

in case the Prize should be taken into the possession  
of the Officers of The Admiralty in consequence of  
a Libel filed in the Federal Court for the pur-  
-pose of obtaining restitution on the Ground  
of an illegal Capture. I request therefore  
to be informed whether any such Proceeding  
has been instituted in the District Court of  
the United States with a view to this Prize

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Vice-Consul -

James Lee  
The S. Lee

Annapolis October 11<sup>th</sup> 1793

Sir

104 I have received a letter from the British  
Vice-Consul residing in Baltimore enclosing two  
depositions of which copies are herewith transmit-  
-ted to you. - Mr Thornton gives me notice  
that he expects shortly to procure further evidence  
against the legality of the capture -

The instructions which I have received  
from the Executive of the United States make it  
my duty Sir to require that you possess yourself  
of the Brigantine Cunningham mentioned in these  
depositions, and that you hold her in your custody  
(without permitting any act of ownership to be