

October 28 they may Judge sufficient for the intended Voyage, as your Memorialists, affairs at Providence require his immediate presence, And further humbly hopes that any thing, that has been done, thro' inadvertency, will not construed, to be done with design or intention of Injuring The Country, Your Memorialist, having not only, a very considerable property in this State, but has with great Labour almost Perfected a Scheme, that will, if adopted, be of the utmost consequence, to the Welfare of this State and the whole Continent of America

Baltimore County in the State of Maryland Js<sup>t</sup>

Befor me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for said County Voluntarily came Legh Master and made Oath, that the Two negroes found in the hold of his Sloop Experiment, was there without his Knowledge privity or consent, & further declareth, that the orders he gave David Turner, (the person who had the Care of the Vessell) was to take in Twelve Barrells of Bread & Twelve Barrells of Flour, but reflecting that it wou'd be better to have Two Barrells of Flour more than Bread, he order'd the said David Turner to return Two Barrells of Bread & take out Two Barrells of Flour instead thereof, and that he never intended, to put on board any more than the above Quantity; nor was it ever his desire or intention to secret or convey away any Negro or Negroes & further saith not. L Master

Sworn to and subscribed the 28<sup>th</sup> day Oct<sup>r</sup> 1780 before Ja<sup>s</sup> Calhoun

November 9 The answer of Leigh Master to the Libel or Bill of Complaint of Thomas Sollers, Naval officer who prosecutes as well for the State as himself, saith that thirty three Americans, Prisoners of War whose Names are Specified in a List annexed to the Passport or safe Conduct hereafter mentioned were detained as Prisoners of War in New Providence one of the Bahama Islands that your Respondents friendly Disposition towards America added to his Desire to relieve the said Prisoners from the Calamities of Captivity and the Importunity of some Americans residing in the said Island induced him to solicit John Maxwell Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor & Commander in Chief of the Bahama Islands to grant a Flag of Truce to your Respondent to Carry the said Prisoners to Baltimore in North America and receive such British Subjects as should be delivered in Exchange therefor. That the said John Maxwell in Consequence of your Respondents application on the twenty third day of August in the Year Seventeen hundred and Eighty granted a Flag to your Respondent for the above Purpose that your Respondent was Sole Proprietor of the said Sloop Experiment and at his own private expense fitted out the said Sloop and purchased Provisions for the Subsistance of the said Prisoners from new providence to Baltimore