

could be made upon the Subject of the alleged Alterations and Equipments. I have required the Collector of the Customs to cause this Vessel if not already seized to be detained for the above purpose unless upon Examination he shall be satisfied that the suggested grounds of Detention do not in fact exist which Examination is to be immediately made.

I have no Doubt, Sir, that you will think it proper in your official Character to assist the Views of Government with your Influence and Authority so far as to procure a peaceable and ready Compliance with such arrangements as the Collector or myself should deem necessary on this Subject. —

If the Collector in the Exercise of that Discretion which I have conceived it just to commit to him, should conclude to detain the Vessel for further Investigation. it will be requisite that an Enquiry on oath should be instituted into the Truth of the before mentioned Suggestions in order to found an ultimate Decision as to the propriety of dismantling the Vessel of the exceptional Equipments and reducing her to her original Situation. — This Enquiry will be carried on under the Direction of the Attorney of the United States for this District. before some Associate Justice or Justice of the peace residing in Baltimore Town. after due Notice to you in the same Manner as heretofore prescribed on similar Occasions. —

Citizen Moissonnier
Vice Consul of the French
Republic. Baltimore

I am &c

John H. Stone

Sir

Council Chamber November 18th 1794

In consequence of a Representation from the British Vice Consul resident at Baltimore alledging that a French Vessel called the *Lovely Day* now lying in that port has received sundry illegal alterations and Equipments for hostile purposes against the Commerce of Great Britain. and requiring my Interference