

and expended near one hundred Pounds Gold Currency on that November 9 Account. That your Respondent with the said Prisoners on Board the said Sloop Experiment sailed from the Island of New Providence on or about the twenty third Day of August in the year aforesaid and arrived at the Port of Baltimore on or about the fourteenth day of September last. That it was the Intention of your Respondent to Stop at Annapolis and communicate the Business of the Flag to the Governor of the State but your Respondent passed the said Port of Annapolis in the night without knowing it and was prevented by his Vessel being light and having sprung her mast from returning. That your Respondent on his Arrival at Baltimore went ashore and Carried his Flag & his Commission to M^r Daniel Hughes Deputy Commissary of prisoners that the American Prisoners were set at Liberty and Your Respondent Confined to the said Sloop by the Order of Col^o John Steward as Commanding a military Officer then in the said Town of Baltimore that your Respondent was released from his Confinement & permitted to go to Annapolis to represent the Business of the Flag to the Governor & Council.

That the Governor & Council were of opinion your Respondent had obtained a Flag of Truce from the Governor of New Providence in the Manner and for the purpose herein set forth and permitted your Respondent to refit the said Sloop Experiment and to take in three Barrels of Meat and three Barrels of Flour for the Subsistance of four persons besides your Respondent which number was deemed sufficient to Navigate the said Sloop from Baltimore to New Providence. That your Respondent understood from the Conversation that passed in Council at the Time the said permission was obtained that in case your Respondent could procure British Prisoners in Exchange for the American Prisoners brought to Baltimore that he would be allowed a further Quantity of Meat and Flour according to the above Proportion of three Barrels of Meat and three Barrels of Flour for every five men taken on Board the said Sloop that M^r Daniel Hughes Delivered to your Respondent ten British Prisoners to be Carried to New Providence and your Respondent took a further Quantity of Bread and flour for the Subsistance that the Bread & Flour Shipped on Board the said Sloop with the privity & Consent of Your Respondent and by his Order did not in the whole exceed fourteen Barrels of Flour and ten Barrels of Bread.

That your Respondent has not been reimbursed any part of the sums of Money expended by him in the purchase of Provisions for the use of the American Prisoners brought to Baltimore nor allowed any compensation for his Vessel that your Respondent has not wilfully Violated the Flag nor committed any Act which he supposed Contrary to the Intention thereof and if there has been any Irregularity in his manner of proceeding. It cannot justly be ascribed