

Permission given to Capt Patten master of the Schooner Polly, thirty Tons burthen, a square sterned Vessel Ballasted with Iron navigated by himself and six men, to pass with the said Vessel under the Sanction of a Flag of Truce with a sick Gentleman and his Companion on Board and the necessary Stores and Provisions for the Voyage to the Island of Bermuda, and to return again.—

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[W^m Paca, in Council to Captⁿ William Underhill]

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We have appointed you to be a Captain of one of the Barges. You will immediately proceed to enlist 40 Men, to serve in the Barges during the War or 'till the first of next January; those that have seen Service are to be preferred. Captⁿ Handy will deliver you £280..7..1—£160..7..1 of which, is to be applied to the Payment of the Balances due to the Men, late of the Barge Protector, a List of whose Names, with the Sum due to each, you have enclosed. The Residue £120. is to be applied to the Payment of the Bounty to the Men you engage. You will endeavour to engage the Men without advancing any Money, 'til they arrive at this Place; the Advance must not exceed £3; this Advance to be deducted out of their Monthly pay, if you can engage the Men on such Terms, but if you cannot get them without a Bounty, then it must go as a Bounty. You may promise them that they shall receive £3 p Month and be found in Provision and Liquor: two Thirds of the Prizes taken, to be divided among the Captors in the usual Manner. When you get your Compliment of Men, which we hope will be in a very few Days after you receive this, you will bring them to this Place without Delay. Should you think it can be done with Safety, you will bring up the new Barge, built by Col^o Dashiell; but we would not have you risk either the Men or the Barge, unless there should be a strong Probability of coming safe. Should Circumstances render it imprudent to bring up the Barge, you will march the Men by Land, up the Bay, 'til you can cross with Safety. We enclose you a List of Men who engaged for a twelvemonth, and whose Times are not yet expired; we request you will endeavour to collect these Men, and bring them with you; they shall be paid their arrearages when they arrive here, but if they do not come with you, or such Person as you shall appoint to conduct them, they will receive nothing. While you are on the Business of recruiting and bringing up the Men, your reasonable Expences shall be paid. You must supply the Men with Provisions on their Way up, on the best Terms in your Power, keeping exact Accounts to be laid before us on your Arrival. Let us hear from you by the first Opportunity, of your Success, and when you will be up. You may engage such Persons for your first and second Lieutenants, as you may think proper.

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[W Paca in Council to Captⁿ Levin Handy.]

Ibid.

We have appointed M^r Underhill to be captain of one of the Barges. Should he decline to act, we request you will put the Letter