

addition to that which I informed you in  
my letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> September last did not  
seem to me sufficient to authorise an inter-  
ference on my part, and as nothing short  
of a forcible seizure and detention of the  
prize would meet your expectations, I must  
still think it improper for me to take  
such a step, especially, when there lies an  
appeal from the opinion of the District  
Judge, to the Circuit Court, which measure,  
according to my information will be effectual  
to prevent the sale of the captured vessel  
so long as the appeal shall be depending.

I have the Honor to

Edward Thornton Esq  
Vice Consul of his  
Britannic Majesty—

Thos. S. Lee.

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In Council October 4<sup>th</sup> 1793.

Sir,

Your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> September is be-  
fore us — The information you have received  
of our having supplied some companies of  
militia in your County with arms is errone-  
ous — We have not even received any application  
(from)