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Stout. A question never can arise
between the honorable patriotism of our
gallant officers, and the pecuniary
interest they may be supposed to have
in attempting to send them into port,
when the doubtful chances of success,
and the very great advantage the
Scurvy would derive from recaptures are
duly considered—

The cruising ground herein
designated also embraces a vast and
valuable mercantile trade for the
supply of the British provinces, and of
the Indians, and also a rich return
of furs and peltries—

The Scurvy will not in all
probability anticipate our taking this
ground with our Public Ships of War
and as the Scurvy's convoys generally
separate between Cape Race and
Halifax, leaving the trade for the St.
Lawrence to proceed without convoy,
the chance of captures, upon an extensive
scale is very flattering. It is of great
importance that our account of prisoners
should be kept as full as possible, and the
returns regularly made to this
Department, in order that an exchange
of our own gallant seamen may be effected
without