

Therefore cannot encourage the late proprietors of the Ship Rochester to expect the recovery of their property through the exertion of my authority. I have been informed that my dispatches to the Secretary of War on the subject were sent after him to Boston; from whence they must have been transmitted back to the President; and it is to this circumstance I should presume, rather than to an acquiescence in the British Minister's ideas respecting the equipment of the Industry, that his assertion has remained uncontroverted.

Although any representation on the subject would at this time seem superfluous, without further testimony were to be added to that which the President is undoubtedly possessed of I can have no objection to Mr Hammond's discussing the affair immediately with the General Government, if that measure shall appear to promise a speedier determination of it.

With regard to the case of the Brigantine Cummingham, I shall immediately forward a copy of your letter and the

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