

is intended should be conducted in the same manner as that which was heretofore made respecting the Privateer Schooner Industry and the Brig Cunningham.

I shall write to Mr Hottelingsworth and the French and British Vice Consuls informing them of this request and requiring them to adopt the necessary measures for obtaining upon you the Examination demanded.

For the purpose of furnishing the parties concerned with an opportunity of being apprized of the testimony already in my possession relative to this Subject. I have troubled you with the enclosed papers, which you will be pleased to allow them to peruse, and if they think proper to copy.

Samuel Chase Esquire
Chief Justice of the Genl Court.

I have the Honour to be &c

Thos. S. Lee.

In Council Annapolis June 18th 1794

Sir,

The Secretary of War having lately called upon me to cause an Enquiry to be instituted into the Legality of the Capture of two Vessels, the Ship Charles and Schooner Delight the property of British Subjects and now in the Harbour of Baltimore, alleged to have been taken by the French Privateer La Liberte near the Shores of the United States and within the Limits of our Protection.

You will be pleased in conformity with the regulations heretofore established by the President to prosecute and conduct this enquiry before Samuel Chase Esquire, to whom I have written in the same manner as was done in the cases of the Privateer Schooner Industry and the Brig Cunningham.

I have enclosed to Mr Chase for your information and that of all other parties concerned copies of all the material Documents in my Possession relative to this Subject, but a full disclosure of the circumstances is more to be expected from the assistance of the Claimants or their Attornies in Baltimore.

Mr Smith appears to be Attorney for Thomas Hughson the Claimant of the Ship Charles and her Cargo, and to him I presume you will apply for further Information. The Claimant of the other Vessel is Godfrey Wood of Bermuda, of whom James Craig Merchant of Norfolk styles himself Attorney, and the Claimant of her Cargo is Robert Hays of Norfolk. I do not know whether they or either of them