

Amapolis October 9th 1793

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 8th Instant with the enclosure respecting the capture of the Brig *Flemingham* of Derry by the french Privateer *Le Sans Culottes* of Marseilles. The Instructions of the President of the United States to me in cases coming within the description of your letter is as

103. follows "That in case any of the Vessels of France shall send any prizes into our ports against which proper allegations shall be made as having been taken within the limits of the protection of the United States, that such prize shall remain in the possession of the Consul of France, until the Executive of the United States shall have decided thereon -"

You will observe by this Instruction that as there is a french Consul resident at Baltimore, I can take no other step on this occasion than to call upon him to possess himself of the Prize and detain her until the decision of the President shall be made — and even this measure would be unwarrantable

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