

c. c. Christian Majesty, or the Private Ships of his Subjects; these Facts Sir, being generally known, the necessary Inference must be, as the truth really is, that any such Event as you complain of, was as unexpected to us as yourself, so that nothing of this Accident can possibly be imputed to the Government. Considering this Fact simply in the Light you view it, as an unjustifiable Firing of a private Vessel on a private Vessel of the Subjects of his most Christian Majesty, and, if it was added, that it was done with the Intention of Insult & Injury, nothing in our Power remains undone since the Officer who commanded on Board, is committed to Jail and is in a Course of legal Prosecution. Whether the private Ships of either Nation are to make any Acknowledgement of Respect to the Ships of War of the other, on their occasionally meeting with each other in the Parts of the other Power, p. 8 is a Matter out of our Way to determine on, if at all, we imagine that between Independent Powers, they ought to be mutual, not Acknowledgements of Superiority but of Respect only. The Supreme Powers, of the two Nations, we apprehend are only competent to regulate where it may be demanded and, if it might tend in any Degree to promote the Common Interests of the two Countries we wish it done. It has hitherto been our constant Endeavour to promote and confirm a good Understanding between the two Countries and we flatter ourselves, that you'll do us the Justice to believe we shall cheerfully embrace every Opportunity to evince with what Sincerity we wish to continue the Harmony and extend the Confidence now happily subsisting

We are &^{ca}

Le Chevalier D' AMMOUIS
His most Christian Majesty's Consul
residing in Baltimore

c. B.

Friday 11th June 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Coombs a 9 M^o Soldier in the 1 Regim^t Discharged the amount of Twenty three Pounds, three shillings and six pence in Cloathing Bal^a due him per Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

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[Council to R. Buchanan.]

In Council 11th June 1779

Sir.

We will embrace the first favorable Opportunity of sending