

relative to the legality of the captures before the Chief Justice of this State and I enclose a copy of his answer to my letter by which it will appear that the subject is now under examination in the District Court of the United States, which has been adjudged competent in point of Jurisdiction to decide on it.

I presume that under these circumstances it will not be deemed necessary to institute any other Enquiry, but if it should be thought expedient by the President to procure an Examination distinct from that in the federal Court, no time shall be lost in the prosecution of it as soon as his wish shall be made known to me.

The Honble. Henry Knox Esq. I have the Honour to be yr.
Secretary of War. Tho^s S. Lee.

Council Chamber Annapolis, June 30th 1794.

Sir,
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th of February last together with a copy of the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from the second of October seventeen hundred and eighty one to second of October seventeen hundred and ninety which did not come to hand until very lately.

A. L. Dallas Esquire Secretary I am yr.
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Tho^s S. Lee.

In Council Annapolis July 7th 1794.

Sir,
I have the honour to acquaint you that Mr. Hermonet who was mentioned in your letter of the second of June last as the person appointed to make the necessary surveys and plans for the proposed fortification at this place, came here a few days ago and upon an examination of the situation fixed upon the southernmost of the points which form its entrance called Horn Point for the principal work with a view likewise to a smaller one on the opposite land within Greenburg's point, provided that the money appropriated shall upon his plans being fully digested appear to be adequate to the erection of both. He has returned to Alexandria