

To Messrs Deane, Adams, & Wythe,

Gentlemen

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Agreeable to the Resolve of the Honorable
the Continental Congress of the 18th October 1775. We in
behalf of Messrs Daniel Thomas Boudreau of Charlestown in South
Carolina Merchants And ourselves, as Owners of the Brigantine
Sea Nymph Joseph Bradford Mast. Do herewith deliver in the
Protest of the Said Master, William Cyle, Mate, & John Farr one of
the Sailors, Against Alexander Graham Commander of his Majesty's
Ship Mercury, for having Seized the said Brig when Prosecuting
her Intended Voyage from this Place to Jamaica, and Carried
her into the Port of Boston, As also the said Joseph Bradford
Protest against Vice Admiral Graves, for dispossessing of her and
taking from him the Command of said Brig, against his the
Said Master Consent, Giving no reasons other than she being
for his Majesties Use, Neither did the said Admiral or any other
Person, offer any Satisfaction to the Master for said Brig,
Gentlemen.

Before we state our Account for the Value of this
Vessel we would beg leave to Promise, That in the Building
& fitting her out, no Expense was spared by her Owners, to have the
Materials of which she was Built & Fitted out the best Quality
they having Particularly intended her for a Passenger Vessel and
for the Gentlest People, in a Trade between this & South Carolina
fitted her with extraordinary Accommodations & at a great Expense
for the Purpose, And in which Situation she was taken the
Possession off by the Mercury, And at which time we would
not have ^{taken} less than what we now Charge her in our Account
herewith Delivered, & to which we beg leave to Refer you.

If you should want any further Information, than what these
Papers herewith delivered will furnish you with, Captⁿ Bradford
and the Saylor John Farr are both now in this City, & if necessary
will at any time ^{state} on you,

Philadelphia 2^d February 1776

Joseph Bledsoe
Daniel Robinson