besides three Barrels of Apples, three Barrels of Cyder, about October 28 Twenty pounds weight of Butter, six small Gammons, fourteen Tongues, and one Box of Soap, also about Two Tons of Pigg Iron for Ballast, every of the said Articles (Soap & Tongues excepted) your Memorialist, had brought from his own Plantation. The man who had the charge of the Vessell, having many Errands, on shore about the Vessell's materialls, directed one of the Prisoners (that was to Act as mate) to take in and Stow the Bread & Flour. it appears upon searching the Vessell, that he had taken in Six Barrells of Flour more than your Memorialist had directed to be put on board. That when your memorialist waited upon his Excellency the Gov^r & Council, to the best of his knowledge (having lost or mislaid the paper) he had directions to take on board, Four Barrels of Flour & Four Barrels of Beef, without any mention of Bread, which your Memorialist apprehends was forgot, at that Time, did not expect the prisoners wou'd exceed five in number. But on having Ten prisoners put on board, was the only reason, why your Memorialist, order'd the Twenty four Barrels of Bread & flour to be taken in, and the Quantity of Beef is not more than what his Excellency the Gov^r & Council & allowed for Five men. On Thursday the 26th of Oct. 1780 your memorialist order'd the Sloop, to fall below the Point, expecting to sail the next day: but was stopp'd by Thomas Sollars Esq^r the Naval officer, who told your memorialist, he had information, that Eighty Barrels of Provisions was on board the Flagg and on searching the Hold he told your Memorialist, that he had counted, Thirty Barrels of Bread & Flour, upon which he order'd the Flagg sloop along side of a Vessell, commanded by a certain Capⁿ Allen. & believes, he gave him charge of her, for on Friday the 27th of Oct. 1780 in the morning, the said Capⁿ Allen. sent his Hands & took away the long Boat, from the said Flagg and in the afternoon of the same day, Thomas Sollars Esq^r in C° with M^r Askquith (his Deputy) & the said Capⁿ Allen, came on board the Flagg, and made a formal seizure, put the broad Arrow upon, and intirely disposessed your Memorialist of her, and remanded the prisoners back to Gaol, researched Her, to see if every thing was in the same State as the preceeding night on overhauling the Hold, Two negro men, was found there concealed, how, or when they came on board, is intirely unknown to your memorialist, as will appear by his Affidavit, hereto annexed. Your Memorialst humbly hopes, that his Excellency the Gov^r his Council & the Honourable Senators & delegates will take this matter into, their most serious consideration and when they are convinced of the great expence, Risque & Trouble, your Memorialist has been at, in bringing the prisoners in perfect Health and safety from Providence to Baltimore, they will be pleased, as soon as possible to give orders for his Vessell and such quantity of provisions to be restored to him, as