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Providence July 14<sup>th</sup> 1778.

Dear Sir,

I am honored with yr. Letter of Yesterday and should with pleasure have complied with your request, but Admiral Howe has given positive orders that no New England Sloop shall be exchanged till the Ship Royal Bountie with her crew &c. are accounted for.

This was notified to me Yesterday by Letters from Genl. Pigot and the British Commissary of Prisoners which will for a Season delay the exchange of yr. Gentlemen you mention.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

J<sup>rs</sup>. Sullivan

True Copy  
Ellis Gray Esq<sup>r</sup> Attest John Avery Secy



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