

To the Honble. President & Council

The humble Petition of William Blue Man  
& Master of the Ship Providence

Sheweth humbly that unto your Honours that  
your Petitioner was bound into the Ship Providence  
& began to be ready to sail the 14th under the convoy  
of the Southampton men of war but so it hath happened  
that since his arrival into this Province Captain Bestock  
Commander of her Majesty's Ulster Boat Eagle impress  
ed some of your Petitioner's Sailors which with much persua-  
sion he was pleased to take on Board but being now ordered  
to Virginia demands one George Wright one of the best  
Sailors on board your Petitioner's Ship & has commanded  
him to send him on Board the said Ulster Boat otherwise  
threatning further damage by impressing more of your  
Petitioner's men who are very poor wretches unless your  
Honours will be pleased to buy your petitioner the said Capt  
Bestock to desert impressing his Sailors he is afraid  
his voyage will be utterly overthrown at least must be  
forced to remain in the Country until another Convoy pre-  
sent which will be very Chargeable

Prayed that the said Captain Bestock be told that  
this Board do believe that the said man should be im-  
posed it would be a miracle to double the ship on her  
voyage especially considering he has but six men  
besides two French Rowers of War therefore direct  
him not to take him on board

Captain Bestock being sent for and it was made  
acquainted with the foregoing Order