

September duct will meet with your Excellencies Approbation. The bearer
 Red Book³⁰ Mr Bennet brings receipts for 753 bushels of Corn transported to
 No. 26 the head of Elk, for the use of the State. 60 bushels of which was
 Letter carried on Acc^t of Mr Jackson, for which I have rec^d a Certificate
 No. 52 for the freight at 30s p Bushel. Necessity obliged me to retain 9
 bushels of the Corn purchased on Acc^t of the State at £7.10 p bushel,
 which sum deducted out of the freight on 693 bushels leaves a bal-
 ance of £972 for which sum, I request the favour of your Excellency
 & Honours to give me an order on the Collector of the Tax. I have
 also sent the Certificate of the Valuation of my schooner, Taken by
 the Enemy in the Service of The State, And request the favour of
 you to Give me an order on the Treasurer of the Eastern shore for
 the Amount. I am much in want of Cartridge boxes, lead, and a
 few Camp kettles, If they can be furnished I will send to Kent
 Island by land for them.

October [Luther Martin, pro Libel. Thomas Sollers To the Honourable
 Benjamin Nicholson Judge of the Court of Admiralty of the
 State of Maryland]

The Libel of Thomas Sollers Naval Officer of the Port of Balti-
 more who Prosecutes as well for himself as the State of Maryland
 Humbly sheweth that on the day of October in the year of
 our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty at the Port
 of Baltimore, within the Jurisdiction of this Honourable Court
 Sixteen Barrels of Bread, and Fifteen Barrels of Flour were Laden
 on Board of the Sloop Experiment Leigh Master Owner in order to
 be Exported by Water out of the State of Maryland to wit unto the
 Island of New Providence Contrary to the form of the Act in that
 Case made and Provided and that he the said Thomas did then and
 there the said Sloop Together with her Furniture, Tackle Apparel
 and Cargo, seise and take wherefore he Prays that the same may be
 Condemned as Lawful Prize to the use of the said Thomas and
 the State, and that your Honour will make such order and Decree
 thereon as to Your Honour shall seem meet &c.

And the said Thomas Sollers on behalf of himself and the State
 by his Libel further shews to your Honour that on the day and year
 aforesaid, at the Port of Baltimore within the Jurisdiction of this
 Court, he the said Thomas Sollers did Take and Seize as lawfull
 Prize the Sloop Experiment Together with her Furniture, Takle,
 Apparel and Cargo Consisting of Fifteen Barrels of Flour, sixteen
 Barrels of Bread, Four Barrels of Apples one Clock &c which said
 Sloop Furniture, Takle, Apparel and Cargo then was the Property
 of Leigh Masters, and Sundry other persons Subjects of the King
 of Great Brittain, and Enemies of this State, and of the United
 States of America. Wherefore the said Thomas Sollers, Prays that
 the said Sloop with her Furniture, Apparel, Takle and Cargo, may