dennis Larkin, Cap^t Tho^s Bolton for W^m Carter Henry Jervis for Ja^s Cadery, W^m Lions for Alex^r Stanton, Doct^r Jn^o Lebessues for one of Equal rank.