

1775

of

Timothy Pickering Esq Judge
Court of Admiralty for the County of
the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of Wintorn Adams Com-
mander of the Armed Schooner called The Warr
~~Warr~~ employed in the Service of the United Colo-
nies to cruise against the open & avowed ene-
mies ^{in behalf of His Majesty and his Associates} of the said Colonies, unto Your Honor
humbly shews —

That Your Petitioner being out on a
Cruise for the Purpose aforesaid on the 25th day
of Nov^r 1775 last past ~~being~~ ^{and} then in Latitude
— N and Longitude — saw a Schooner to w^{ch}
he gave chase and abt. Clock of the same Day
came up with her and having demanded from
whence she came and wther bound and also the
Masters Name and Lading, was answered that
she came from ^{Novascotia} and was bound to Boston
lading with Potatoes and Turnips for the Use
of the ~~British~~ ^{Army} and Navy there, and that
— was Owner of s^d Schooner, and
that ~~John M. Monaghan~~ commanded her, & whereas
The Continental Congress have declared and
said that the said Army and Navy at Bos-
ton are to be esteemed Enemies to America and
should be treated as such, and the supplying them
Provisions by any Person or Persons at
— is a crime in every Act
of the said Congress

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of Colonists, must be a
 thereupon took the said Schooner ^{under}
 his custody and ^{carried} brought her into
 River and safely secured her there
 as there are no Judges of any Court
 to be libel'd in this Hon: Court, or the Breach
 of the Resolve pass'd in the Continental Congress
 on the 25th of Nov^r aforesaid at Philadelphia and
 for a further Breach of the Law of Nations w^{ch}
 fully justifies the Confiscation of all such Vessels
 as are taking in any Act of Supplying an Enemy
 with Ammunition or Provision or other Necessaries
 by which they are enabled to protract the War —
 Wherefore y^e Petitioner humbly prays y^e Honour
 to take Cognizance of this his Petition, and to
 Order a trial upon the Premises at such Time
 & Place as y^e Honour may appoint, and to proceed
 in the ^{Condemnation} ~~Case~~ as to Justice shall appear, And y^e Peti-
 tioner in behalf of himself & Associates shall ever
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