

Copy of a letter from Captain S. M. U. S. Frigate Chesapeake, to the Secretary of the Navy, dated Boston, 10th April, 1813.

SIR— I have the honor to enclose to you a copy of a report I have made to Commodore Decatur, relative to the cruise of this ship, agreeably to an order I received from him under date of the 8th of Oct. last.

Respectfully I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant.

SAML. EVANS. The hon. Wm. Jones, Secretary of the Navy.

U. S. Frigate Chesapeake, Boston, April 10, 1813.

SIR— I avail myself of the termination of the Chesapeake's cruise, which has ended by her arrival in this port, to inform you of the transactions thereof. I believe it is known to you that we sailed from Boston on the 17th Dec. last. On the 31st, at 3 P. M. we discovered the first sail to which we gave chase; but night coming on we lost sight of her. On the 1st day of Jan. at half past 3 P. M. being in lat. 43 N. long. 62 W. we discovered another sail to which we gave chase— it is, Lt. Page boarded her and discovered that she was the American brig Julia of Boston, from Lisbon bound to Boston and that she was sailing under a British licence which the captain delivered to him.

On the 12th at 5 A. M. we discovered a sail N. by E. to which we gave chase, and at 10 brought her too and boarded her. She proved to be the British ship Volunteer, from Liverpool to Biafra, one of the convoy of 12 sail bound to different ports of South America, and the Pacific Ocean, under charge of the Cherub, sloop, from which she had parted 5 days previous to our falling in with her. She had on board a considerable invoice of dry goods; and I put a crew on board her and

dispatched her to America. The next day at 5 A. M. we discovered another sail bearing W. by N. to which we gave chase, and at 10 boarded her. As she was known to be the brig Liverpool Hero, one of the convoy, I boarded her under English colours, in hopes of being enabled to gain such information as would bring us in sight of the fleet. I found she had left them the day after the Volunteer; that she had but little that was valuable in her, and as her mainmast would make us a most excellent maintopmast, which we were much in want of, I determined to take out the valuable part of the cargo and destroy her. While in the execution of this at 4 P. M. another sail was discovered. On seeing us she made sail from us, and as the wind was light and no possibility of coming up with her before dark, I judged it best to take what we could from the brig while the day lasted, and to run part of the night to the southward and westward in hopes to intercept her next day— this I did, and lay by the latter part of the night and most of the next morning— When seeing nothing of her, I bore up and stood in a direction to intercept the fleet, if they had passed the inside of the Cape de Verdes which, from the course they were steering when the brig separated from them, and the information I was enabled to glean from the captain and crew of her before I informed them who we were, I was strongly impressed with the idea they had done; but I regret to say that after pursuing this course until I arrived on our cruising ground we saw nothing of them. Perhaps, sir, the idea may suggest itself to you, that taking into consideration the latitude allowed in my instructions, it would have been proper for me to have pursued them further; and I will therefore give you my reasons for not doing so. As I have mentioned heretofore I boarded the brig under English colors, and I believe the captain had not the smallest suspicion of our being other than an English frigate until I undeceived him.

The ship will require new masts, the one in being decayed; and in working in yesterday, a heavy flaw carried away the main-topmast, by which we unfortunately lost 3 men and sprung the head of the mainmast, which I expect will have to be replaced likewise. We have on board between 40 and 50 prisoners. The masters of the Volunteer and Liverpool Hero, I permitted to proceed in the Earl Percy on parole. I am with respect, sir, Your obedient servant, (Signed) SAML. EVANS. Commodore Stephen Decatur.

A CARD. The person who inadvertently, or designedly, took from the subscriber's counting-room, the first volume of Rollin's Ancient History, is requested to return the same, and its full value in money, will be paid, if required.

W. ALEXANDER. April 22.

By His Excellency LEVIN WINDER Esquire, Governor of Maryland, A PROCLAMATION. In the present situation of the state, a meeting of the Legislature is thought necessary; wherefore, I have, by and with the advice and consent of the council, appointed the third Monday of May next for the meeting of the General Assembly of this state; whereof the several sheriffs are hereby enjoined to give public and due notice.

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Richard H. Harwood.

M A... VOL. LXX... PRINTED AND PUBLISHED BY JONAS GREEN, Church-street, ANNAPOLIS. Price—Three Dollars per Annum. POLITICAL. From the Salem Gazette. MR. PICKERING'S LETTERS. LETTER X. To the People of the United States. There has lately been published an excellent little pamphlet entitled "The Road to Peace, Commerce, Wealth and Happiness, adapted to the understanding of every man who can read; and if the advice of the "Old Farmer," who wrote it, were followed in other states, as it has been in Massachusetts, in the late elections, those great blessings would soon be restored. The object of the "Old Farmer" was to convince his brethren and all others by whose labors government is supported, of past errors in the choice of rulers, whose measures have ruined our commerce, diminished our wealth, and rendered us unhappy; and who, finally, have exchanged our peace for the calamities and miseries of war. They have only, then, to correct those errors, and choose rulers of the opposite character, to reverse the scene—to escape from those evils, and recover the blessings of peace, commerce, wealth and happiness. With the same great objects exclusively in view, I have stated facts which my public situations brought within my notice; and with the right equally pertaining to every other citizen, I have freely expressed my sentiments of public men and public measures: believing an exposure of the former not less essential to a reformation of abuses, than the just censure of their measures. An eminent writer remarks—"Measures and not men" is the common cant of affected moderation;—a base, counterfeit language, fabricated by knaves and made current among fools. Such gentle censure is not fitted to the present degenerate state of society. What does it avail to expose the absurd contrivance or pernicious tendency of measures, if the man, who advises or executes, shall be suffered not only to escape with impunity, but even to preserve his power, and insult us with the favor of his sovereign?" Junius wrote in England. In the United States, the People are the source of power—the sovereign, by whom ministers, public servants, are appointed; and truly has the power and favor of a sovereign been equally perverted and abused. To prove this to my fellow-citizens has been the object of the statements and plain observations I have at any time presented to their notice, respecting men as well as measures. For in a republican elective government, where the people choose their chief ministers, a knowledge of the candidates is essential to wise and prudent choice; and if they prove unfaithful, an exposure of their public character and conduct is essential to the correction of their abuses, by stripping them of power, and substituting faithful men to administer the government. On this subject, I add one more address; and which demagogues, the great pretenders to patriotism, arrive at power in a free state. Among the means of preserving public power in the present hands, the partisans of our national rulers are continually reproaching those citizens who question their wisdom, virtue or patriotism: And if the investigation of their measures show them to be destitute of all those qualities, then such enquirers afterwards are denounced as the friends and advocates of Britain; as taking the part of the enemies of our country. God forbid that I should do this, in thought, word, or deed. On the contrary, in every part of my life, I have been opposed to the enemies of my country. The greatest of those enemies are the men who have directed and controuled the course of the U. S. since Mr. Jefferson's death, became their presi-