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SEAMEN FROM SALEM AND VICINITY IMPRESSED BY BRITISH WAR VESSELS,
1800.—1813.

The following list of impressed seamen is taken from a contemporaneous manuscript which was presented to the Essex Institute in 1881 by George B. Jewett of Salem. Additional information taken from the files of the Salem Register, March 20 to July 17, 1813, has been appended in the form of foot notes. The Salem Gazette of the same period leaned toward a pro-British policy, and in its issues of March 30 and April 17, 1813, it criticised the accuracy of a number of the impressment records printed by the Register. Biographical matter of interest appears in these supplementary statements, which usually quibble with the main question of fact. Essential differences are here incorporated. Official reports with lists of names and a short summary of the circumstances of each impressment may be found in the Executive Documents of the 8th Congress, 1st session; the 9th Congress, 1st session; the 10th Congress, 1st session; the Executive Reports, 11th Congress, 2nd session; and 12th Congress, 1st session.

ELIAS ABBOTT.*

BENJAMIN ARCHER, taken by the *Cresant* Frigate, Capt. Carthew.

BENJAMIN ARCHER, taken from Henry Rust, by the *Ambuscade*, Jenkins, Commander, who tore Archer's Protection to pieces; on his asking him not to do it, he seized

*ELIAS ABBOTT, impressed and kept two years on board the *Franchise*, leaving his wife and family in Salem.—*Register*.

JOSEPH ARRINGTON, impressed on *Grand Bank*, kept a short time, ran away, and returned in a Salem vessel.—*Register*.

Archer by the hair of his head & kicked him headlong [upon the deck]. [See *also* Rufus Wilkins.]

THOMAS ASHBY, born in Salem, son of Jonathan Ashby, taken out of Mr Grays Bark, Jeffrey, Master. Absent several years & has never returned. Said not to have been impressed.

CHARLES ATKINSON, taken from Capt. Cartwright of Newbury Port.

GEORGE ATKINSON.

BENJAMIN BACON,* born in Salem.

DANIEL BACON, born in Salem, son of Daniel Bacon, now absent & has been 8 years; taken from Capt. Cartwright† of Newbury Port.

SAMUEL BECKFORD, taken from Henry Rust, by the Ambuscade, Jenkins, Commander.‡

FRANCIS BELFREY,§ Salem.

WILLIAM BENSON, Salem, eleven years in the service & still is absent.

FRANCIS BERSY,|| a Frenchman by birth, lived in Salem.

JOHN BISHOP, born in Salem, taken out of a Fishing Schooner.¶

*BENJAMIN BACON, was on shore in the West Indies, getting water, where he was impressed and kept four years. He was taken by the Spaniards in South America, stripped naked with the rest of his company, and driven into the interior of the country, up the river La Platte. He was exchanged as an English prisoner, and went on board an English man of war, from which he ran away.—*Register*.

†Ship Alexander.—*Register*.

‡Detained a short time and escaped.—*Register*.

§FRANCIS BELFREY, impressed and kept about three years, ran away, got to Newyork, where he died in the Hospital.—*Register*.

||FRANCIS BRASEY, a naturalized citizen, impressed on board the British ship of war —, Capt. Whitby; an opportunity offering he swam away, was retaken, and treated most cruelly by Capt. Whitby, the Englishman who killed Peirce in the Harbour of New-York. When he was brought on board, Whitby sent for the Doctor of the ship, and ordered him to blister Brasy from the neck down to the thighs, adding, "I'll prevent you from running away in future." When the blisters had rendered him very sore, the Doctor was ordered to bleed him; he was accordingly bled till he could hardly move.—*Register*.

¶On the Grand Bank, Escaped.—*Register*.

THOMAS BRAGG, Salem man.

ZACHY BRAY, Salem.

JOHN BROWN, of the Lawrence family. Last that he was seen was on board a man of war, a 74. He informed that 20 Americans were on board the same ship, all impressed.

JAMES BYRNS, born in Salem.

JOHN CALLUM, son of David Callum, born in Salem, now absent & has been for many years.

JOSEPH CARY, of Beverly, Mate of Schooner Betsy, John Leach, master, of Salem, impressed* by his Majesty's Ship Diligense, detained 10 weeks, regained his liberty by swimming ashore.

JOHN CHADWICK.

TIMOTHY CHALLIS, taken out of the Golden Age, of Salem, by the Cambrian Frigate. Belonged to Ipswich.

DANIEL CHEVER, son of James & brother to James Chever, jr., of Salem.

SAMUEL CHEVER, Salem, told Mrs. Tink that he was impressed when Henry Tink was.

*From Leach's schooner.—*Register*.

HENRY BUFFUM, killed on board an English man of war fighting with a nation in amity with this country.—*Register*. [Henry Buffum was in the brig Essex, Capt. Green, belonging to William Orne, Esq., in the year 1790. He ran away from her at Falmouth, England, and shipped on board a British man of war.—*Gazette*.]

ALEXANDER BUCHANNAN, a Scotchman, married in Salem, has been impressed several years, now on board the Eolus.—*Register*.

GEORGE CHILDS, a young seaman born in Salem, was impressed into an English ship, from which he ran away, and was again taken; and among other cruel things to punish and retain him, he was branded with the *name of the ship*. In another attempt to escape, with three or four others, by swimming, they were discovered and fired upon from the ship, and one or two were shot in the water, one failed in swimming, but Childs, who was known to be one of the best of swimmers, with one other, after being in the water five hours, reached shore, and returned home. Soon after, in a voyage to the West Indies, he fell into port with the same ship, and in that situation he was drowned by the side of his own vessel. It was supposed by his shipmates that he threw himself over, and that the motive was fear of being again taken on board the man of war, as he was heard to say that he would choose to drown himself, rather than be again taken on board the ship.—*Register*.

ISAAC CLARK, married Robert Perkins' Daughter, born in Randolph, County of Norfolk; whipped three times; 2 dozen each time; kept 9 weeks on allowance of one biscuit & pint of water for 24 hours; he served them 3 1-2 years, was wounded, & finally discharged last April, 1812, Taken from the Jane of Norfolk.

JOHN CLEMMONS, impressed.

JAMES CLIFF of Salem, impressed by the Cambrian, kept a short time & discharged.

JOSEPH CLIFF, impressed on board the Fox, wounded at Isle France, afterwards taken in an English prize & killed by the Malays after serving them 4 years.

PETER CLIFF, impressed from the Independence, Capt. Rogers.

JOSEPH CLOUTMAN, son of Joseph Cloutman of Salem.

JOSEPH COFFIN, born in Newbury Port, from Mr. Grays vessel, by the Red Wing, Usher, Commander.

WILLIAM COLLET,* impressed May 26, 1797, from the

JOHN COFFIN, born in Newburyport, had been a mariner on board the ship Bradford, of Newburyport, stranded on the shores of Lematt—was put on board the schooner Two Brothers, of and bound to Salem, Glover, master, by the American consul at Alicant. On the 2d of May, 1807, was boarded by his majesty's brigantine cutter Redwing. The officer ordered Coffin to make haste, pack up his clothes and get into the boat. Capt. Glover remonstrated with the officer on the inhumanity of adding to the distresses of the unfortunate, and showed him Coffin's protection from the custom house at Newburyport. The officer replied that he had orders to take him, and must have him. Capt. Glover, his mate, and two of his people, made oath to these facts before the proper authority, on their return to Salem. We believe he has since returned.—*Register.*

*Born in New York. Pressed at Tranquebar (a neutral port.)—*Register.*

DAVID COLLUM, impressed and detained three years, made an attempt to escape in an open boat, was fired at, forced to return, and was whipped; afterwards was ashore in a boat after water, ran away, and went on board a Salem vessel. The captain thought it imprudent to keep him, as the British searched every vessel which sailed from the port, but put him on board a southern vessel, where he concealed himself until she was out at sea. He returned to his native town, and learnt that his mother had died a

Ship Recovery, Joseph Ropes, Master, by the British Frigate Orpheus. An American with a Protection. Capt. observed he had no doubt he was American, but he wanted men & would have them.

GEORGE CONWAY, Salem.

JOHN CONWAY,* number of years in their service & has never returned.

SAMUEL CONWAY* was impressed on shore at Barbadoes in May, he believed, 1812, on board an English Brig of war of 18 guns. On his refusing to do duty was flogged. Had a protection & a certificate which he shew to the Captain. States this himself.

JOHN CURWIN.†

MORRIS CURWIN,‡ Salem.

JOHN DALTON,§ twice impressed, son of Sarah Dalton, escaped by swimming.

SAMUEL M. DALTON,|| born in Salem, his Mother, now

short time before, most evidently of grief for the loss of her son, for in her last sickness her conversation was mostly about him.—*Register.*

*Only sons of the widow Conaway.—*Register.*

†JOHN CURWIN, impressed by the Morgiana, leaving a wife and two children. Upon the declaration of war he refused to fight against his country, and, after being kept two years, was sent away at Halifax.—*Register.*

‡MORRIS CURWEN, impressed at Lisbon, after fighting the press gang. Got clear through the intervention of a Salem gentleman then at Lisbon.—*Register.*

§JOHN DALTON, impressed in 1810. He says in his letter to his mother, dated on board the Inflexible, July 21st, "I have been impressed ever since the 26th of March last, having lost my protection. I have made application to the Consul for my clearance, who informs me that I must have a fresh protection from the custom house, with a certificate of your marriage, sent to the admiral. I am very anxious to return to my own country to see my friends, and I hope none of them will ever be so unfortunate as to be in my situation."—*Register.*

||SAMUEL M. DALTON. We have seen five letters from him dated on board different ships. He received "*duly authenticated proof*" of being an American several times. Evidence of his birth, by the Town Clerk, and of his baptism by Doctor Barnard, together with certificates from the principal merchants of Salem, were sent out

living, was the Daughter of Capt. Moses; has sent five sets of papers, certificates, &c., has been absent ten years and is still detained on board the Brig Elk, Capt. Coglan.

NOAH DARBORN, impressed in 1806 from the Brig Venus, of Penobscot, on board the Grenada, Sloop of War. Kept 16 months & ran away. Impressed again on board Leahoge in 1809, from the ship Argo of Boston, Capt. Peterson. Kept 18 months & ran away. Tore his American protection which was from the Custom House in Castine. Informed himself.

WILLIAM DAWSON, born in Salem, sailed from Boston in a Schooner, Capt. Mackey, for Trinity, Martinico. While on shore for the Captain, himself & the boats Crew & many other Americans were seized, committed to Goal, next day, carried on board the Bula Frigate, Capt. Salisbury, carried to St. Pierries, put on board Guard Ship with 100 Americans. Then taken on board the Bula again. Next day carried in to Port Royal where he was put on board the Ship Boyn, a 98, Adml. Jarvis. Was kept two or three months. Finally escaped by swimming. The other Americans were drafted into different Ships. They shew their protections to the Admiral who treated them with the utmost contempt. They told him they were Americans. He told them he would make good English men of them. Dawson was impressed again, but was released. One other was taken out of the same vessel.

JOHN DORMAN, of Kennebunk, was impressed near twenty years ago. Gave himself up since the war and was discharged from the Goshawk, a ten gun Brig, and arrived in the Danger.

THOMAS DRIVER, detained six years and was then killed five several times; upon their being shewn to the Admiral he declared them to be unsatisfactory, and finally told Dalton that he should not go, for, said the Admiral, "I do not see any reason why you should not serve his Majesty as well as myself." This case clearly shows the utter falsity of the assertion of Mr. Pickering, that "*men are always delivered up on duly authenticated proof.*"—*Register.*

JOHN DOVE, impressed a number of years ago, and never returned.—*Register.* [Was an apprentice in Marblehead.—*Gazette.*]

or died. Killed on board British ship *Goliah*,* born in Salem.

THOMAS DUCKINFIELD,† born in Salem, son of J. Duckinfield.

WILLIAM DUCKINFIELD,† born in Salem, son of J. Duckinfield.

ISRAEL EATON,‡ three years impressed, got clear at Halifax.

JOHN EATON, native of Massachusetts, from the schooner *Messenger*; impressed by the *Malampus*.

DANIEL EDY, born in Salem, impressed by Adml. Jarvis' Fleet.

ELIJAH ELDRIDGE, son of Joshua E., impressed out of Bark *Pompy*, at Cadez; escaped by further evidence being furnished that he was born in Salem.

BENJAMIN ELLEDGE, born in Marblehead, lived in Flint's house, Salem.

RICHARD ELLEDGE, born in Marblehead, lived in Flint's house, Salem, taken from Capt. Philip Saunders.

JOSEPH EMERSON, cousin to the Shillabers.

JOHN ERVING, Salem man, 3 years in the service, informed Crowninshield himself.

JOHN FAIRFIELD,§ has been detained many years, the last accounts the Frigate he was in was missing.

JOHN FELT, Salem, escaped.

THOMAS FITHIN, Custom House protection, Philadelphia.

ISRAEL FOSTER, born in Beverly, impressed from Mr. Gray's Schooner *Rachel*; soon discharged.

* Lost an arm during an action with a French ship and died of the wound.—*Register*.

† Impressed a number of years ago and never returned.—*Register*.

EDWARD DURANT, impressed and kept five months, ran away up the Mediterranean.—*Register*.

‡ Impressed in England.—*Register*. [A Marblehead man.—*Gazette*.]

JOSEPH ELSON, impressed eight or nine years ago, an only son. His fate is unknown.—*Register*.

§ JOHN FAIRFIELD, a promising young man, impressed twenty years ago. Every thing was done for his release to no effect; he is supposed to have perished in an English ship which was cast away on the coast of Sumatra.—*Register*.

WILLIAM FOSTER, born in Beverly, impressed from Capt. William Lander.

WILLIAM FOSTER,* born in Reading, had lived with Mr. Chadwick from 17 years old to 21 years old.

EZEKIEL FOWLER, son of Ezekiel, born in Salem, twice impressed.

PETER FREEMAN, formerly lived with Mr. Manning, impressed 14 years ago, now detained on board the Dragon, 74.

GEORGE FRIEND, Salem, never heard of after he was impressed.†

JOHN FULLER, taken from ship Martha, Capt. Prince, born in Salem, still detained.

ZENA GADSHALL, taken from Ben Shellaber, liberated at Norfolk, from a captured vessel since the present war.

JOHN GALE,‡ impressed May 31, 1797, from the Ship Recovery, Joseph Ropes, Master, by the British Frigate Orpheus. An American, with protection. Capt. observed he had no doubt he was American, but he wanted men & would have them.

WILLIAM FILBY, naturalized and married in Salem, has a wife and child; still detained.—*Register*.

*WILLIAM FOSTER, born in Reading, served his time in Salem, pressed and kept 18 months, from a Salem ship, Capt. Edwards, in Havannah, by the Wolf frigate, shifted to the Malabar, ran away from her when lying in Hampton Roads. He had a protection which was torn up.—*Register*. See also Rufus Wilkins.

†An Englishman, who has recently been in Salem.—*Register*.

‡JOHN GALE, born in Maryland, pressed a few days after Wm. Callet, from the same ship, of which he was carpenter, in Madras roads, by a Lieutenant of a 74 gun ship, Admiral Rancer. The officer observed that he had no doubt that Gale was an American, but his protection was not regular. In the boat that came to press Gale was John Brown of Salem, well known to many on board the Recovery. Brown informed that there were twenty Americans on board the Admiral's ship, all pressed men. Application was made to the admiral for the release of Gale, to which he replied, that he wanted the man, and should keep him, and that Gale's protection he was told was not regular. He was asked if his officer was to be the sole judge? Yes, said he, and I understand the man has wages due him, which must be paid. The wages were demanded, and threats that the sails, anchors, &c, should be taken away unless

JONATHAN GALLAWAY,* from the Mary & Eliza, Benjamin Upton, Master, born in Salem.

WILLIAM GIDDINS,† Salem man, escaped.

WILLIAM GLOVER, Salem, Nov., 1809, at sea from Ship Commerce, Capt. McGee ; on board the Royal William. Had a protection.

AMOS NEWHALL, impressed Nov. 1, 1808, in the Downs from the Alexander. On board the Antelope. Protection from the Custom House, Salem.

FRANCIS GOSS,‡ born in Marblehead, impressed from Welcome Return.

JOSEPH GOULD, son of Nathaniel, born in Salem. I doubt whether he was impressed.

WILLIAM GREENE EATON, born in Beverly, had been impressed on board of English men of war twice. Sailed out of Boston ; detained short time.

BENJAMIN HANCOCK, born in Pennsylvania, impressed out of the Ship Jane of New York, on board British Sloop of War Echo & treated very ill. Has since been impressed out of the Golden Age, of Salem, on board the British Frigate Le Dedaneous.

JOHN HANDLEY,§ on board the Repulse, 74, R. H.

complied with. The ship however went off before the demand was complied with.—*Register*.

SAMUEL GALE, impressed and kept four years. Wrote to his mother from Surrinam, requesting certificates of his nativity. In a letter dated 13th January, 1808, to his mother, he says, "they say that you heard from me, and are concerned for my fate, which makes me very anxious to see you. I was impressed on board an English man of war four years since, was taken by a French frigate, from which I ran away, and got on board an American vessel, and have arrived at Newyork. I am very poor, and very sick of a fever."—*Register*.

*Escaped.—*Register*.

†Has been absent eight years, his fate unknown.—*Register*.

‡MOSES GOSS, born in Marblehead, lived in Salem, impressed from the Welcome Return at the Isle of Bourbon, above three years since, by the brig of war Staunch, had a protection. Never since heard of.—*Register*.

§JOHN HENDLEY, taken several years ago, by the Repulse, from a French vessel, when returning to this country. Still detained.—*Register*.

Mowbray, letter from him in 1812. Taken on board a French vessel.

CAPT. JAMES HANSCOM, had two men taken from him, both with American Protections, their names not recollected. One of them was born at the South Shore & was taken out of the Schooner Mary. The other out of the Schooner Union, of Salem. The boarding officer did not doubt that he was an American. He had a wife and three children; has never heard of him since.

JOHN HARTHORNE, near Mr. H.'s meeting house, born in Salem.

ABEL HEASKELL, impressed from Capt. Chapman.

JONATHAN HENFIELD, Salem man, escaped (believed not to have been impressed).

JOHN HIERS, of Danvers, impressed out of a Salem vessel.

SAMUEL HILL,* born in Salem, still detained; mother so states.

JOHN HOLDEN, a native of Salem. *See* William Storey's deposition.

JEREMIAH HOLMES, native of Massachusetts, from the schooner Messenger, by the Malampus.

RUFUS HORTON, impressed twice, and escaped both times.

EDWARD HULIN,† born in Salem, from Capt. Silsbee, who declared to the Capt. that H. was born within a

*SAMUEL HILL, been detained thirteen years, still absent, his mother has not been able to learn what ship he is on board of.—*Register*.

†EDWARD HULEN, taken from a ship in the East Indies, commanded by Capt. Nath'l Silsbee. The ship that impressed him had at the time fifty more than her complement, but her commander ordered his lieutenant to take one at least from every vessel in port. Capt. Silsbee assured the Capt. that Hulen was born and brought up in his neighborhood, that he had always known him, that he would give a bond in any amount signed by the first merchants in Bombay, to send any documents that the captain might require to prove him to be a native of Salem; that his mother was totally dependent on him for her support. The captain admitted that he was an American, but said, "when a man comes aboard my ship he does not leave it until peace."—*Register*.

JEREMIAH KEALMER, impressed from the schr. Messenger, by the Melampus.—*Register*.

stones throw of himself. The Capt. gave Silsbee to understand if he said much he would take more.

ROBERT HUSSEY, impressed from Capt. Chapman.

THOMAS INGALLS, Salem, escaped.

JOHN JOHNSON was discharged from the Goshawk & arrived in the Ganges after being absent 8 years.

MICHAEL JOHNSON, taken out of the Betsy of Salem, June 6th, 1810, in the North sea, John Florence, Master by the Urgent.

JAMES KELLY, mate of the Brig Love & Unity.

CHRISTOPHER KILBY, lived in Salem, born in Hingham.

JAMES KINSLEY, impressed from the brig Cynthia,* J. H. Andrew, Master; born in Salem.

HENRY LAMBERT, son of John Lambert, Salem.

LOUIS LANGDON,† a Dane, impressed from the America, Dec. 1, 1799, Joseph Ropes, Commander—has a regular Danish Protection.

SAMUEL LARRABEE (twice impressed). Impressed from the Brig Cynthia, J. H. Andrew, Master; born in Salem.‡

JOSEPH LAWRENCE, impressed May 3, 1801, at Liverpool, on board the Active.

JOHN LEACH, native of Massachusetts, from the schooner Messenger; impressed by the Malampus.

BENJAMIN LEARABEE, born in Danvers, still detained & has been many years; has sent repeatedly to his friends for evidence of his birth & Citizenship. Had been impressed before & detained 5 years & discharged as an American. Had his discharge with him.

*Taken from the Cynthia by the Curio.—*Register*.

†LEWIS LANGDON, a Dane, sailed in ship America in 1809. Two English midshipmen about 16 years old, came on board the America, and ordered all hands mustered on deck. These young chaps made the examination, and selected Langdon, who had a regular Dutch protection. The officer of the America did not suffer them to take Langdon away, but acquainted the captain of the frigate with what had been done. In a short time came a Lieutenant from the frigate, with a number of men, with orders from their Captain to give Langdon up immediately, or they would take him by force. They took him, and he was seen afterwards in Malta.—*Register*.

‡Detained three years and escaped.—*Register*.

ALFRED LITTLE, born in Beverly, impressed from Capt. William Lander.

ARCHIBALD McMILLAN, married a Daniels in Salem ; many years detained.*

DANIEL McMILLAN, son of John McMillan, deceased, now absent and has been many years ;† evidence of his birth, in Salem, furnished several times.

JOHN MCPHERSON, son of John, born in Salem. Impressed out of a Vessel belonging to Portland, 16 years ago. The last his parents heard from him he was on board the British Ship Northumberland.

WILLIAM MCPHERSON,‡ son of John McPherson, his mother was named Webb. He was born in Salem, impressed out of a Boston vessel. Was on board the Leopard when she attacked the Chesapeake. He refused to assist in butchering his Countrymen & was ordered in Irons, & afterwards chastized in the most inhumane manner ; he escaped by swimming.

DANIEL MANNING, born in Salem, son of Joseph Mansfield's wife. Detained but short time.

JOHN MANNING, son of Richard, born in Salem, detained but a short time.

ANDREW MANSFIELD, born in Lynnfield, son of Andrew M., married Robert Foster's Grand Daughter, Sally Gray ; taken from Parsons' vessel, Boston ; was in the Battle of the Nile ; detained 6 years and 7 months.

DAVID [MARCELL?], was impressed in the Isle of France, sailed in the Prudent, 1804. The vessel was condemned & he was impressed on shore in 1810, kept two years & seven months.

HENRY MATTHEWS, Salem, still detained.

JOHN MELZARD,§ born in Marblehead, impressed out of a Salem vessel 9 years ago & never returned, his brother gives the information.

*Escaped.—*Register*.

†Impressed in 1804.—*Register*. [Taken from the ship Rachel of Salem.—*Gazette*.]

‡Born in Salem. His protection was pronounced by the British midshipman to be a forgery, and torn up before his face.—*Register*.

§RICHARD MELZARD, born in Marblehead, lived in Salem, taken nine years ago, still detained.—*Register*.

THOMAS MIDDICK, impressed near 9 years ago; still detained.

MICHAEL MILLINGTON, of Cambridge, impressed on board a 74, about eight years since, run away, was taken, brought back & flogged two or three times, still detained. Was taken from a Boston vessel.

JOSEPH MIRE, an inhabitant of Salem, we believe he was a Dane by birth. Taken from the Ship Hope at sea, James Barr, Master, 1807, by the Red Wing Cutter, Usher, Commander.

JAMES MITCHELL,* impressed from Joseph Ropes, in India, at Iranque Bar.

JOSEPH MOLDING, Salem, taken 6 or 7 years ago, still detained; mother living in Salem.

JAMES T. MORE, of Salem, has been impressed four times, once in Liverpool, once going up the Channel, & once in North Seas, & once in Kingston, Jamaica; on board Sanspirel, 84, Lord Seamons, detained six months & discharged.

JAMES MORGAN, believe from T. Perkins vessel.

JAMES MURRY, born in Salem, son of Samuel Murry, cooper.

DAVID NEWHALL, son of David Newhall, born in Salem.

*JAMES MITCHELL and JOHN RUSSELL, of the ship Recovery of Salem, pressed about two months after the above, in Calcutta, both having paper protections. Application was made to the Hon. Capt. Cook, who would not look at the protections, neither would he deign to speak to the applicant. Three years after the ship John was boarded near the entrance to Calcutta river, by a boat in which was Mitchell, who plead hard for them to make application for his release. It was done to no effect.—*Register*.

GEORGE MORGAN, still detained.—*Register*. [Left Salem 13 years ago and went to Philadelphia, where he was married.—*Gazette*.]

RICHARD MURRAY, impressed three times, and kept eighteen months at one time. Run away when the English ship was at Halifax.—*Register*.

AMOS NEWHALL, impressed Nov. 1, 1808, in the Downs, from the Alexander, on board the Antelope, had a protection from the Custom House in Salem.—*Register*.

JOHN NEWHALL,* brother to David Newhall, born in Salem.

WILLIAM OWENS, born in Salem, been absent several years, now on board man of war.

MARTIN PAIN,† impressed from Capt. Thomas Perkins' vessel, the Brig Cynthia, J. H. Andrew, Master; born in Salem.

BENJAMIN PALFRAY (born in Salem), after being detained many years & making several unsuccessful attempts to escape, in the last attempt was drowned.

THOMAS PARSONS, married a Clark of Salem.

SAMUEL PEABODY, son of Samuel Peabody, Salem; killed on board man of war.‡ Taken out Brig Sukey, Forrester's vessel.

JAMES PEARSON, from Chadwick's vessel.

JOSEPH PEARSON, impressed out of the Sally & Betsy, of Boston, Joseph Ingersoll, Master.

JONATHAN PERKINS of Salem, taken out of the Golden Age, of Salem, by the Cambrian Frigate.

NATHANIEL PERRY, born in the United States, in Roxbury or thereabouts, and taken from Capt. Bryant, of the Barque Active of Salem.

SAMUEL PERRY, a blackman, native American, taken from Capt. Silver in 1811.

WILLIAM PHILLEY, from Chadwick's vessel; a naturalized citizen.

PETER PITTS of Baltimore was discharged and arrived in the Ganges.

JACOB POLAND, once impressed from the Mary & Eliza at sea, B. Upton Master, by the Nymph Frigate, detained about one month. When in port found means to get information to the American Consul, who cleared him. Was twice impressed in Malta and afterwards released. They

*JOHN NEWHALL, impressed and kept on board eleven years. He lost his arm in an engagement with the French, and is now in an English hospital.—*Register*.

JONATHAN OSBORN, impressed, kept eighteen months, ran away in the West Indies, where he died.—*Register*.

†Impressed by the Curio.—*Register*.

‡Killed on board an American vessel by a fall from the masthead.—*Gazette*.

attempted to destroy his protection. They did destroy Joseph Moulding's, and by that means he has been detained to this day if alive. Informe me himself.

JAMES PROCTOR,* impressed & flogged & called a Dam'd Yanky raskell.

SAMUEL RUCK, Salem, escaped.

JOHN RUSSEL, impressed from Joseph Ropes, in India, at Iranque Bar. [*See James Mitchell.*]

WILLIAM RUSSELL, impressed & held 8 years.

JOHN SEVIA, belonged to the Eastward, impressed in Cape Goodhope, Brig Eunice, Swett, in 1795.

SAMUEL SHEPARD,† impressed from the Brig Cynthia, J. H. Andrew, Master; born in Salem.

PETER SHILLABER,‡ born in Middleton, on board man of war 5 years, attempted to escape, caught and whipped severely.

WILLIAM SLEUMAN, Salem, escaped.

*JAMES PROCTOR, impressed, and presumed to insist that he was an American, for which he was flogged and called a "damn'd yankee rascal." This is a common appellation which is used almost universally by the British officers.—*Register.*

†SAMUEL SHEPARD, son of Jeremiah Shepard, impressed and detained more than a year, and was finally discharged, after great exertions on the part of his friends in Salem. Mr. Shepard was impressed at sea from brig Cynthia together with 3 other Americans, all having protections.—*Register.*

‡PETER SHILLABER, impressed and kept five years; escaped.—*Register.*

WILLIAM STRONG, born in Marblehead, but has lived in Salem with his mother eight years. He is now about twenty years of age. He sailed from Salem in the brig Betsy, Ropes, and was impressed in Trinidad and kept on board the English brig Martha; from this vessel he was shifted to the Swinger man of war. In a letter dated Aug. 3d, 1810, he says, "Dear mother, I inform you that I have had the bad fortune to be impressed on board the brig Martha, and am now on board the Swinger man of war." Here he staid seven months and got clear by swimming five miles. Two other Americans attempted to escape at the same time by swimming, one of whom was drowned. Strong and his companion got on shore almost exhausted, and was met by a negro, who threatened to carry them back, and said he would carry them to his Majesty. The negro making the attempt to seize them, and they finding that life or

GEORGE SLATOR,* married in Tewksbury ; on board of Unity Frigate.

JAMES SMITH, Salem, impressed 9 years ago, still detained.

THOMAS SMITH, born in Salem, detained seven years, escaped by swimming from a Frigate in Plymouth ; was once ketch'd, carried back & flogged through the fleet. Joseph L. Lee brought him home & gave this information. Gracious God !

DANIEL SMOTHERS, impressed on board the Ned. See his letter to his mother.

BENJAMIN SUTTON, impressed by the Squirrel, a 20 Gunship, in Kingston, Jamaica.

WILLIAM SWANEY, taken out of the Betsy of Salem, June 6th, 1810, in the North sea, John Florence, Master, by the Urgent.

BENJAMIN SWASEY, Salem man.

RICHARD SWASEY.†

RICHARD SWASEY, JUNR.

death was in their own hands, Strong took out his jack-knife and killed the negro, and set off for the woods. A year or two after he was again impressed, and put on board another man of war, from which he also ran away. He was impressed and ran away eleven times. He once ran away with an Englishman, and were both taken, tried for their lives, and condemned to be hanged. The rope was put round their necks, the cap pulled over their eyes, the gun was fired, and his companion was hauled up to the yard arm, but Strong had received a pardon, From the frigate he was removed to the prison on shore and kept several days, and put on board another man of war from which he ran away. He was taken again, and on account of a sore leg was discharged in a foreign country, totally destitute, and was obliged to ship on board the United States, Commodore Decatur, and arrived in the United States. It is to be wished that the Americans who find the press-gang on board to take them from their ships, would use a dirk in their own defence. A few such instances would deter the rascals from coming on board.—*Register*.

*Lived in Salem, impressed twelve or fourteen years ago by the Unity frigate; still absent.

WILLIAM SMITH, escaped by swimming.—*Register*.

†RICHARD SWASEY, has been impressed three times, and has been on board seven of their vessels—still absent.—*Register*.

FRANCIS SYMONDS,* born in Salem, son of Jonathan, taken out of a Fishing Schooner.

HENERY SYMONDS, detained six years & was then killed or died; killed on board British ship of war; born in Salem.

JAMES SYMONDS,† born in Northfields, Salem, son of Jonathan, detained nearly 3 years. He was flogged for attempting to get away, most unmercifully.

JOSEPH SYMONDS,‡ born in Northfields, Salem, son of Jonathan, detained nearly 3 years.

THOMAS SYMONDS, born in North Fields.

FRANK TALBOT,§ man of colour, born in Salem, still

*Impressed on Grand Bank, got clear at Halifax. It is but two or three years since that a Salem fishing boat went down to Halifax, as a cartel in time of peace, to bring up sixteen men belonging to Marblehead & Beverly, which had been taken from our fishing vessels on Grand Bank. The Salem men were all absent or had run away.—*Register*.

†JAMES SYMONDS, impressed in Liverpool, papers sent on to Mr. Lyman, who says in his letter that he cannot be released because the lords of the admiralty say that they have legal evidence of his being an Englishman.—*Register*.

‡JOSEPH SYMONDS, cast away in Christiansand, went to Liverpool in England, where he was impressed on the 21st of Feb., 1809; he had a regular protection. He was not able to obtain his discharge from Mr. Maury, the American consul at Liverpool. Mr. Lyman, our consul at London, demanded his release also from the Lords of the Admiralty, who gave answer, that they had legal evidence of his being a Welchman, and that he should not be discharged. He was shifted to several vessels, and a favourable opportunity offering, he made his escape and got on board an American vessel. Search was made, and the British officer carried him back, where he was whipped in a manner scarcely ever surpassed for cruelty. In 1812 he received his discharge.—*Register*.

§FRANCIS TALBERT, in a letter to his father dated on board the Bellerophon, June 16, 1811, he says, "I have wrote several letters to you, dear father, these five years past, and have never received an answer from you, which makes me think you have entirely forgotten me. I have lost my protection, and was impressed on board an English man of war, where I have remained ever since; so dear father I hope you will use your utmost endeavors with Mr. George Lee, towards getting me clear." In a Postscript he informs his father that he goes by the name of *Francis Thomas*. We under-

detained, has written several times for evidence of his being born in the United States. Secy. of State sent to William Safford for evidence of his being a citizen.

ROBERT TATUM, impressed 4 years ago & still detained, born in Salem.

SELA THOMAS of Boston, impressed by the Polyphemus.

ANDREW THOMPSON, Salem, escaped.

BENJAMIN P. THOMPSON, born in Marblehead, taken from the Ship Exetor, belonging to Mr. Derby, Salem. Impressed aboard the Princess Frigate, a Guard Ship. Was discharged in about a week ; had a protection : they swore he was an English man.

GEORGE L. THOMPSON, born in Hartford, Connecticut, lost his right leg in an action with a French frigate, then was discharged. Sailed out of Salem with William Lander.*

WILLIAM THOMPSON, married a Tucker, born in Salem; impressed on board the Princess.

THOMAS THORNTON, taken from Ship Martha, Capt. Prince, born in Salem, still detained. Took the Deposition of Thornton's Sister to the fact & that the last heard of him he was on board the Thunderer.

CORNELIUS TILTON, of Martha's Vineyard, impressed by the Polyphemus.

HENRY TINK,† born in Salem.

SAMUEL TINK,† born in Salem.

[ALFRED TITTLE, *see* Rufus Wilkins.]

DANIEL TUCK, born in Beverly, served his time in Salem with William Safford, Baker.

SAMUEL TUCK, born in Beverly. Impressed from Mr. Gray's Schooner Rachel ; run away.

stand that it is a very common practice for the British officers to change the names of the impressed Americans ; two of our respectable townsmen who have been impressed, had their names altered and entered on the muster roll, and from them we learn this piece of villainous policy.—*Register*.

*Has never returned.—*Register*.

†Only sons of Mrs. Tink, still detained, leaving the mother without this necessary support.—*Register*. [Henry, son of Thomas Tink, sailed in 1806 in the ship Traveller, Ward, master, for India.—*Gazette*.]

JOHN UNDERWOOD, born in Salem. Jacob Crowninshield & others got him clear in New York.

JOSEPH UPTON,* son of Paul, born in Salem, escaped by swimming.

BENJAMIN VANDERFORD, impressed from the Liberty, Lambert. Served 8 years, discharged since the war.

JAMES VENT,† born in the United States, taken from Capt. Bryant, of the Barque Active of Salem.

EPHRAIM VERY, son of E. Very, born in Salem, died shortly after his impressment, with grief.

JAMES VILEY, impressed out of the Sally & Betsy, of Boston, Joseph Ingersoll, Master.

THOMAS VINCENT, son of Joseph Vincent, born in Salem.

BENJAMIN WEBB,‡ son of B. Webb, born in Salem, impressed 7 years since.

THOMAS WEBB, son of Benjamin Webb.

VALENTINE WEBB, Salem.

JAMES WEST, do not know.

JOSEPH WEST, born in Beverly, impressed from Capt. Thomas Perkins' vessel, Wm. & Charles.

*Impressed in 1810 by the Spitfire—the officer destroyed the protection—kept 18 months.—*Register*.

†Kept a considerable time, got clear by the intervention of a Salem captain, who happened to meet with him abroad.—*Register*.

DANIEL VERY, born in Danvers, taken from the ship Hazard, in the year 1805, and kept about four months. The English captain told him that he would never release him, for he was a good seaman and worth keeping. He escaped by swimming a mile and a half.—*Register*.

‡Heard of him three years ago from on board the Isis, not returned.—*Register*.

§Impressed in March, 1806, on board his majesty's sloop of war Osprey, Timothy Childs commander. Protection from the custom house at Salem, certificates of his birth and baptism, and affidavit of his mother, were sent out five or six times. We have heard he finally ran away and got home.—*Register*.

THOMAS WHIDDICK, impressed thirteen years ago, the only son of Mrs. Whiddick, who is now in the almshouse. She attempted to relate the circumstances, but could only add "poor Tom, it was his first voyage, I tried to dissuade him from going, I shall never see him more."—*Register*.

JOHN WHIPPLE, from the Brig Humbird, in Malta, 7 years since ; evidence of his being an American sent out 3 times ; still absent.

EBENEZER WHITEFOOT,* born in Salem, never returned, impressed many years since.

EBENEZER WHITEFOOT, JUNR., Salem born, impressed in Calcutta, detained 3 years, escaped by swimming, was in the water 5 hours.

RUFUS WILKINS,†, born in Salem, son of Reuben, taken by the Créscent Frigate, Capt. Carthew.

JOSEPH WILLSON, born in Salem, absent many years, supposed to be dead.

Also Charles Burhill, Daniel Boardman, Edward Dalton, John Davidson, Wm. Green Eaton, Holten Fowler, Timothy Gillis, Joseph Henderson, John Keef, John Newton, Nathaniel Perry, Wm. Queirs, Wm. Rhodes, John Smothers, Joseph Spencer, Obed Thomas, Samuel Webb and John Ward. We have heard the names of a considerable number of others, but not being taken down at the time, they are forgotten. Those who know of the impressment of any American Seamen from the town whose names have not yet been given in our list, are requested to give information at this office.

In the year 1794, five men were taken from the boats of the ship Henry, of Salem. Capt. Gibaut, while sweep-

*Detained three years, escaped by swimming. Was in the water five hours.—*Register*. [Sailed from Beverly in the brig Rambler, Thorndike, master.—*Gazette*.]

†RUFUS WILKINS, BENJ. ARCHER, ALFRED TITTLE, and WM. FOSTER, sailed from Salem in the ship Mary, Capt. Lander, which ship was cast away on the coast of Holland; they took passage on board a New Bedford vessel for home—she was met at sea by the British frigate Crescent, and all the above were impressed, notwithstanding they had protections. Wilkins and Archer were not detained long—but Foster and Tittle, two very worthy young men belonging to Beverly, were detained 18 months, notwithstanding proof of their nativity was immediately and repeatedly forwarded.—*Register*.

ing for an anchor in Table bay. Several days afterwards the *Henry* was taken possession of by officers of the English ship, while getting under way for America, and detained until Capt. Gibaut paid the wages of the men. Three years afterwards one of these men was seen at Tranquebar, and informed that he was the only one of the five then living.—*Salem Register*.

IMPRESSED SEAMEN.

Capt. Jeduthan Upton, jr. (late commander of the Private armed brig *Hunter*) who arrived from England in the cutter *Admittance*, has furnished us with the following list of American Seamen on board the British Prison ship *San Antonio*, of Chatham, who had been impressed into the British service, and have been delivered up from British ships, as prisoners, since the war. These unfortunate men, who have been discharged from impressment and thrown into Prison, requested Capt. Upton to publish this list, that their friends in the United States might be acquainted with their fate. Besides these, there were on board the other Chatham Prison ships 320 Americans discharged in a like manner, and an immense number on board the Prison ships at Portsmouth and other places in England. *Four Hundred* Americans were discharged from the Toulon Blockading fleet alone. Notwithstanding the great number given up, it will be seen by the following list that a still greater number were left on board the ships from which they were discharged.

Names.	Nativity.	Ships Left.	No. Years.	No. Left.
Levi Oar	New York	Ruby	18	1
Charles Pardit	New Orleans	Orion	3y. 6m.	8
Edward Robinson	Maryland	R. William	1y. 6m.	18
John Barnard	Virginia	Polyphemus	3	6
John D. Kirk	New York	Implacable	7	0
John Ball	Rhode Island	Argo	3	7
Andrew Mellson	Do.	Do.	1	
William Prince	New York	Ceres	4	2

George Nellom	Philadelphia	Do.	5	
James Magrah	New York	R. William	1	6
John Boyd	Massachusetts	Le Loir	4	5
Elijah Armstrong	Maryland	Victory	8	0
Ezra Knight	Massachusetts	Do.	6	0
Timo. Stanwood	Do.	Aboukir	3	8
Daniel Davis	Do.	Do.	3	
Asa Pendleton	Do.	Do.	3	
John Nichols	Do.	Do.	3	
Samuel Johnson	Rhode Island	Viego	5	7
William Golliver	Massachusetts	do.	2	
Jona Ludlow	do.	do.	2	
Tobias Carline	New York	Orion	8	6
Jona Coleman	New Jersey	do.	1y. 6m.	
Joseph Williams	Massachusetts	Comet	4	2
Lewis Mulden,	Virginia	do.	1y. 6m.	
Samuel Wright	Rhode Island	do.	1y. 6m.	
William Gunnil	New York	Romulus	2	2
James Buntin	Philadelphia	do.	4	
James Turnbolt	Carolina	do.	4	
Oliver Johnson	Massachusetts	do.	4	
Henry Stags	do.	do.	2	
Joseph Thomas	do.	do.	1	
John Nald	New York	Pomona	1y. 6m.	0
Gideon Raymond	New Orleans	Argo	5y. 6m.	0
Charles Gray	Maryland	Salvador	15	0
James Marfold	New Hampshire	do.	15	0
Daniel Corben	Philadelphia	do.	15	0
Joshua Anderson	Maryland	Salvador	15	0
Asa Buddington	Carolina	Stag	15	0
Robert Roberts	New York	do.	1y. 6m.	3
John Wright	Virginia	do.	6	
John Ferguson	Massachusetts	Tyger	2	14
Peter Mills	New Orleans	do.	2	
Emerson Clark	New York	do.	2	
John Rose	Massachusetts	Doris	5	7
Edward Robbins	do.	Elephant	10y. 6m.	3
Jesse Connor	Virginia	Partridge	5	1
John Bogart	New York	Implacable	3	0
John Thompson	Massachusetts	Aveus	18	0
James Carver	New York	Ulysses	5	5
W. Whitman	Massachusetts	Salvador	1	0
Richard Carr	Carolina	do.	1	0
John Barer	Massachusetts	G. Phoenix	14	1

William Riley	New Jersey	Circe	5	4
David Cutter	Massachusetts	Salvador	1	0
John Dustin	Maryland	Dedham	2	0
John Mills	New Hampshire	Belle Poole	1y. 6m.	3
William Perkins	do.	do.	do	
Jos. Commacy	Massachusetts	New Jersey	do	0
Edward Price	Maryland	Circe	1	2
Jacob Evans	New York	Mars	3	0
Amos Beane	Massachusetts	do.	2	
Peter Henry	New York	do.	2	
Samuel Dilton	New Jersey	do.	2	
Andrew Wolfe	Maryland	do	8	
Thomas Landers	Virginia	do	2	
Thomas Courtiss	Massachusetts	do	8	
John Burnett	do	do	8	
Henry Tink	do	Pembroke	4	9
Wm. Fillebrown	do	Cresy	1y. 6m.	3
Henry Perkins	do	do	do	
Joseph Williams	Vermont	do	do	
George Butler	Maryland	do	do	
William Nuns	Philadelphia	Barrosa	6	0
John S. Thomas	Virginia	Mindon	4	0
Wm. Smith	Newyork	Doris	4y. 6m.	7
George Davis	do	Salvador	1	0
Joseph Williams	Rhode Island	Comet	2	0
Jos. Benjamin	Pennsylvania	Antelope	7	1
James Barret	Massachusetts	Albicore	2y. 6m.	2
David Burnham	do	do	do	
Prince Francis	do	do	5	
John Best	N.Y. (dead in pris- on, Portsmouth)	do	7	0
Fred Johnson	Connecticut	Antelope	15	0
Thomas Gilbert	Newyork	do	4	0
Benj. Church	Rhode Island	Victory	5	0
Peter Patterson	Philadelphia	do	4y. 6m.	
Freeman Call	Massachusetts	La Hogue	3	0
James M'Donald	New York	Tweed	10	0
John Horsman	Maryland	La Hogue	3	0
Russell Brama	Connecticut	do	1y. 6m.	
Ephraim Pardit	Vermont	do	3	
York Buntin	New Jersey	do	6	
Jeremiah Muss	do	do	3	0
James Burk	New Hampshire	Jason	1y. 6m.	1
John Martin	Massachusetts	Rosamond	1y. 6m.	2

Benj. Robinson	Massachusetts	Royal William	6	0
William Lubner	do	do	6	0
Thomas Booth	Maryland	La Hogue	3	0
John Abbott	do	do	3	
Henry Mitchel	do	do	3	
John Rice	do	do	3	
Wm. Johnson	Massachusetts	Antelope	12	0
William Denham	do	La Hogue	10	
Thomas Mitchel	do	Salvador	2	0
Jos. Anderson	Maryland	Rodney	8	5
John Wright	Virginia	Mars	3	0
Benjamin Ball	New Hampshire	Victory	8	0
Benj. Church	Rhode Island	do	5	
John Pool	Maryland	Java	5	0
John Davis	Philadelphia	Pherus	6	
Wm. Scribner	Connecticut	do	7	
James Williams	Pennsylvania	do	2	
Sison Smith	Newyork	do		1
Dan. Simmonds	Philadelphia	Salvador	1y. 6m.	0
Wm. Sanderson	Maryland	Christian 7th	1	17
William Davis	do	Desiree	2	0
William Hogan	do	do.	10	
James Lathrope	Massachusetts	Polyphemus	1	0
John Hadley	Newyork	R. William	1	0
William Carney	Delaware	Alfred	8	0
Lewis Leicester	Virginia	Ulysses	5	0
Morris Little	Maryland	do	9	
Wright Church	Newyork	do	7	
Freeman Marsh	do	do	7	
William Brown	Connecticut	do	6	0
John Covel	Massachusetts	La Hogue	1y. 6m.	0
John Dunstan	Rhode Island	Trinklou	1	0

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The following narrative of one of the above impressed Americans will shew not only the disgraceful manner in which they have been forcibly dragged into a foreign service, but the cruel treatment they received in consequence of refusing to fight against their country.

I, JOHN NICHOLS, a native of Durham, State of Massachusetts, relate and say, that I sailed from Portland in

the ship Franklin, commanded by James Marks, as Chief Mate, bound to Liverpool, where we arrived the seventh day of February, 1810. The same day I was taken by a Press Gang, coming from my boarding house to the ship, and carried by them to the rendezvous, Cooper's Row, and detained one night. The next morning I gave the Lieut. my Protection, and at the same time stated to them that I was Chief Mate of the Ship; also Capt. Marks and Mr. Porter, supercargo, came & were refused admittance. I then asked the Lieut. for my Protection; he answered "I will give it to you with a Hell to it," and immediately tore it up before my face, and sent me on board the Guard Ship Princess, where I remained one week, and then was sent round to Plymouth on board the Salvador Guard Ship; remained there one month, after which I was drafted on board the Aboukir 74, where I remained 3 years and fourteen days, in which time I was stationed on board a gun boat, and was in the grand battle between the Russians and the French in the month of June, 1812. Also in the meantime I wrote to my father in Durham a great number of times, and received a number of answers, with a Protection—The American Consul then applied for my discharge, which was granted, as I understand, but kept from me until the war broke out. I then determined to give myself up as a prisoner of war, let the consequence be what it would. Consequently on the 28th Oct. I went to the Captain and gave myself up as a Prisoner of war, and refused to do any more duty. Then he told me I was an Englishman, and if I would not do duty he would flog me; and ordered me in Irons and kept me in Irons 24 hours, after which I was taken to the gangway and received one dozen with the cat on my bare back. The Captain then asked me if I would go to duty, I told him no, I would sooner die first. He then put me in irons again for 24 hours, and once more brought me to the gangway, and received as before, with the same questions and answer as preceded; and the same was repeated four days successively, and I received four dozen on my naked back. After the fourth day I was a prisoner at large. The 26th day of Dec. I was sent to prison without my clothes, they being refused me by the

Capt. after abusing me in the most insulting manner, and all I ever received for my servitude was fourteen pounds. During impressment, I have used my best endeavours to escape.

JOHN NICHOLS.

Witness JED. UPTON.

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We have received the following from Mr. DANIEL VERY, whose impressment, as stated in the Register, the Gazette has contradicted :

MR. PALFRAY—Mr. Cushing in his paper states that I was not impressed by the English—If I was not, I should be glad to know what impressment means. For I declare upon my honour, that I was taken out of the ship Hazard in the year 1805, put on board of his majesty's ship of war, and the captain called me (and others taken from the Hazard) upon the quarter deck, and demanded my protection; and after I handed it to him he told me he would take care of it, and that I was a d—d Irish Yankee, and I had as good a right to serve his majesty as he had; he said he would not release me, but I should do my duty on board said ship; I told him I was a prisoner, and wished to be used as such. He then ordered the boatswain's mate to start me to my duty, and after I received two or three clips, I made myself as contented as I could till I had an opportunity to swim for my life and liberty, by which means I made my escape, after swimming more than a mile! They did release a part of the Hazard's crew, but the captain said that he would not release those who were able to do their duty, and said, "Damn the American protections; I can buy as many of them as I want for 4/6 a piece."

DANIEL VERY.

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