

advisable to transmit it to you in order that you as an officer of the
General Government may have an opportunity of gratifying its object so
far as to prevent the departure of the Sans Pareille if it shall appear
to be proper until further directions can be received from the War Office.

We have written to the Secretary of War apprizing him of the
Governors absence and of the measure we are in consequence compelled
to adopt; and we take the liberty of intrusting this letter to your care.

It is presumed that he will forward further instructions and more
complete authority to you or to us with all convenient despatch

The Honble

Christopher Richmond Esq^r

We are &c

William Pinkney President

Sent with a Copy of a letter from the Secretary of War.

In Council Annapolis July 23^d 1794.

Sir,

Your letter of the 12th Instant with its enclosure
to his Excellency the Governor relative to the Sans Pareille Privateer
was received by the Council on yesterday. The Governor being absent
on a visit to the Berkeley Springs and his return not being soon expected
we thought it advisable to transmit your communication to Mr.
Richmond the Deputy Collector of the Customs for the port of
Baltimore, recommending the Subject of it to his Agency until further
directions can be received from you.

We take it for granted that if the Sans Pareille is in the
Harbour of Baltimore he will prevent her departure so as to
enable you to adopt such measures relative to her as may be
thought most advisable. It will readily occur that it was not
in the power of this Board to take any step upon this occasion
more likely to be effectual than that which they have pursued,
having no right of direct interference; they could only recommend
the Object of the President to the temporary care and attention of
such officer of the General Government as under circumstances
appeared to be most competent to its Execution.

The Honble

Henry Knox Esq^r
Secretary of War.

We have the Honour to be &c

William Pinkney President