

Annapolis Maryland

In General June 22 1793

Sir

71. The enclosed copies of a letter written by this Board to the Collector of the Customs at the Port of Baltimore, and of the answer thereto which we have just received from his Deputy will sufficiently explain the first case which has seemed to call for our interference since the receipt of your communications respecting the fitting out of fighting vessels within our Jurisdiction

You will see Sir that, most probably through a step not contemplated by us, that of the Officer's applying to Mr Ireland himself for the information we desired, this Ship has got out of our reach - We can therefore only endeavor to be better prepared for future occurrences of this kind, which we are told may be expected at the same place - With this view we shall state some difficulties that seem to be attached to the charge we have received, and which we hope