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 substituting false witnesses, have found him guilty of the crime of Slavery Stealing.

Your Excellency, is perfectly aware that no measures however unjustifiable, would naturally be resorted to, to accomplish their purpose by the brutal power of a slave-holding State, who being accused with what they consider an infringement upon their rights, deemed it proper to try as they say by the Constitution of the United States. Our opinion is, that Capt. Philbrook was perfectly innocent in the case. We doubt this having any knowledge of the slave being onboard of his vessel, until so far as to make it impracticable to return. Capt. Philbrook is a 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. Phillbrooke. 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 with 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 well best serve the cause of BLEEDING HUMANITY, in Charters of compassion, and as in duty bound we will ever pray.

March 7th 1836

John Caley

Philip Pendleton

Walter B. Dodge
To the Governor & Council of the State of Maine, Augusta