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Gentlemen

I send you by John Horn late
Com^d of the Gen^l Gadsden Privateer captured
by his Majesty's Ship Daphne a copy of his
Parole with that of the other prisoners arrived
in this flag of Truce to effect the Exchange
of whom is my business here. I confess the
pleasing Satisfaction arising from the sight
of my dear family & perhaps to procure their
departure from New Hampshire was no small
inducement at this season of the year for un-
dertaking the Voyage. What other business I
you will readily collect from the Letters
I also forward. In transacting my own affairs
I flatter myself I shall receive all that Politeness
& attention that Gentlemen know ^{how} so well to express
to others even of different sentiment. On my
part I can assure you no good office consistent with
my duty shall be wanting where you or any of
your friends are concerned. You will I assure
myself forward the Letters with all convenient

dispatch to the several persons to whom directed. If I
have made any mistake in sending the papers to you
my Ignorance of the arrangement of your Office & their
particular duty joined to your Candour will excuse
me. Perhaps I should have sent them immediately to the
Council but Gentlemen you know best that matter
if necessary you will rectify the Mistake. Capt
James Fraser is also come in the flag to effect his Exchange
Doubtless domestic Indecorment has its share in that mat-
ter which you will settle with him. I must beg
your Attention to this matter that there may be as little delay
as possible. - I am Gentlemen yours &c

Sam^l. Hale

On board the Schooner Hammond

Portm^o. Harbour Oct. 20th 1778 -

To the Com^{tee} of Portm^o.