

Transcription of Documents for the *Dolphin*

Extract from the proceedings of the Governor and council of Maryland on the 31st of March 1780

“William Middleton agrees to take charge of the boat Dolphin V^l (vessel) and to continue in her for six months from this day upon the following terms,
Mr. Middleton is to be paid £200 per month and allowed five gallons of rum, half of a pound of bohea teas, six pounds of coffee and ten pounds of brown sugar, for the use of himself and hands a month.
Mr. Middleton thinks four hands and a boy will be sufficient to work and manage the boat.”

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Extract from the proceedings of the governor and council of Maryland on the 16th day of October 1780

“The Council have this day agreed with Captain William Middleton to command the State boat Dolphin for six months on the following terms vis £9 hard money at the exchange 2 gallons rum ½ Bohea tea 8 lbs brown sugar and 4 ½ lb coffee per month and two rations per day.”

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Extract from the letter books of the governor and council of Maryland
In council 17th Feb 1781

“Sir,
You are to proceed immediately down the Bay as low as you can with any degree of safety. If you should have any information of the enemys, coming up the bay or should discover them yourself, you must with all the expedition possible return to this place and give immediate information to the board.
Capt. William Middleton”

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Extract of a letter from the governor and council, taken from one of their letter books

“In council 15th August 1781

Sir,
A boat, the Dolphin, belonging to this state commanded by Capt. William Middleton was in the month of March last taken by one of the British squadron then in the Chesapeake. Soon afterwards the Capt. of a French armed vessel brought in here Capt. Penny, and part of the company of a British vessel the Endeavour which he had taken on his passage. Capt. Penny represented himself to be related to Gen. Herman Herrian Hernan of rank in the British navy, and requested that his parole might be taken to return Middleton in his stead.

A copy of his parole we have the honour to enclose, but we have not heard since from Capt Penny neither has Middleton yet arrived. We request Sir, that inquiry may be made and that Middleton may be returned or Penny returned according to the terms of his parole.

To the commanding officer of the British Navy or Land Forces at or near Portsmouth.”

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Council Chambers
Annapolis August 3rd 1832

I certify that the foregoing extracts from the Journals of proceedings and letter books of the governor and council of the state of Maryland are truly taken from the said Journals and letter books remaining of^d (official) record in my office.

H. S. Gilbreth clerk
Of the Executive Council