

intended for mercantile purposes, and her
guns merely for defence, on the contrary it
is very evident from the report of the Mem-
ber of the Council who took possession of
her that he never entertained the least
doubt that she was fitted out for privateer-
ing - and he restored her, because, with all
the industry he could use, assisted by your
own researches, he was unable to procure sa-
tisfactory information that she had made
any material military equipments in
Baltimore - whether the facts you have
now discovered will come within this des-
cription, and whether in the absence of
the Captain they can be properly substanti-
ated by the depositions you have sent,
the President of the United States will
decide -

I have the Honour

to be with perfect respect

Edward Thornton Esq
Vice-Consul of His
Britannic Majesty.

Thos. J. Llo.