

Council Chamber January 1795

Sir

I have the Honor to transmit herewith enclosed Copies of your
Communications relative to the Ship Hope and her Cargo lately
brought into the Port of Baltimore as Prize to the French Privateer
Le peuple Francois - In addition to the Explanation furnished
by the Enclosures it will be necessary to state that my letter to
Citizen Thomas of the 1st Instant with that of the same Date to W.
Hollingsworth arrived too late to prevent the Sale of the Ship - but
that the Sale of the Cargo was in consequence postponed. -

The Perusal of your letter however, to the attorney for the
District of Maryland of the 21 December together with W. Holling-
sworths letter to me of the 10th Instant herewith transmitted with its
Enclosures have induced me to revoke the arrangements I had
made for suspending the sale. -

Previous to this revocation the Consuls of France and Great
Britain on consultation expressly consented and it was agreed
between them that the Proceeds should be Deposited with Citizen
Thomas in order to await any Decision that the President under
a View of circumstances should think proper to give. of course it
will appear to be proper that some order should be taken on the
Subject.

The Honble
Edmund Randolph Esq.
Secretary of State -

I am &c
John A. Stone

In Council March 31st 1795.

Sir,

The Executive have this day appointed you Inspector of Salted
Provisions for the Town of Baltimore

W. George Matthews

We are &c
John A. Stone