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Blacksburg, Maryland, 30th May 1814

My dear Sir,

Mr Vasquez the Portuguese Consul at New York,
has a Portuguese Ship, named the Dois Hermanos, in that Port, which he
wishes to send to England with Passengers. He has applied to me, to know
whether he can do this with propriety, I have answered him in the Negative,
and added, that Passengers are as much a Cargo, as merchandise, and
therefore that a Ship with Passengers cannot be said to be in ballast to
protect her against capture for breach of blockade - I at the same time
wrote him, I would solicit you, in the event of its being in your power to grant
him a License for this purpose. - If you can with propriety do it, you will serve
a worthy, honorable Man - Send it to me under seal, and the letter under
cover to General Mason. - I should be most happy to take you by the
hand - accept my warmest wishes and believe me -

my dear Sir

Your faithful servant

Thos Barclay

British & Neutral persons may
be passengers in a ship in ballast
but not citizens of America.

The Honble Sir Alexander Cochrane
in his absence Rear Admiral Cochrane.

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