

now claimed by the French Vice Consul in Behalf of the Republic of France
No hostile use can be made of them by the Ship Protege after the execution of
the above order. -

As soon as the Port Holes of this Vessel shall have been closed and the other
military Equipments connected with their use removed. she may be per-
mitted to proceed upon her Voyage unless there are other causes not stated
to me which may require her detention. -

I have written to the Vice Consul of France to request his assistance in
the Execution of these Directions. -

Robert Purviance Esquire
Collector at the Port of Baltimore

I am &c

John H. Stone

P. S. as the report made to you by the Surveyor for the Port of Baltimore is
defective and inadequate to convey the necessary information to form a
decision. I beg of you in all cases respecting Foreign Vessels making objec-
tionable warlike Equipments in the Port of Baltimore to state the follow-
ing particulars as well as others that may occur to you. the time when such
Vessels arrived in Port: her quality and exact situation when she
arrived. and every alteration that she has received since her arrival.
all implements for war &c on board or about to be put on board &c

J. H. S.

Council Chamber November 29th 1794

Sir

Upon Examination of the Documents lately transmitted to me in Relation
to the Ship Protege I have requested the Collector of the Customs for the
Port of Baltimore to cause the Port Holes of this Vessel to be immediately
closed in the most complete and effectual Manner and also to cause her
to be dismantled of all Ring Bolts and other military Equipments
solely connected with the use of these Port Holes and the Cannon intended
to have been mounted. -

I have not ordered the Cannon shipped in her Hold to be relinked
under a persuasion that they will remain in their present situation without
being placed upon Carriages or applied by the Ship Protege to
purposes of Hostility. -