

this Board as likely to produce an agreement in opinion on the Question in
Question. or at least to accomplish such a Concurrence of Sentiment
to the officer to be appointed as will render the suggested Doubt of less
Importance than it otherwise might be. -

For this purpose we shall be glad to see the Judges in the Council
Chamber this forenoon as the Business of the Court (in which the public
are interested) renders a speedy appointment necessary -

The Honble
The Judges of the Court
of Appeals

We are &c

John H. Stone

Council Chamber January 19th 1778

Sir

I herewith transmit the Copy of a Letter from the Secretary of
War and its Enclosure relative to a Ship called Les Jumeaux (or the
Twins) illegally fitted out as a French Cruiser in the Port of Philadelphia

If this vessel should arrive in the Port of Baltimore or is now there you
will be pleased to cause her to be forthwith seized - and in Case of
Necessity to call upon Colonel Stricker for assistance. -

It will be proper also that the Attorney of the United States for
the District of Maryland should be apprized of the arrival of this
Ship as soon as it shall be known - in order that he may adopt such
measures as he may think advisable for effecting the other object
mentioned in the Secretary's Letter - at the same time it will be
expedient to lay before him this Communication and the Copies
enclosed. -

Robert Purviance Esquire
Collector at the Port of Baltimore

I am &c

John H. Stone

Sir

Council Chamber February 21st 1778

In consequence of a Letter which I have just received from the Secretary
of State I have to inform you that the Government of the United States withdraws
its Interference in relation to the Ship Hope and her Cargo or the Proceeds
thereof and that the Money arising from the Sale is of course left at the
Disposal of her Captors -

Citizen Paul Thomas

I am &c

John H. Stone