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State of New Hampshire } In Committee of Safety of said State
convened at Exeter the 22^d of June 1778

To Mr. Nathaniel Thuburne

You have hereby Licence to sail from the port of Piscataqua
in the Schooner *Burthen* about Forty Tons as a flagg
of Truce to Halifax, in the State of ~~Massachusetts~~ Newport, or New York
~~to deliver and procure the release of the crews of the Privateers~~
~~for the sole purpose~~ of carrying ^{now Prisoners} ~~the~~ the crews of the Privateers Portsmouth
at some one or more of ^{these places} ~~these places~~ & Mr. Chary, and if possible to effect the release of said Prisoners
& bring them to their homes in this State. In prosecuting which
Business when you arrive at any one of the Aforesaid ports where
any of said prisoners may be, you will apply to the Commanding
officer for leave to deliver the prisoners the necessaries you carry for
them, & likewise deliver the proper officer in whose power the
Liberating of the Prisoners is vested, the Letter you have from their
Committee to request their Release — by order of the Committee
M. W. Chary ^{my}

copy of a business for a flagg
of truce to Nathl Sherburne
22 June 1770