On perusing the policy of insurance on which Mr. Davies founded his claim against the State, I observe that it bears date on the twenty-fifth day of June, 1789, and insures the sloop Nassy and her cargo from the port of Savannah to the island of Martinique.

By the affidavit of Capt. John Pray, it cannot admit of a doubt but that the vessel was lost on the 29th day of December following in Savannah River.

I wish to submit to the commissioners of claims (to whom I am referred upon every case that admits of a doubt) whether there was not an sufficient time between the making the insurance on the 25th day of June and the loss of the vessel on the 29th day of December for her to have taken in her lading and proceeded on her voyage, and if so, if the vessel ought to be considered as covered with the insurance after so much time had elapsed and she was proceeding in a contrary direction to that mentioned in the policy.
House of Assembly, July 24th, 1783

Whereas it has been represented that by Virtue of an Act, by the Insurance Office established by the Legislature for the encouragement of Trade, that Sunday Persons did actually Cover Property, and pay the Premium into the proper Office, and are at this time in Receipt of the Policies of Insurances made on the part of the State, therefore

Resolved that the Auditor be empowered and required to make strict enquiry into the manner and time of Capture, and where it shall appear just and equitable, that the State shall stand accountable in like manner as if the same had been done between individuals of individual, and the Auditor is hereby directed to Liquidate such Claim, according to the Rules and Regulations Pointed out in like manner as any other Claim against the State.

Extract from the Minutes

John Wilkinson, Esq
State of Georgia, Chatham County. Personally appeared Job Ray of the town of Savannah, Chatham County, and state aforesaid who being sworn saith that on or about the twenty-seventh day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight the vessel under the command of Archibald Campbell took possession of the town and river Savannah with a number of Hollanders that were making their escape up the river for Savannah amongst which was a sloop the property of Edward Savage of the state aforesaid named the Nancy formerly of the state aforesaid commanded by John More, but at the time of her capture Captain Spencer was master and that he said Job Ray being part owner of said master of the aforesaid sloop Nancy Captain Spencer master getting on shore near him on the said bank by which said mutiny the sloop aforesaid fell into the hands of the enemy and was a total loss to the owner or owners.

Sworn to this 2d day of August, 1783.

Job Ray

Land Surveyor 208.
50/- W. Lloyd and 3 Gall. Rum Brandy.
Nick elly Tobacco
Cantor Resolve for his loss the Land
Savannah, Sep't 22. 1783

Whereas, Mr. Wm. Cresent Byrd, Auditor Genl. has this day given me a Certificate of the Sum of Two Hundred Seventy Nine Pounds Ten Shillings halfpenny. Specie being for a Bond due me on a Policy of Insurance made by the Com. of the State Insurance Office in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Eight on the Schooner Davis, from this Port as appears by a Policy in the Hands of the Auditor but as the protest has not appeared I do promise the said Mr. Wm. Cresent to produce, then such documents as are requisite to prove her Capture —

Edw. Davis
Edw. Davie's Note.
Custom House,
Port of Savannah.

At the request of Mr.
William McLeod, merchant,
and owner of the Schooner Nancy,
of Charleston, I hereby certify,
That I never heard from any officer
of the Customs or other Person, neither
do I believe that any suspicion
has ever arisen of any thing
detrimental to the Revenue of
the United States being transacted
on board the said Schooner since
her arrival here in August last
from Africa.

Given under my hand
and seal of office the
tenth day of October 1795.

John Habershon
Collector.