

The Minister of France has represented that certain inhabitants of St Domingo are combining to form a military expedition from the territory of the United States to go and support their accomplices in the said Island who are still opposing the constituted authority there; and that Baltimore has been pointed out as the place at which such combinations are taking place

I am directed Sir, to inform you that the President of the United States deems the fitting out any military expeditions from any of the parts of the United States as unlawful and therefore to be prevented, and he requests that you will please to take the necessary measures accordingly, and report the result in writing

I have the honor to be with great Esteem

Your Excellency's most Obed Servant
Knox Secy of War

His Excellency
The Governor of Maryland

War Department August 6. 1793.

Sir,

Authentic information has been received that there are at this time two french privateers fitting out at Baltimore, the one a Brig to mount fourteen Guns, and the other a virginia Pilot boat.

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