

Amapolis In Council 17th Sept^r 1770.

Sir. We have writt Mr. Hooc that we do not consent to the Sale of the ^{Genl} ^{Smallwood}, and have desired him to give her up to you; we request you will bring her to this Place as soon as possible — We are &c.

Capt John Rogers.

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Sir. Yesterday the Governour received your Letter of the twelfth, covering the Resolution of Congress of the eleventh Instant. We are sary that Congress should esteem any such Resolution necessary; the End would have been fully answered, by communicating the Information received; the Person who gave that Information to Congress, could not have the least Reason to imagine that the same Information to us, would not, without the Intervention of Congress, have been properly attended to, nor could he but suppose that the sooner we were apprized of an Infraction upon the Embargo, the greater the Probability would be of the Offenders suffering due Punishment. As soon as we had any Intimation that a Breach of our Act was committed, vigorous Measures were taken, many outward bound Vepels were strictly searched, in one of them 32 Barrels of indifferent Flour, more than we judged necessary was discovered, she is an armed Vepel of considerable Force, is owned by Genl of So. Carolina & St. Quotatia, she was ordered to load with Tobacco, the Owners & Consignee, we are satisfied, were intirely innocent and the Capt. did not appear to us to be blameable further than for not having an Eye strict enough on his Sailors who, we believe, stowed it in the Vepel without his Knowledge, for their own Ventures; we therefore thought Proper to remit the Forfeiture of the Vepel, on the thirty two Barrels of Flour being given up. From the Searches which have been made under our Orders and this being the only Instance of an Inceps worth any Notice, we are induced to conclude that the Practice of eluding the Prohibition has not been so common as was represented to us and, we suppose to Congress. Two Bermudian Vepels which were said to have been loaded principally with Flour, came from Baltimore and missed the Officer we sent up; we sent a Galley after them, but without success. In consequence of the Resolution of Congress, inclosed in your Letter of the fifth Instant and agreeable to Recommendations & Resolutions from the Massachusetts Bay, several Vepels from that State have obtained Permissions to load here with Grain and Flour —

His Excell^{ty} Henry Laurens }
Pres^{dt} of Congress

We are Sir with very great Respect
&c.