

Amapolis October 11. 1793<sup>th</sup>

Sir,

106 The motives which influenced me to address your Excellency on the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant must again apologize for my transmitting you the enclosed copies of a letter and depositions received from the (British Vice-Consul residing in Baltimore) - As this Gentleman has informed me that no suit has been instituted in the Court of Admiralty respecting the Brigantine mentioned in these papers, I have found it my duty to require the french Vice-Consul to take charge of her until your Excellency shall have decided on the case - I have desired Mr. Thornton to use all possible diligence in procuring and forwarding to me the additional evidence which he expects to obtain; and which when received shall be transmitted to your Excellency without delay - but although the allegation of this vessel's having been taken within three miles of our coast has seemed sufficient to authorize the provisional step I have taken, it is possible that