

In Council August 24. 1793.

Sir

We have received your letter of yesterday's date accompanied by copies of the one you wrote to Mr Pascault, respecting the Brig Maxwell, and the french Vice Consul's letter to you on the same subject. By communications received this morning from the Secretary of War, we find that our interpretation of the regulations, as they respect prizes sent into our ports by the proscribed privateers, is not conformable to the President's intentions; as you will perceive by the following extract "And the President has further directed me to request, that in case any such vessel shall have sent, or brought subsequent to the fifth instant or should hereafter send, or bring any prize or prizes into any port or harbor of your State, that you would cause such prize or prizes to be immediately secured by the Militia, for the purpose of being restored to the former owners."

We lose no time therefore in directing that if the said Bugantine has not left the Harbour, you take immediate measures to secure her - and that provided there is

(Sufficient)