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[Circular to Naval Officers.]

Circular In Council Annapolis 12th Sept^r 1778

Sir.

We yesterday received a Resolution of Congress, of which the inclosed is a Copy The Recommendations from the Eastern States, we expect, will be laid before this Board and Permission obtained from hence for the lading provisions agreeable to the Recommendation & Resolve before any are suffered to be taken on Board and to prevent, as far as may be any Frauds and at the same Time give the best Security to those who are allowed to carry Provisions to the Eastern States against Captures. We request you will indorse your Certificates of the Clearance of such Vessels on the Permissions which are granted here, keeping a Copy of such Permissions in your Office for your Justification

We are &^{ca}

To the Naval Officers.

[Council to Jenifer.]

In Council Annapolis 12th Sept^r 1778.

Sir.

Yours of the 31st last, reached us to Day. Our former Letter, we hope, prevented your going on in Purchases for the Continent. We hoped that there would be no Occasion for extraordinary Exertions to procure Provisions for the Army and, from Col^o Blane's Letter, which we received this Day, we have the Satisfaction to find that the Quantity of Beef already purchased is abundant. Your very commendable Activity has greatly obliged the Public and us and will be the strongest Inducement to request your further Favors, if the Public should need your Assistance.

We are &^{ca}

Daniel Jenifer Esq^r

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Monday 14 September 1778.

Present as on Saturday

Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to John Earle Commander of the Sloop Rutledge, mounting 4 swivels and 6 small Arms 30 Tons burthen navigated by 10 Men owned by Benjamin Crockett & others, Josiah Hill Com. of the Sloop Mercury mounting 11 Carriage Guns, 4 Swivels and 16 small Arms 60 Tons burthen navigated by 45 Men belonging to Isaac Vanbiber & others John Winning Com^r of the Sloop Fly, mounting 10 Carriage Guns 10 swivels and 20