

In Council Annapolis 16th Nov^r 1770.

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Sir

334.

The Attorney General just now gave us a verbal Account of the Proceedings against the Friendship. We received by the last Post a Letter from the Marine Committee on the Subject of that Prize which was laid before the Assembly. As we understand the Forfeiture is assigned for the Benefit of the State only, and the whole Cargo has been paid for by the United States we are inclined to remit the Forfeiture of the Vessel and Cargo and therefore wish no Order may be immediately made for the Sale of either. You will oblige us by ordering the Register to send us a full Copy of the Proceedings as soon as may be.

We are &c.

The Hon^{ble} Benjⁿ Nicholson
Judge of the Court of Admiralty }

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We inclose you a Copy of the Act passed yesterday, by which you will regulate your Conduct in your Office - Wherever Vessels are cleared with any Articles of Provision under the Orders of Congress or any Committee of Congress, you will mention the Order in your Clearance, in your Permit and in your Books and advise us from Time to Time of your granting such Permits as we may, if we have Suspensions of any indirect Practices, be ascertained by the Congress or the Committee under whose Order the Matter is said to be transacted.

We are &c.

Thos^s Sollars Esq^r Nav^l Off^r
at Balt^a or his Deputy }

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The Brig Betty, Capt. Bradhurst loaded in the Eastern Bay is about failing, we are desirous of having her searched before she fails and request you'll order one of the Gallies over for that Purpose; if she has no Grain, Flour or Provisions of any kind but her Stores expressed in the Naval Officers Bill, you'll direct the Officer to deliver the Captain the inclosed Commission which we gave you and you will deliver to the Officer who goes on this Service for the Purpose and to prevent any unnecessary Delay to the Vessel. If the Vessel has been lading Provisions contrary to Law, you'll direct that she be brought hither - If more convenient, you'll order in one of the Boats on this Business.

We are &c.

Commander Graffon