To His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esquire Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the State of Maryland; and to the Honorable the Upper and Lower House of Assembly of the said State.

The Petition of Thomas Jackson Master and Commander of the Sloop Vessel called the Tacey belonging to Providence in New England

Humbly Sheweth

That Whereas the Inhabitants of the said Providence Plantations are through the Cruel Ravages and Devastations of the British Army and Navy rendered destitute of the Common Necessaries of Life as will appear by the Letter of the Honorable the Deputy or Lieutenant Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

That your Petitioner hath solely come from the said Plantations with his Vessel at the Earnest Request and Intreaties of a Numerous People who are now praying for his Safe Return with Provision the Staff of Life.

That the Good People the Inhabitants of Providence Plantations are and always have been as Staunch Friends and Patriots to the Cause of American Liberty and Independance as any State upon this Vast and Extensive Continent

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.