

November that seems to be dodgen us, which the said Capt. knows as he says,
 25 to be one of the same fleet, & the weather appearing at this present,
 very unsettled & likely for blowing, and the Cato in a Very indifferent
 State with respect to Seamen. Whether it be thought most Prudent
 to proceed upwards or to resque the chance of the Bay, not having
 more than three Days meat on Board, the opinion of the Court stands
 thus. Comm^r Tibball in the Chair—

	for Returning up the Bay	for Continuing down the Bay
M ^r John Gordon	Master	
Lieu ^t Jones	Capt. Kiersted	Lieu ^t Smith
Lieu ^t & Pilot Ross	Capt. Donathy	Capt. Revely
Lieut. French	Capt. W ^m Middleton	Capt. G. Middleton
Capt. Edgley		

Except he & Cap^t
 Revely with the
 Land forces could
 be landed on the
 Lower Tangier

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[Chas. Blake, Corsica, to Gov. Lee.]

Sir By the Dolphin I send a beef which was missing when the
 drove went off, and has been straying ever since; as I had no more
 to send to Elk I could not think of sending him have order'd him to
 Annapolis to be salted or given to the Men as y^r Excel: may think
 proper. I am now quite at a stand the State money will, not pur-
 chase another bus. of Wheat if y^r Excel. has any Tob^o on hand on
 Choptanck above Oxford or Wye Chester or in Kent Co^{ty} a Gentⁿ
 has offerd to purchase it with Continental money with which wheat
 may be had if y^r Excel: will inform me before next Munday what
 price your would ask and send an order on the Treasurer for the
 notes I can gett thirty thousand pounds down and the rest as soon
 as the notes are receiv'd if y^r price is not to high. If the Dolphin
 could come immediately back with an order and y^r Excel: instruc-
 tions if the Gentⁿ should not agree to the terms I would return the
 order by her he would take 100 hogsheads; I have agreed for no
 price as I could promise no Tob^o he is offering fifty five for single
 hogshead and would probably give more for a quantity. I have sent
 off to Elk 2179¾ of wheat and have now a Vessel loading which
 will have between eleven and twelve hundred bus: on board and
 have about 500 at M^r Hemsleys Mill which will be all I shall be able
 to get unless I am shortly supplied with continental money the wheat
 is going off very fast to those who can give Continental or goods and
 will in a very short time be all gone.

P. S. if I do not gett the order and instructions before Sunday
 night it will be too late. there was a letter directed to me taken from
 Queens Town last week if it was from y^r Excel: about Supplies
 please to send another as some curious person has taken it away.