

at Annapolis in the year of  
Received the thanks of the Congress of the  
United States then sitting for the said service  
of <sup>a</sup> recommendation to his master to liberate  
him therefore; Sheweth that the said Jack  
hath paid the sum of £100 as directed  
by the Will of your Petitioner Testator  
And your Petitioner pray, that the  
said Jack <sup>by law</sup> may be liberated, and  
your Petitioner as in duty bound shall  
ever pray.

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Indian Town 17 Nov. 1792

Sir

I Promised you an acc<sup>ts</sup> of our Engagement  
at sea which Happened as Follows—

On board Schooner Polly. Com<sup>d</sup> by Caleb White  
& Navigated by three Men one of which was  
Jack a Negro. the Property of Henry White  
Paul owner of Schooner Loaded with Corn  
Pease and Pack. b<sup>d</sup> to W<sup>h</sup> In<sup>d</sup>. & sailed from  
Sunnituck 14 Feb<sup>y</sup> 1780 on 16<sup>th</sup> Inst. was  
boarded, and Taken by a British Privateer  
Call<sup>d</sup> Fame. of N. York Com<sup>d</sup> by John Adkinson  
Att. 37<sup>m</sup> Long. 73<sup>w</sup>. we were Immediately  
Confin'd in Irons and allowanced on one Gill  
of raw Pease and one Gill of water per day  
on the 19<sup>th</sup> we attempted to retake the Schooner  
by first getting Jack out of Irons but was  
discover before we c<sup>d</sup>. Prosecute our design by  
some of the Crew. they cons<sup>t</sup> of a Prize Master  
& 4 hands. they Immediately confin'd us below  
deck and fast<sup>d</sup> the feet of Jack to a Stan  
dion on the quarter deck his hands being Iron'd  
where he lay 24 hours in a gale of wind or  
Snow Storm very sea Making a breach over  
us. however he survived that afterward was—



The reason of his usage was because he never  
consent to join them and attempting to get out  
of Irons - However we Ordered him to turn  
himself a Enemy to America this had the effect  
we wish? They Loosed him from his Irons and  
he soon became their Right hand Man with  
Promises of freedom and Many Rewards after  
arriving at Jack but whenever he got an oppor-  
tunity of speaking to us continued to tell us  
he was ready to assist us any Moment in the  
recapture on the 22 the gale abating they  
were abt. Making sail My Brother <sup>who</sup> was the  
Master got out of Irons gave the watch word and  
Engaged the Pure Master - Jack immediately  
Contrary to their Expectations Engaged two of  
of them which he soon wanted having No -  
Weapon but a Marlin Spike In the Antium  
I got out of Lions having Procured a Lullash  
but was much beaten before I got out after  
Blood shed on both sides we Cong? then  
which we confound and Came in to Anopelis  
& Elivered to Congress. but by the wounds  
of frost Jack received he never walk a step  
for five weeks - after we returned home his  
Master: Abused him somewhat -



Jack Apply to me for redress upon which  
My Brother Bought him and in his Last  
Will . Sold to Jack his freedom ~~in~~ his Paying  
his E. S. Loo. He said follow business himself  
well. Honest and Industrious is Very  
Manly to all and has Comanded a Ship  
for the five years. I. Intrusted by Mr  
Daugherty. with Many Hundred Pound every  
Year - Time fails

Adieu

Your friend

Sam Taylor