

Substance of letters  
from Captain Hyde Parker  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 14 25 1779

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Captain Hyde Parker's letter dated Jan<sup>y</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1779. Savannah Series  
Sailed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. from New York with the Transport under Conroy  
after a series of bad weather arrived off of Tybee 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. could not  
from the southerly current get in until 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. <sup>by operations could</sup>  
Pagoon ~~landed~~ until 27<sup>th</sup> except landing a Company of Light  
Infantry under the command of Sir Pat. Baird sent to Wilmington  
Island to secure some of the Inhabitants and gain intelligence  
of the State of the Enemy. 29<sup>th</sup> took the Town of Savannah  
since which protection has been held to such of the Inhabitants  
of Georgia as retained Allegiance to His Majesty; the effects  
have perfectly answered our most sanguine expectations  
a very large Majority have already subscribed to the Oath  
the Country abounds with great quantities of Amm<sup>o</sup>; the  
Defense of this Province must greatly depend on the  
Naval force on the different inland Creeks, Gallies  
covered from Musquetry are preparing for that purpose  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> M. J. Rowland with the King's troops from  
St. Augustine have obliged the Rebels at Sanbury to surrender  
at Discretion.

*[Faint, illegible handwritten text in cursive script, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*