New York 16 of Augst. 1791

Sir Nathl. Page

I beg Leave to acquaint you that we arrived here on the 11th. After a long tedious Passage of 3 months, the Ship's Company in General is all very sickly and several are dead on the Passage. Now they are all off on Shore to See the Landings. Number of Band Troops was seen and the General Compliment was the Swords.

The Only thing I have been short of is Coal, and before we got on Shore I began to Quit my Room and last Scott about 1 Chaldron from 2 Different Ships. The Coal in this Place is for common at 3.5 p. Chaldron the Fire wood at 2.5 p. Fathoms. I give my People one Day Fresh Provisions a week and that I pay to 50c. pound for.

However the Ship is all in Good Order. And the Capt. is Begging to Cancel the upper Mortar. I do not need to tell you any thing more Particular at Present. But should be pleased to hear from you the first Opportunity. Please send Mr. Sidewell a certificate for the first Six mon. Emptys. Sir I am of your much obliged. Humble Servt.

Ship Providence

John Ritchie
New York 27th May 1782

Mr. John Dixon

Sir, I beg leave to acquaint you, that I drew on you for £2000 Sterling on the 16th Instant as also I have drawn on you this English Draft of £2000 sterling more for the use of the Ship Providence, the time said Bills I hope you'll honour, I am sorry I should have drawn so much Cash at present, but I hope you'll consider the small outfit of provisions and other Stores for ten Months that is all expensed and the consequence the Seamen is between two and three hundred Pounds, some of which are paid off, I have three months provisions with other Stores and all Bills paid off. As there is thirty days of us all overdue for Sea in a Minuts another thought it proper to lay a little Money along with me in case of paying more to the owner.

Sir, I am your much obliged humble servant

Ship Providence,

John Ritchie