

in English, Carcaud produces some clearances which have a suspicious look. Mulkere then goes back to his schooner and sends a boat to the brig for Carcaud and his papers, and he comes on board with them. Finding them as unintelligible on the schooner as they had been on the brig, Mulkere sends a boat to the latter for "two outlandish men" to act as interpreters. When the boat reaches the brig, the whole brig's crew jump in and row off to the schooner. Mulkere seeing the brig thus deserted, asks Carcaud to send back some of his men to take charge of her, but this they all refuse to do, saying that she is now in Mulkere's custody. While matters are under discussion, Mulkere observes that the brig is drifting to the shore, so sends five of his men in a boat to take charge of her.

Some angry wrangling follows, ending in Mulkere's threat to put Carcaud and his men in irons, upon which the latter rise and seize the schooner, apparently without resistance, gag the captain and tie him to the pump, and tie the others in various convenient places. Next they search Mulkere's chest, from which they take his papers and a bag of money. They then signal the brig to come up, and when she is near, all jump into the schooner's boat and row off to her, leaving Mulkere and his crew bound and gagged. When on board the brig they stand up the Bay, taking with them the schooner's five men and her boat. Late at night they put these men into their boat, and they, after a day's rowing, rejoined their own vessel.

Other witnesses vary in details but agree in the general facts.

On the other hand, the captain and others of the brig attempted to justify their proceedings, but not to the satisfaction of the Council, who ordered their arrest on a charge of piracy.

The letters to Gov. Sharpe, printed in this volume, should have been included in the Sharpe Correspondence, and would have been so included had they been in our possession when those volumes were published. We owe their discovery to Col. Oswald Tilghman, formerly Secretary of State, who informed us of their existence in the files of that department, and at our request, the present Secretary, N. Winslow Williams, Esq., kindly made search for them and transmitted them to the Society. To both these gentlemen our thanks are here tendered.

As this correspondence was not of sufficient bulk to justify separate publication, we have appended it to this volume of the Council Journal, covering the same period.