

degree of public spirit that may give rise to  
voluntary associations ready to act as occasions  
may require and unless the obstacle I have  
described can be otherwise surmounted I  
have no doubt that the Council will unite  
their endeavours with mine to promote the  
measure just suggested

I have the honor &c

Henry Knox Esq.  
Secretary of War

Thos. S. Lee

In Council June 20<sup>th</sup> 1793

Sir,

70. A report has reached this Board  
that a British Ship consigned to W. Ireland  
is preparing for sea in the port of Baltimore,  
and is to carry twelve pieces of ordnance, which  
she did not bring into this Country, and which  
as it appears to us cannot be carried from  
hence to the ports of any of the European  
powers at war, without a deviation from  
the neutrality professed by the United States,  
even supposing that no use is intended to be

(made)