

1776

Aug. 26 Arrived in St. Eustatius & tarried there one night & one day. Here I had a very great pleasure of seeing my old friend Mr. Longbotham whom I had not seen ten years. I spent a chief of my time with him. He is still the same man.

27 Sailed from St. Eustatius in the evening.

September 4th was taken by the Eagle Privateer Capt. Elijah Freeman Paine comm.

Lat: 41. 2. on the eastern part of Georges Bank.

22^d. arrived at Plymouth. Next day was examined by the committee of safety (Dr. Tovey foreman) & was by the unanimously ordered to jail, my commitment was ascribed till next day on all of my things being not landed out of the port & for that ^{night} my Brother W. Watson was to bail. The next day upon another

consultation had, the Committee of safety⁵ altered the place of my confinement: from a common jail to my Brother W. Watson's house to which I came 4th 24th Inst. The reason the committee give for confining me is that the People will be dissatisfied if I am let go at large. But the true reason is that it is malice & revenge of I — W 29 would not otherwise be satisfied, & the committee are to a man his creatures.

a List of the Committee who ordered me to be confined.

Deacon Fory Chairman a true Deacon

Capt Weston — He owes his existence to the very people he is now insulting. His wig & head would completely fill a corn basket.

Deacon Diamond a pious-looking ^{gentleman} wearing body
Mr Deeri ^a ~~man~~ is a ragged Jackett & I think a leather apron.

Some ^{body} I could not see, he sat in the dark, & I forget his name.