

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor of Maryland.

The Petition of John Wallace Merchant in Behalf of himself and the Owners and Freight of the Snow Christian George Watt Commander loaded with Wheat and Flour for Liverpool but detained here by an Embargo.

Sheweth

That the said Snow was chartered her Cargo ordered and every Thing in Order to her Voyage so far done before any Account came of the Embargo that there was no going back, years for had represented that the Master was in the Custom House in Order to clear when stopped by the Order for the Embargo as appears by the annexed Certificate.

The most of the Cargo has been so long aboard that by the coming on of the hot Weather it will certainly heat and spoil, in a little time the Worm will bite here so that the Voyage will be ruined and all concerned in it will be much hurt, and our Mother Country so far deprived of the Supply we intended for them which now they exceedingly want.

Your Petitioners are advised that at Home they have suspended the Navigation Act as to Grain, have prohibited the Exportation of any Grain from the Colonies except to Britain and Ireland and several other Things, by which it evidently appears what great Distress they are in, it would therefore seem a little strange that we who want to supply them should be reduced to such Straights here, that even unloading would not prove a Remedy because the Weevil would devour the Wheat in the Warehouse.

They Freighters who are Merchants of Note in Philadelphia have informed us that the General's late Orders have been understood in the utmost Latitude there, and that every Vessel there in the Circumstances of the Christian has been cleared. We hope your Excellency will not allow the Strainers here to be in worse Circumstances than there, or the Grain Trade will suffer much to the great Loss of this Province.

May it therefore please your Excellency to order the Snow to be cleared by which you will relieve us that are distressed here, and be the Means of our relieving the distressed at Home, without injuring any Person or Interest public or private unless it be Consignees of Grain at Home.

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will pray.

John Wallace

I certify that George Watt Master of the Snow Christian applied to the Naval Office to clear the said Vessel on the same Day and about half an Hour before that the Office had Notice the Embargo would be laid that as he then wanted a Clearance from the Collector he was informed that such Clearance was requisite before he could clear at the Naval Office, and he went out of the Naval Office to get his Clearance from the Collector but did not return.

certified by Mrs. Johnson jun^r D^r Naval Office