I John Penny Mariner late Commander of the Brigantine Endeavour, do acknowlege myself a Prisoner of War to the State of Maryland and do Solemnly promise and engage upon my Honor that I will not directly, or Indirectly say or do any Thing that may prejudice or tend to the Prejudice of the United States of America or either of them and I do further promise and engage in the most Solemn Manner that I will upon my Arrival in new York use every Endeavour to effect an Exchange of William Middleton late Commander of the Boat Dolphin that belonged to the State of Maryland in my Place and Stead, and in Case such Exchange cannot be accomplished I will immediately return to Annapolis in the Said State of Maryland and deliver myself up as a Prisoner of War

Given in Council at Annapolis in the State of Maryland this Second Day of May 1781.

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Signed & Sealed in Presence of
Wm Hyde
T Johnson Jr.

John Penny

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