

## John Porteous Papers: 1764-1862, bulk 1764-1799

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### Document Listing – Volume 2.1

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**Section 1:** *A British Privateer in the American Revolution* (published article by Henry H. Howland in his study), also includes copies of the documents used for article.

**\*Note:** The article precedes the documents listed below which were used while researching his article.

- Letter to P. from Capt. Deane on “Vengeance” , 15 Feb. 1779, (P 288)
  - Should expect Prize schooner “Little Ben” from Cape Fear into Boston, John Anderson Martin, loaded with tar, turpentine and rice (288)
  - Describes privateering adventures, captures, and near captures – “Experiment”, Capt. McPherson, Gen. Mathew, and Capt. Forsyth, captures taken off coast of Virginia (288)
    - “George Washington” bound for Charleston from Boston captured and ordered for Savannah, Georgia (it being in our possession) consigned to John Tunno who is connected with Mr. Penman at St. Augustine as Agent, describes ship (288)
- Letter to P. from John Richardson (accompanying above letter), 15 Feb. 1779, (289)
  - Mentions passenger from “George Washington”, J. Mitchell of Boston, portrait painter, is on board (289)
  - Provides more detail than Deane about the capturing of “George Washington” and passengers on board; Scotchmen whom Capt. Got out of prison ships, rejoiced in their release and entered with us (289)
  - Describes adventures chasing down what was believed frigate “Deane”, (American) who came out of Boston with our prize, which after chase and exchanges found to be British ship “Unicorn” (289)
  - Capt. Knowles was now commanding prize ship (289)
- Letter to P. from Capt. Deane, Savannah River in Georgia, on board “Vengeance”, 15 Mar. 1779, (290)
  - Checking on surplus (wood and water) And Prize ship “George Washington” (290)
  - Not happy with condition of her affairs trying to claim it and expands upon – mentions prize, Martin Charles Andrews, and calls him a most cunning artful villain who has done everything in his power to stir up sedition among the ship’s

company, explains why he's decided not to keep "George Washington" and why it's better to keep "Vengeance" (290)

- Anxious to hear about others captured and mentions cargoes of each for: "Little Ben" from Cape Fear bound to Boston and the Snow "Invermay" from Cape Francois bound to Charleston (290)
  - Mentions supplies and costs bought for ship (290)
  - Describes circumstances during a particular cruise wherein he was given the ship and lost his captures, mentions "Experiment", Capt. McPherson and "General Matthew", Capt. Forsyth, both of New York (290)
  - Ship's situation – gained 2 four pounders and now mount 6 six pounders and 10 four pounders, and 70 men "we have been very lucky in the Vessels we've taken to get so many seamen" (290)
- Letter to P. from 1st Lt. George Knowles (293)
    - Briefly writes of the pleasure and success the vessel brings and is encouraged to obtain more prizes in the next 3 or 4 weeks (293)
- Letter to P. from John Richardson on board the "Vengeance" Savanna River, Georgia, 15 Mar. 1779 (293)
    - Hopefully next prize sent will be a good St. Domingo Man; expresses pride at their prowessness, etc. to capture (293)
    - Apologetic for distress concern of their safety had, but McPherson and Forsyth could have informed and understands reasons did not: "would put it out of their power to conceal any longer our being in co. when the prizes were taken and of consequence fully entitles to share" (293)
    - Espouses the great qualities of harbor, also briefly describes town and "sallow complexion of natives" ... proves ... the unhealthiness of the climate" (293)
    - Names privateers present here: "Mars" Capt. Cunningham; Union", Capt. Sibrell; "Surprize", Capt. Watson, all of NY; Capt. Henry of "Fowey: is now Commodore (293)
    - Mentions Mr. Penman Loyalist businessman from St. Augustine, is here (293)
- Letter to P. from George Deane on board "Vengeance", May 7 1779 (293)
    - Describes experiences capturing / trying to capture, eg. Took French Polocco Ship "Le Hardy", Claude Berard, Master, after very obstinate resistance, incl. place occurred, casualties, cargo, quality of ship; includes also Schooner "Fanny", Capt. Lance Fields belonging to Mr. Courtney (293)
    - Sorry to hear light brig taken and sent for Georgia was retaken, expands upon (293)
    - Sentiment on "Boston Victuallers" as good catches (293)

- Requests a good light glass (293)
- Polacco vessel incl. Mater's name and stuff found in cabin and the hold (293)
- If Schooner arrives safe, wait to sell as would consider buying, as small vessel would be great service.
- Letter to Porteous from John Richardson on board "Vengeance", May 7, 1779 (296)
  - Details adventures more fully and more colourfully concerning chase of brig (rebel privateer) at Fort at Cape Lookout, and capture of Polacca ship "le Hardy" (296)
  - Comments if they'd had their prize schooner with us "we should have affected something more capital" (296)
  - Provision low, bottom is "remarkable foul" (296)
- Letter to P. from John Richardson, between 6 and 7 pm, on May 21, 1779 (298)
  - Describes details of encounter with British "Renown", Capt. Dawson, wherein "Vengeance" was disabled and attack upon and many men hurt mortally, includes descriptions of injuries and cause of (298)
- Letter to P from George Deane, St. Simons on board "Vengeance", Dec 26, 1779 (302)
  - Relays misfortunes: quit Virginia coast due to heavy gale, lost boat with 12 hands while at ST. Simons Island, expects to pursue them immediately to Savannah (302)
- Letter same as above, Savannah on board "Vengeance", 10 Jan, 1780 (302)
  - Caught members and boat which had given him slip, 2 brought with me, rest left in irons on the Snow (302)
  - More misfortunes: narrow escape of his life when driven ashore on Island of St. Catherine's and desertion of 3 crew (302)
  - Drawn on account with you in favour of John Tunno as necessities required (302)
  - Any prizes will be left here in Bermuda till I can convoy them to York [New York] (302)

**Section 2:** British Privateer in the American Revolution: documents *(same title as above but a document listing of the complete collection and not just what the author used for his article)*

- Letter to P. from James Sterling, Montreal, 20 Sept. 1779 (# 23)
  - Arrived here about month ago from England, left sons; going home with family in Oct fleet (23)
  - Heard his privateer is doing so well that "men of war are trying to sink her" (23)
  - Informs whereabouts of Capt. Phyn, Alexander Ellice, Mr. Pollard (23)

- Letter to P. from James Sterling, London, 18 Apr. 1781 (24)
  - Hoped to have visited by now but wary of the troubles with the Dutch and Spanish preclude such (24)
  - Family, lists off those who have married (24)
  - Heard good things about Depeyster at Detroit (24)
  - Inquiries about bond being paid by Jos.? Goldthwait for peltries belonging to D + S, expands upon (24)
  - Gives instruction of Mr. Hunter needs money for his father (24)
  - “pray how do you succeed in privateering? I hope you’ve caught some of the Mineers who will help reimburse your former losses” (24)
  
- Rent receipts to John Smith, Collector of Rents for the Commander in Chief during British occupation of N. Y. from Porteous, for store in Hanover Square for various dates between Dec 1778 – Mar 1781 (27)
  
- Bill to be paid by John Porteous + Co. to Capt. George Knowles, 23 Sept. 1777 (31)
  
- “Exchange for £300 payment to John Richardson, charged to John Porteous + Co. at N. Y., Philadelphia, 18 Dec. 1777 (33)
  
- Shipped by John Porteous + Co. freight on board Snow Elegante, 11 April 1778 (33)
  - At anchor at N. Y. bound for Philadelphia, to be delivered safely to W. Constable, George Deane Signatory, items listed with cost (33)
  
- Letter to John Porteous + Co. from John Richardson, Philadelphia, 22 Apr. 1778 (35)
  - Steps into business after W. Constable left office and updates on state of (35)
  - Taken shop at Market Street for 3 months but rent is high (35)
  
- Account pays taken from ledger for Snow “Elegante” current to 20 Mar. – 5 Sept. 1778; on account with John Porteous (37)
  
- Memo of Settlement of the Snow “Vengeance”, account and costs fitted out for her 1st cruise, 9 Jan. 1779 (41)
  
- Memos for Porteous from John Richardson [no dates]
  - (includes list of people to pay and services rendered to him, and people who owe him) (43)
  - Instructions – re Snow’s division of money, to place 52 pounds N. Y. currency as investment in shares of “Vengeance” for his Uncle’s benefit (43)

- Letter from John Richardson “Vengeance”, Sandy Hook, 10 Jan. 1779 (47)
  - Once passes inspection, expects to go to sea on 1st cruise (47)
- Letters from Richardson and Capt. Deane, 15 Feb. 1779 (49)
  - See article p. 289 – summary
- Letter to P. from James Penman, Savannah, 9 Mar. 1779 (51)
  - Grateful for recommendation as Agent to Capt. Deane for any prizes sent to St. Augustine as he would like to stay here, recommended Mr. John Tunno; Court of Admiralty now established here and recommend prizes be sent here (51)
- See summary p. 290 + 293 letters from Capt. Deane and George Knowles, 15 Mar. 1779 (53 + 55)
- Letter to P. from James Penmar, St. Augustine, 29 July, 1779 (56)
  - Concerning missing invoice for provisions, mentions Col. Innes (56)
  - Hopes long before this time, you have had good accounts of Captain Deane (56)
- Letter to P. from John Richardson, 15 Mar. 1779 (57)
  - For summary see page 293 in section 1
- Letter to P. from George Deane, 7 May, 1779 (58)
  - For summary see page 295 in section 1
- Letter to P. from John Richardson, 7 May, 1779 (60)
  - See page 296 for summary (60)
  - Original includes list of “Company of the Snow Vengeance” = list of men on ship (60)
- List of officers and Men belonging to the “Vengeance” on board the sloop and Pinnace at cutting out the Polacco in Ocracock (62)
- List French prisoners returned ? in the “Vengeance” (66)
- Letters to P. from Richardson, 21 May, 1779 (70)
  - See page 298 in section 1 for summary of (70)
- Snow “Vengeance” account to John Porteous, 25 May, 1779 – 24 Oct, 1779 (72)
  - Incl: debits for eg.
    - To the schooner Fannies at auction 500

- To 9 gallons of rum 7/6, 1 .. 2 .. 6 (72)
  - Incl: credits for eg. –
    - by acct provisions first cruise 1277 .. 9 .. 4
    - by share of the Polacco + schooner + cargoes 4603 .. 3 .. 8
    - by 4 water casks sold P Rhineland 3 .. 4 (72)
- Financial + legal pieces of papers concerning prize monies and distribution of, 1778 – 79 (76)
- Letter to P. from John Richardson, Snow “Vengeance” 26 Sept. 1779 (82)
  - Concerning paperwork required in order to find who proper persons are to charge (82)
  - Re. Mr. Likely’s powder – returned it to ship as not worthwhile to keep it in its state (82)
  - Need more powder, to request from J. T. son (82)
  - Capt. Deane “is amazingly anxious about being mustered, I hope it may be done this afternoon” (82)
- Legal document – Court of Vice-Admiralty, N. Y., 27 Oct 1779 (84)
  - George Deane on behalf of himself + others, commander of the vessel “Vengeance” is authorized by commission (13 Sept last) to attack, surprise, seize, and take all ships and vessels, goods, wares and merchandizes, chattels and effects belonging to inhabitants of the American Colonies in Rebellion and vessels belonging to his Majesty’s subjects in Great Britain or Ireland which are found trading to or from said colonies contrary to law (84)
  - George Deane in vessel “Vengeance” did seize vessel “Revenge”; further describes vessel and why taken and brought to N. Y., vessel and goods forfeited to his majesty, adjusted lawful prize and to be divided among the owners of Snow “Vengeance” and crew, etc, after no one came forward to say why it should not be condemned. Robert Bayard, judge (84)
- Journal – page from [New] York, 28 Sept. 1779 (Monday) (85)
  - Starts – Set sail p.m. from York on board the “Vengeance”. Capt. Deane Commander and Capt. Black of the “Langolee” tender to the “Vengeance”. Came to anchor under straiten (Staten?) Island between the hours of six and seven o’clock (85)
  - Covers 6 days and contains brief note of seizing privateer from Philadelphia and its loss, and cause of, a few days later, considered chasing another until saw English flag raised, mentions Mr. Knowles (85)

- List of crew ? “Vengeance” and pay ? (86)
- Prison Bill, on board the “Langolee”, 29 Sept. 1779 (88)
  - Shows menu for the week – breakfast and dinner, time of meals, how much rum and punishment if drunk or disorderly, “Boys half allowance of rum” (88)
- Received N. Y., 31 Oct. 1779 of Capt. George Deane (91)
  - £ 11 5 shillings which I promise to pay to the owners of the Snow “Vengeance” on demand, signed John Granger. N. B.; I promise to pay to the above sum to the owners of the Snow “Vengeance” provisor John Granger doth not proceed the cruise in said Snow Vengeance, witness at Kand Mary Castle? (91)
- Payments of George Deane (N. Y.) – promissaries to pay the owner of the Snow “Vengeance” on demand money (1779) (93)
  - 1 – in case that Pat Cuson and Edward H. Smith, John Wright, John Francis do not proceed to sea on the Snow “Vengeance”, Oct 28 (93)
  - 2 – in case that Joseph Spencer does not proceed on the Snow “Vengeance”, Oct 29 (93)
- Letter to P. (N. Y.), from George Deane, Sandy Hook on board the Vengeance, 5, Nov. 1779 (95)
  - Permission given by Admiral to sail without being examined, proceed to sea immediately (95)
  - Matthew Hannaway ought to be discharged as he was able to join the ship (95)
  - Will probably touch at Bermuda for water (95)
  - Reminder not to forget procuring exchange for my brother Henry Deane, John King, and William Greig (95)
  - Sent trunk and box to purser of the “Hope” boy, please take care of (95)
- Letter to P. from George Deane, 26 Dec. 1779 (97)
  - See page 302 for summary
- Letter to P. from same, Savannah, 10 Jan. 1780 (99)
  - See page 302 for summary
- Letter to P. from George Knowles, Charleston, 20 Jun. 1781 (101)
  - Bound for Jamaica, hopes to hear some account of the “Vengeance”, rest concerns his account (101)

- Letter to P. from Trevor Bomford, Rainstown? or Rabinstown?, Ireland, 7 Apr. 1783 (103)
  - Informs of brother's death – Capt. Thomas Bomford, gives cause of sickness which included wet climate, requests P. inform brother's wife, and suggest to her to try and find other means of supporting herself than relying on this family, as all his friends attribute his misfortunes to her (103)
  - Requests information be sent to him as to his brother's finances, particularly wonders if anything has been heard of the "Vengeance" as his father had shares (103)
  - Happiness at end war, many leaving to settle there, and expects it to be the seat of commerce (103)
- Few financial statements regarding Thomas Bomford; egs: (105)
  - Promissory note of J. P. to pay Thomas Bomford, 26 Oct. 1780 (105)
  - Payment to Capt. Thomas Bomford, 35<sup>th</sup> Reg't, 17 Oct. 1778 (105)
- Letter to P. from George Knowles, Phillipsbourgh, 9 Jun. 1779 (109)
  - Requests more men and barrel of rum and tarr, etc (all listed as provisions are very dear at this place, mentions Mathew Daniel ? piloting brig "Recovery" (109)
- Letter to P. from Brown and Michie, Savannah, 21 Jun. 1779 (109)
  - Not successful at selling his raisins and almonds, would have done better at Charleston, if we had succeeded there (109)
  - Discusses stoppage of war here due to excessive heat and the positive effect more regiments would have; sentiments on state of shipping in Charleston (109)
- Letter to P. from Charles Mitchie Beaufort, Port Royal, S. C., 27 Jul. 1779 (115)
  - Military at garrison: 77<sup>th</sup>, light infantry, few thessians, Capt. Tawse? Dragoons with N. Carolina volunteers Col. Hamilton (115)
  - The "Vigilant" and several armed sloops secure creeks and harbor; too warm to take the field except Highlanders would cheerfully march to Charleston (115)
- Letter to P. from Charles Michie, Charleston, 17 Jul. 1780 (117)
  - Controversy over whether Dr. Smyth made a payment to 63 Reg't (117)
  - State of barrels of flour of Porteous (117)
  - Remarks on state of markets, which is dull of present, money has not circulated among the planters, crops are not at market, expands on some crops (117)
  - News of military in N-Carolina; "believe it's the wish of the General Wallan / Wallace? That people should mend their crops for a month or two longer which



can hardly be expected as they are daily harassed by violent parties; in want of wines (117)

- Letter to P. from John Richardson “Hawke”, at the Watering Place, 5 Jul. 1780 (119)
  - Requests some items be sent via the pilot that belongs to Mr. Donald’s boat (119)
  - Surprised having not seen Jamieson’s schooner yet (119)
  - Muster about 33 men and 7 passengers (119)
- Copies of letters to James Phyn from John Richardson on board the “Hawke”, Capt. Slater, at Sandy Hook, 9 Jul. 1780 (121)
  - Waiting for wind to go to Charlestown, at Staten Island (121)
  - Provides information pertaining to vessels – the “Betsy” and the “Hananel” – Capts, amount crew, and arms, hopes to leave with the well-armed vessel “Amazon” and some Jamaican ships, all well armed (121)
  - Believe “Pearl” frigate goes to the Southward; instructions concerning insurance for 2 possible cases: Kings Convoy or in company with Jamaican ships (121)
  - Added note on the 10<sup>th</sup> – re insurance – necessary to insure only to have a return in case of King’s Convoy (121)
  - Received instructions from “Hananel” and “Amazon” who will act as Com [Company?]: while we keep with the Jamaican men (121)
    - “Hawke” at Sandy Hooke, 11 Jul. 1780 (121)
    - Update on sighting of fleet seen at Chesapeake from vessels from Bermuda and now convinced it’s a fleet of merchantmen, so at first wind, sail with following vessels: “Amazon”, “Trelawny”, “Mildred”, “Peggy” and “Hercules” with guns (121)
    - Hopeful insurance Mr. P. orders will be done reasonable (121)
- Letter to P. from John Richardson on board “Hawke” at Sandy Hook, 10 Jul. 1780 (123)
  - Informs wrote Mr. Phyn about the fleet seen off Chesapeake and summarizes his situation in relation to delays, and various vessels, for eg. “Betsy”, “Flora”, and “Dart” (Jamieson musters at 30 hands, “Romulus”, “Rainbow”, “Blonde”, “Triton”, and “Guadaloupe” are come in; the “Richmond”, “Camilla”, “Gulatea” and “Delight” are still out I believe; the “Pearl” lies down here (123)
  - P. S. if no tarial copy preferred for Mr. Phyn, please inform William Taylor, as it may serve both (123)
- Same as above, 11 Jul. 1780 (124)
  - Concern shown about Deane (124)

- Mentions Jamaican and Charlestown vessels, and the Amazon; and his sentiments about the delays being “irksome” (124)
- From same to same, on board “Hawke” at sea, 15 Jul. 1780 (125)
  - Yesterday parted from Jamaican Men and Packet (125)
  - Impressed with vessel’s speed as “hailed” packet which is very fast and beat the whole fleet (125)
  - Unwilling to detain the vessel which is a prize to the privateer “Hibernia” (125)
- From same to same, Charleston, 14 Aug. 1780 (127)
  - Explains why they arrived later than expected in relation to Mead and winds (127)
  - Informs Brig “Flora”, Capt. Giles, was taken in sight of our fleet by the Sloop “Comet” of Philadelphia, Capt. Is ashore on parole and sloop dispatched to Philadelphia, hopes she’s retaken, and that some of dry goods was carried on board the Privateer (127)
  - Congratulations to P. from his “lucky escape” in the Port Wine purchase, better to have sold it at N. Y., market overstocked here, gives prices, money scarce so hard to sell anything (127)
  - Optimistic about selling P.’s goods which have arrived, describes the store he’s gotten at Church Street with help of J. Simpson and costs of rent, which he exclaims are outrageously high (127)
  - Explains by examples the high cost of certain foods and the state of his sales thus far, in detail, with commentary (127)
  - Optimistic business will revive in fall and states “I am prejudiced against this place”(127)
  - Gosling died, shall secure your account as he had considerable property in the “Hananel” (127)
  - Hates climate but has decided to stay (expands on climate) (127)
  - Advice re P.’s sending of goods to here (127)
- To P. from John Richardson, Charleston, 22 Aug. 1780 (129)
  - Informs P.’s goods on vessels “Hawke”, “Dart”, and “Betsy” have arrived safe; not so the “Flora”, which was taken by sloop “Comet” belonging to Philadelphia (129)
  - State of Jamieson’s goods – damaged “may be able to recover the underwriter on them” (129)
  - State of markets for different commodities here, expands on, eg. “Tobacco I think in very ticklish and I have seen none here capital, yet it brings 6 d a 10 d” (129)

- Military affairs here – “Affairs for some little time past, began rather to wear a gloomy aspect” (129)
  - Expands upon; comments on Cornwallis engagement and victory, and its positive affects; hopes to hear from P.s quarter victory over Mr. De Ternay (129)
  - Expands upon effects of military campaigns here on trade; suggests sending goods “once things are properly composed” here; advice on what goods to send, include fashion, etc (129)
  - Comments on P.’s fortunate escape in the wine way “it will at least compensate the loss of the “Flora” however that you will say is but a poor comfort”; states price wine is fetching (129)
  - Personal – climate / mosquitoes / content ... have you heard of poor Deane? ... it was his firm resolution to cruise off Virginia and then to West Indies; if unsuccessful, suggests reason for not hearing from Deane is that “returning without a prize was almost equivalent to t total loss of a vessel” and hopes this is the case (129)
  - Lists price current for different commodities – flour, rice, ship bread, etc (129)
- Letter to P. from John Richardson, Charlestown, 23 August, 1780 (130)
  - Information pertaining to market in cloth – varieties, quality, price obtaining, encouraged by trend (130)
    - Requires and requests more linen (130)
  - Military – indicates we are 4 Volunteer Companies, Captains are: Cruden, Eccles, Morris, and Norris; hopeful this will help off the scarlet cloth; a detachment of us go out tomorrow to meet the rebel prisoners and guard them to town, too busy with business to be among (130)
    - Recounts Col Tarleton’s engagement with General Sumpter (briefly) (130)
- List of amount on board the “Hawke”, the “Flora”, the “Dart”, and the “Betsy” June 1780 (131)
  - Some eggs for “Hawke”: No. 47 can, 201 .. 17 .. 3 3/6 , 3 box, 15 .. 11 .. 7, 60 trunks, 42 .. 3 .. 6, JR’s chests etc 30 .. 11 .. 8, etc (131)
  - Plus other financial numbers related to vessels above (131)
- Letter to P. from John Richardson, Charlestown, 1 Sept. 1780 (137)
  - Mentions “Providence” off to England; Dr. Smith’s account – Capt. MacKinnon indicates he can not help with, Smith acting “ungentlemanly”, and suggests deserves little indulgence – he gave the wine, it is his business to pay for it and

collect a proportion from the officers and not you, who wouldn't know what / how much the officers drank, will pursue further (137)

- Letter to P. from John Richardson, Charlestown, 7 Sept. 1780 (139)
  - No alteration in markets since last writing – dull and very little selling; indicates markets for certain goods (139)
  - Mentions Gordon and Biddulph will draw on London at par, in reference to bills (139)
  - Requests round of bble or two of Newton Pippins [apples] and to charge to account (139)
- Invoice of sundry merchandise shipped on board Schooner “Betsy” for Charlestown, Peter Scott, master, consigned to John Richardson for sales in account and risk of Porteous (141)
- Invoice of 2 packages of Hatt’s shipped on board the Brig “Swift”, Thomson, Master, by John Porteous and consigned to John Richardson (143)
  - Eg. 6 round hats – 10/6, 3 .. 3, 6 fashionable hats – 14/ , 4 .. 4, 6 black ostrich feathers – 2/ , .. 12, 6 military hats – 14/ , 4 .. 4, 4 riding hats – 10/6, 2 .. 2, shipping charges and custom house fees .. 3 .. 7, freight and insurance from London 7 .. 13 .. 11 (143)
- Invoice – Puncheon Beaver shipped on board the schooner “Dorothy”, Capt. Morgan, for New York – and the care of Thomas Pope and consigned to John Porteous New York for sale – J. P. being  $\frac{3}{4}$  and J. Richardson  $\frac{1}{4}$  concerned (145)
  - Signed, Charlestown, Sept. 6, J. R. (145)
- John Porteous in account current with Joh Richardson, 17 Sept. 1780 – 3 Dec. 1781 (145)
  - Incl. list of debits and credits with amounts. Eg credits; by cash received of Capt. Bingham on your acct.; by freight of 1 trk and 1 box hats from N. Y. all being charged to your cons. John Richardson – after mercantile adventure at Charlestown 1780 (145)
- Legal document / agreement – John Porteous, owner of sloop “Jupiter” agrees to allow use of for military purposes – transport troops, stores or provisions, for agreed sum. 19 Feb. 1781 (147)
  - Capt. Henry Chads, military agent (147)
- Letter from James Sterling, London, 23 March 1782 (149)
  - Concerning his father’s financial matters, Philadelphia (149)

- Mentions son is in the 48<sup>th</sup> Regiment now at Glasgow, Mark is Lt. in 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment at present prisoners of war (149)
- Hopeful peace is near (149)
- Letter from John Paterson, London, 2 May 1783 (151)
  - Mr. Adams's account, mentions John McAdam (151)
  - Sentiments concerning the draft articles of peace (151)
- Letter from James Sterling, London, 7 May 1783 (153)
  - Comments on the "battle in parliament ... on account of the late coalition and New Loan ... in short, the Outs want to be in and the Ins want to hold fast" (153)
  - Intentions – go to Ireland to form some connections in the linen trade; may go soon with family to settle in States (153)
  - Grateful for kind and obliging offices P. has rendered (153)
  - Robert McWilliams, late of Detroit, merchant will deliver mail and give an account of goings on at Detroit (153)
- Letter from James Sterling, London, 4 Feb. 1783 (153)
  - Re. financial matters with Payn and Ellice (153)
  - Remarks – happy you who are out of Canada as the negotiator Mr. Oswald had given away to the Americans all the most valuable part of that province (153)
- Payne's relating to Snow "Vengeance" from Porteous papers in Library of Buffalo Historical Society, Buffalo, New York (156)
  - Shares in the Vengeance – list indicating who received and how much (156)
  - Receipts for labour paid by William Richardson (156)
    - Eg. Rec'd New York, Aug. 7 1779, of William Richardson the sum of three pound sixteen shilling in full for five days and ¼ labour done on board the Snow Vengeance, signed David Finney (156)
  - Log, July? 14 – part Aug 13 (156)
    - Weather, waves, sailed with transports to Halifax; embarked on "Bridgewater"; Dan Addnet, Master; cleared Partridge Island; directions include Hasen's [Hazen's ?] house and Symond's; arrives at Sandy Hook Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> at N. Y. in the pilot boat, 7<sup>th</sup>; enters Southern Entrance Canabakacias [Kennebecasis ?] Bay, 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 miles from the falls; got to the landing above the falls, but too late to get over (156)
  - Musters of the Officers and Company of the Snow "Vengeance" and her tender with the money advanced by sundries annexed to their names (156)
    - Headings: names and role, amount, if any, paid by Capt. Deane, J. Richardson, Capt. Richardson, and John Porteous (156)

- Names incl. for example; George Deane-Capt. Snow, Richard Blake-Capt. Tender, William Facey-Lt., John Scott-Lt., Thomas Atwick-Master, Henry Dean-Master, John Fitzgerald-Surgeon, Thomas Davidson-Prize Mater, Peter Ryan-boy, John Ladd-negro (156)
- Letter to P. from John Marston, 12 Feb. 1780 (156)
  - Great surprise at bill sent you from Philadelphia, concerns stone Mr. Constable applied to me for belonging to Mrs. Lawrence and rent money due (156)