

Council Chamber April 5th 1794

Sir

As Major Rivaude who is appointed by the President of the United States for the purpose of fortifying Baltimore, Alexandria and Norfolk, will be occupied for some time in the execution of the works at Norfolk, where his presence is more immediately required, it has become necessary to appoint some Gentleman to superintend the conduct of the works at Baltimore during his absence, and to assist him after his return. In consequence of a letter from the Secretary of War contained in Mr Rivaude's instructions a copy of which has been transmitted to me I have to request you to undertake the performance of this trust, the nature and extent of which will be communicated to you by Mr Rivaude himself under whose direction you will be pleased to act.

(Enclosed Blanket for Williams)
Mr Dodge appointed.

I am Sir
Yours
Tho S Lee

(Letter to Major Rivaude; the original draught mislaid.)
copy to be preserved and received in a subsequent page.

Council Chamber April 12th 1794

Sir

I have just received information from the Secretary of War that the President of the United States has finally decided the cases of the British Brigantines the Pilgrim and the Cunningham. I am instructed to cause to be restored to her owners at the time of her capture, the said Brig Pilgrim, it being determined that her capture was illegal, inasmuch as it was made within the limits of the protection of the United States. I am further instructed Sir to notify to you that the President has decided against the restoration of the Brig Cunningham; it not being proved that she was taken within the protection of our coasts, and to request that the said vessel be delivered up to the Captors. By your letter of the 28th of October last I was informed of the fate of the Brig Pilgrim previous to your knowledge of the claim instituted by the British Consul; and I shall take the earliest opportunity of communicating this circumstance to the President and shall wait his further directions.

Citizen M. J. P. M. J.
New Consul of the French Republic
Baltimore.

I have the Honour to be Sir
Yours
Tho S Lee