

"NO IMPRESSMENTS AND FREE TRADE."

Messrs. Editors.—As the house of representatives have appointed a committee to enquire into the impressment of seamen, and they have made but a partial and imperfect report, in which after 3 weeks' search, they find but 157 impressed seamen in this state, and that is going out to the people, I therefore feel it my duty to make a statement I heard commodore RODGENS make before said committee. I wish you to publish it, because I was refused making the statement to the house; and the committee did not see cause to report this to the house. Com. Rodgers stated before the committee, that out of 150 seamen now on board his ship in Boston harbor, 120 of them had been impressed at different times, by the British—And that he had documents here and at Washington, upon which he founded his opinion, that in the course of 10 years, Great Britain has impressed as many native Americans, as the whole amount of seamen now in the service of the United States.

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