

Swivels, the other has Five Carriage Guns and Twenty Swivels, has Ports for Eight Carriages, has accommodations for Sixty five men each. — We are all waiting the determination of the Hon.<sup>le</sup> Court whether we are to be discharged, or to be further employed in the Colony Service. Your Petitioner can recommend to the Hon.<sup>le</sup> Court the Under Officers & Gunner to be Men well skilled in the Business

In the House of Representatives — Whereas it is of Importance that the Enemies of the United Colonies should as far as possible be deprived of necessary supplies, whereby they may be rendered the less capable of distressing this and the other Colonies aforesaid, and to effect this purpose it is expedient, and necessary Armed Vessels should be fitted out and Employed to prevent supplies getting into the Harbors of our said Enemies — Therefore Resolved that the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection, & Safety of Newbury Port with Cap.<sup>t</sup> Jere<sup>s</sup> O'brian be a Committee to prepare, and in all respects Equip, and Man with Fifty men each including Officers the Sloop Machias Liberty, and Schooner Diligent now lying at Newbury Port, and that the said Committee recommend such proper persons to the Hon.<sup>le</sup> Council as may be necessary for Officers of said Vessels for the purposes above mentioned, and when said Vessels are prepared as aforesaid the Officers belonging to said Vessels be Commissionated by and follow such directions as they shall receive from time to time from the Council of this Colony.

Resolve to Arm the Machias Liberty and Schooner Diligent & an Establishment therefor

And it is further Resolved That the following sums set against the several Officers, and men engaged in the above Service shall be paid them upon their faithfully discharging the duties assigned them — Viz

A Captain	£ 4. —	per month	Carpenter	£ 1. 10. 0	per month
First Lieut.	£ 3. —		Gunner	£ 1. 10. 0	
Second Lieut.	£ 2. 10/		Pilot & Quarter	£ 1. 10. 0	
Surgeon	£ 2. 10/		Master	£ 1. 10. 0	
Master	£ 2. —		Steward	£ 1. 10. 0	
Boatwain	£ 1. 10/		Master at Arms	£ 1. 10. 0	
			Foremast Men	£ 1. 4. 0	And

and for further Encouragement to the said Officers and Seamen. It is Resolved, that they shall be intitled to One Third the proceeds of all Captures that shall be by them made, and finally condemned agreeable to a Law of this Colony made and passed in the present Session of the General Court Intituled "An Act for fixing out Armed Vessels, and for the Trial, and Condemnation of Vessels, that have been, employed in Aiding and Assisting our Enemies and in such proportions as is allowed the Officers, and Seamen of the Armed Vessels fitted out on Account of the United Colonies by his Excellency General Washington —

The above Establishment to continue until the last day of December next, unless this Court should think it expedient to discharge them sooner. —

In Council Read and Concurred

Consented to by Fifteen of the Council

Resolve to admit Olive Holmes to Bail. —

The Committee appointed by both Houses to consider the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of Dedham & Roxbury praying that Olive Holmes may be admitted to Bail, have attended that Service and beg leave to Report, it is their opinion that the said Olive Holmes be admitted to Bail, provided that she Recognizes with sufficient Sureties to the Satisfaction of Jonathan Metcalf Esq<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> Abner Ellis for her appearance at the next superiour Court of Judicature, Court of assize and General Goal delivery, to be held in and for the County of Suffolk, then and there to answer to such Indictment as may be found against her by the Grand jurors for said County upon suspicion of her having murder'd her Child, all which is humbly submitted —

Benjamin White J<sup>r</sup> Order

In Council Read & Accepted, and ordered that the said Olive Holmes be admitted to Bail, under the conditions above mentiond —

In the House of Representatives Read & Concurred  
Consented to by Fifteen of the Council —