It is very true that I dec
not desist to Capt. Pattisons design of
pursuing this Vessell at the time he too
leave of me, because he told me he had a
informed himself that She was not a Flag
of Truce — But a day or two before, wh
he first broached his Project to me, obsev
that she had a white Flag in her Shrouds, (Tho
him that she had the Appearance of sue
a Vessell, & strictly charged him not to med
with her or any other that he might fine
under similar Circumstances, or that we
in any manner under the Protection o
within the Jurisdiction of the French Gove
ment — This Gentleman, I swear on my
Sacred Word & Honour, I would send you
my Deposition to the same Effect was the