

have remitted and restored and do by these Presents remit c. B. and restore the said Sloop Friendship her Tackle Apparel and Furniture and also the said Flour Wheat and Bread to the former Owners thereof respectively On Condition that they pay and satisfy all Lawful costs and expences incurred on the Prosecution of the said Vessel and her Cargoe, in the said Court of Admiralty to be ascertained or adjudged by the judge of the same Court. Given at Annapolis under the Great Seal of the said State this twenty third Day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight

[Council to J. Strawbridge.]

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In Council Annapolis 23^d Nov^r 1778.

Sir.

Inclosed you receive a Copy of the Act for the Relief of sundry of the Inhabitants of this State, by which you will see that several Persons mentioned in it are excused from paying any Assessment heretofore imposed on the inhabitants of this State and are to have a Return of what may already have been collected from them and that the Governor and Council are empowered in Similar Cases to give the like Relief by making an Allowance in the present or any future Assessment, but those who have not taken and subscribed the Oath or Affirmation of Fidelity and Support to this State as directed by the Act for the better security of the Government are excepted from the Relief to be given by the Governor and Council. We also inclose you a List of sundry People who have petitioned to be relieved but we are not furnished with a proper Evidence of their being "compelled by the Enemy to leave their Habitations and that they were thereby rendered incapable to carry on their Business or Occupations" and also of their having taken the Oath of Fidelity according to Law. We wish to give the intended Relief where due, and to avoid any Imposition and therefore, we request you will make known to those who desire our Order, that we except Affidavits to be transmitted to us, proving the Fact of their having been compelled by the Enemy to leave their Habitations and that they were thereby rendered incapable to carry on their Business or Occupations and for how long, and that if the Fact was so their Property was taken away, destroyed or damaged or their Crops or Fences injured and also a Certificate from the Justice who administered it or the County Clerk that the Person took and subscribed the Oath or Affirmation according to the Act. p. 205

In many Instances you may know that those who are charged