

In Council November 27<sup>th</sup> 1794

Sir

We have the Honour to transmit to you the enclosed Certificate of the Election of Representatives of the State of Maryland in the Congress of the United States.

We are &c

The Honble

John W. Stone

Edmund Randolph Esq.

Secretary of State

Council Chamber November 29<sup>th</sup> 1794

Sir

From the Proof lately taken relative to the alterations and warlike Equipments alledged to have been received in the Port of Baltimore by the Brigantine lovely Lass now the Ship Protege it appears that this Vessel came into that Port a Prize to the Citizen Genet and was at the Time of her arrival in a Situation solely adapted to Commerce. That since her arrival her Waiste has been changed. several Port Holes cut and completed. and Cannon put on Board. - There can be no Doubt that the cutting of Port Holes is an Equipment of a warlike Nature and contrary to the Instructions of the President of the United States. and of course it will follow that the Port Holes of the Ship Protege must be closed before she can be permitted to sail. This you will be pleased immediately to cause to be done in the most complete and effectual Manner

You will also take particular Care that this Vessel should be dismantled of all Ringbolts and other Equipments solely connected with the use of the Port Holes or Cannon intended to have been mounted. The Materials of such Equipments should be reloaded. -

The Cannon however must remain in their present Situation. and must not be allowed Carriages. -

I do not think that sufficient Grounds are afforded for directing the Cannon shipped in the Hold of this Vessel to be reloaded. It does not appear that these Cannon are mounted - and it is stated that they were brought into the Country from Cape Francois. and