

In Council Annapolis June 11th 1794

Sir,

In the absence of His Excellency the Governor, We enclose you a copy of a letter just received from the Secretary of War, as also the copy of the British Minister's letter mentioned therein. You will please to take the earliest measures for the safe keeping of the prizes the Ship Charles and the Schooner Delight, which are supposed to be in the Harbour of Baltimore with their cargoes until the requisite enquiry and decision relative to the legality of their capture shall have taken place. When the Governor returns the speediest measures will be adopted for the institution and completion of the enquiry necessary for the information of the President of the United States.

Citizen Maysomier
Vice Consul of the French
Republic Baltimore

We have the Honour to be

Dear Sir
Your most Obedient Serv^t

William Pinkney President

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Sir,

The Secretary of War in a late letter to me has communicated the copy of one from His Britannic Majesty's Minister to him alledging the capture of two British Vessels the Ship Charles and the Schooner Delight supposed to be now in the Harbour of Baltimore within the limits of Neutrality, by a French Privateer supposed to be the Liberty, together with sundry papers relative to the same Subjects and has required that immediate measures may be taken for the Investigation of the Legality of these Captures.

I have thought it advisable to inform the Consul of the French Republic of the above communications, and to request him to take these prizes into his Possession until the requisite enquiry and the consequent decision of the President shall have taken place, and I have no doubt that this request will be properly attended to. The Enquiry shall be instituted without delay and Copies of all Documents in my possession in relation to the Subject shall be transmitted to the Consuls of the two Nations.

I am Sir

Edward Thornton Esquire
Vice Consul of His Britannic Majesty
at Baltimore

Wm. J. Lee