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 print, that the State of Georgia have as a Body, arraigned Capt. Daniel Philbrick before their tribunal, and by suborning false witnesses, have found him guilty of the crime of Slum-Stealing.

Your Excellency is perfectly aware that no measures however unjustifiable, would naturally be resorted to, (to accomplish their purpose) by the mostearnest of a slave-holding State, who being accused with what they consider an infringement upon their rights, seemd to them (as they say) by the Constitution of the United States. Our Opinion is, that Capt. Philbrick was perfectly innocent in the case. We doubt this having any Knowledge of the slum being onboard of his Ship, until so far as that, as to render it impracticable to return. Capt. Philbrick is a very young Man, and likely unacquainted...
with the Law in such Cases, made and
provided, in Slavery 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. Phillibrook.
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
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
will make use of, as will best serve
the Cause of Blanding humanity in
Carroll’s Co. send us in duty
bound, we will en pray.
March 7th, 1836
John Cayn
Philip Pendleton
Walter W. Dodge
To the Governor &
Council of the State

of Maine

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