

Reasons of that Departure being assigned. —

Robert Purviance Esq
Collector at the Port of Baltimore

I am &c
John H. Stone

Council Chamber December 5th 1794

Sir

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 3^d Instant. and have in consequence written to the Collector of the Customs requesting him to state to me the Reasons which have induced him to compel the relanding of the Cannon on Board the Prodig and to prohibit their Reshipment. It is impossible for me at this Time to give any peremptory order on the Subject as I am not apprised of the Grounds upon which this unexpected Measure has been adopted. —

The Collector was not authorized by me to interfere in this Case to so great an Extent and until he shall communicate the reasons by which he was influenced I can form no opinion as to the Propriety of it. If he persists in enforcing Compliance with his Directions. the Decision of the Question must be referred to the President of the United States.

Citizen Paul Thomas
Vice Consul of the French Republic

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Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 28th Ult. Request you on receipt of this Letter to discharge and discontinue the Militia Guard kept in Hager's Town to guard the Prisoners commonly called Insurgents.

Lieut. Col.
Percin Davis

I am &c
John H. Stone