

the Privateer Schooner Republic, and have in
consequence of your communication instructed the
Collector for the District of Baltimore to take
proper measures for ascertaining the present
state of this vessel as to military equipments
and for noticing all such additional Equipments
as may be attempted to be made to her during
her continuance in Port - He has my further
directions to transmit to me as soon as possible
the result of his Enquiries and observations in
order that I may be enabled to determine
what steps it will be proper for me to pursue
under the circumstances of the case coupled
with the Instructions of the President

I am Sir

Edward Thornton Esq.
Vice-Consul &c

Thos. J. Lee

Annapolis October 7th 1793

Sir,
Your Excellency will probably before
102. this letter reaches you, have received from the
Secretary of War a communication which I
made to him on the 18th September last respecting
the case of the Ship Rochester, captured