

[The Chevalier d'Anmours to Gov. Johnson.]

Original

Sir

Scarce had I finished my letter of this morning to your Exelency, that the Captain of one of the french ships mentioned in it, came on shore, and declared to me that as he was near the fort and Just Ready to enter the Port, the Galley, fitted out by the merchants of this town to defend it, trailed him; and having not understood what the officer said, fired a Gun at the said Ship. A killed man whose head was Carried away By the shot, is but an agravation of the offence offered to his most Christian majesty's service and flag, for which I ask a satisfaction which I expect as well from your Justice as from the atrocity of the fact Considered in itself. at my Request the Commanding officer (for the Captain was not on Board at that time) was immediately apprehended and sent to Jail. he pleaded the want of a salute which he Required from her. in Supposing even that this Salute was Due By his majesty's subjects to ships of war, which I Can never Acknowledge till I have orders to do so, yet it Could not be understood, to ships armed By merchants.

I Repeat it Sir. Your Justice, the Laws of nations of which this is a Capital Breach, the sincerity of the alliance that unites france and america, makes me hope for a satisfaction, which his most Christian Majesty has a Right to Expect, not only from all these motives; But also from the magnanimity with which the americans are treated when in the ports of france

I am with Great Respect

Sir

Your most humble
& most obedient Servant
LeChev. D'Anmours
Consul of france for his
most Christian majesty

Baltimore June the 8

1779

Thursday 10th June 1779

C. B.

Present as on Tuesday except James Brice. T. Sim Lee Esq^r
Attended

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Lamb, 1 pair overalls, 1 Coatee and 1 pair Shoes for William Duce a Recruit in the 1st Regim^t

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Lilburn Williams of the 2^d Regim^t three thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service