

she is not liable to be seized or condemned, have requested it as a
favour of me to write to You (as they have no Correspondent in the Bahama
Islands) & beg that in case she should be captured on her present Voy-
age & on any Suggestions be libelled & condemned in Your Government
You will be so kind as to prevail on some responsible Person to become
joint Security with the Master on his Appealing home, so that he
may be again put in Possession of his Vessel & Cargo; & they not be stripped
of their Property only for want of having Correspondents in Your Govern-
ment who might give Security for them on an Appeal to England. As they
seem to be very confident that neither their Vessel nor Cargo is liable to
be made Prize or to Forfeiture & have executed a Bond to indemnify me
& whoever shall give Security for them in consequence of my Application
& Request to You; & as I have a Regard for them I could not refuse their
Solicitation & hope that if there should be Occasion & Capt Cullom should
address himself to Your Excellency, You will for the Benefit of his Owners
show him all the Countenance & afford him all the Assistance in Your Pow-
er consistent with the Duty of Your Excellency's Station; in case You shall
prevail on any Gentleman to become joint Surety for any Sum less than Ten
Thousand Pounds Sterling with Capt Cullom on an Appeal in consequence
of this Letter I do engage & promise to save Your Excellency or such Gentleman
harmless & indemnified. Having already acquainted Your Excellency with
the Reasons that have made me presume to take this Liberty with You
I shall only add that I flatter myself You will excuse it & always believe
that I am with the most sincere Regard & sanguine wishes for Your Excel-
lency's Welfare D. S. Your most humble & most obedt. Servt. *John Sharp*