

May 10 Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Richard  
 Liber C. B. Walch Commander of the Schooner Matopony navigated by eight  
 No. 24 Men mounting two Carriage Guns belonging to Thomas Rutland of  
 p. 81 Annapolis.

May 10 [Council to Robert Dorsey, Esqr.]  
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Enclosed is a Copy of an Agreement made with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Steward and Company for the Sloop Porpoise to go with a load of Flour from hence to the Havanna and to return on Account of this State; you have also a Bill of Lading and an Invoice which has been delivered to us by M<sup>r</sup> Steward. We have heard the agreeable Intelligence that the Brigantine Fox had arrived safe at the Havanna, but not a Line either from you or M<sup>r</sup> Smith on the Subject. You will observe that this Vessel, the Porpoise, is chartered on nearly the same Terms as the Fox; only that the Porpoise is not to go to Cadize but to return to Annapolis. You will as formerly carefully land the whole Cargoe and dispose of it to the best Advantage. One half of the proceeds is to be paid to the Capt. for Freight. The Disappointment by the Loss of the former Vessels and Cargoes which were bound to the Havanna is very great, and lays us under great Difficulties for want of the Supplies we expected in return of those Cargoes. Cloathing of all Sorts we greatly want, Salt, Medicines, and brown and white Sugars. You will therefore exercise your Discretion in procuring such of those Articles as are within your Power, possibly the friendly Interposition of his Excellency the Governor of the Havanna may assist you as to the Cloathing or some part of it on easy Terms; but if you cannot get any of the Cloathing and military Stores formerly directed on moderate Terms, then we would have you send us, if to be had, as much Salt as will ballast the Vessel, about one hundred Pounds of good Jesuits Bark, about 30 of Jalap, some good Hides of different Sorts, and invest the rest in brown and white Sugar of a good Quality.

Ibid. [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

It is our Intention to send a quantity of Bread Provisions and Lumber to New York to discharge Debts due from the Officers of this State, who have been and at present are Prisoners there and on Long Island and for the more decent Support of those who still remain in Captivity. But think it our Duty first to apply thro you to Congress for their Approbation, Congress we have learnt has sent  
 D. 153 a Quantity of Provisions to Charles Town lately for the Support of the Captive Officers there, and we make no Doubt but this State will be allowed the like Privilege for the Relief of their Officers, under this Impression we have offered Terms to the Inhabitants of this State for the Transportation of Provisions to New York which have been accepted, and in Consequence thereof having appointed M<sup>r</sup> Charles Croxall who will have the Honor of delivering this. Our