

To His Highness, the Governor
of the State of Maine, &
Commander in Chief. We the
undersigned, having been informed
through the Medium, of our public
prints, that the State of Georgia
have as a Body, arraigned Capt.
Daniel Philbrook, before their
Tribunal, and by suborning false
witnesses, have found him guilty
of the Crime of Slave-Stealing.

Your Excellency, is perfectly aware,
that no measures however unjustified,
would naturally be resorted to, (to
accomplish their purpose) by the
hot Brain, of a Slave-holding State,
who being incensed with what they
consider an infringement upon their
rights—secured to them (as they say) by
the Constitution of the United
States. Our Opinion is, that Capt.
Philbrook was perfectly innocent in
the Case. We doubt his having any
Knowledge of the Slave being on board,
at his Departure, untill so far at sea,
as to render it impracticable to
return. Capt. Philbrook is a very
young Man, and likely unacquainted

with the Laws in such Cases, made and
provided, in Slave-holding States.

We have been informed, that the
Superior Executive Power of the State
of Georgia, have made a demand
on your Highness for the Surrender
of the Body of Capt Philbrook.

Your Excellency, we presume will
not stoop to so inhuman and
revolting an act. Still we feel
a deep anxiety lest in an evil
hour, he may by some unfair
means, be arrested and brought to
that punishment, which he does
not deserve. Your Honour will
find included in this letter, a recommen-
dation signed by a large number
of our most respectable Citizens,
which we humbly pray your Honour
to make such use of, as will best serve
the cause of Bleeding humanity, in
Cantabrook care. And as in duty
Bound we with ever pray.

Isleton March 7th 1838

John Payne

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Walter H Dodge

Isleboro Maine
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M. J. J. J.

To the Governor &
Council of the State
of Maine
Augusta

John Davis
in relation to the
William