## 1838 - Letter Supporting Capt. Daniel Philbrook Against Charge of Slave Stealing by State of Georgia

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To His Highness The Governour 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 unjustifiable, would naturally be resorted to (to accomplish their purpose) by the heated 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 onboard, of his Vessel, until 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 [underlined] for the Surrender of the Body of Capt. Philbrook.

Your Excellency, we presume, will not stoop to so inhumane 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 recommendation 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 bl[?]ding humanity, in Philbrook's case. And as in duty Bound we will ever pray.

Islesboro, March 7th 1838

John Payne

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To the Governor & Council of the State of Maine

Augusta

John Paine et al.

in relation to Philbrook & Kelleran

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