

without delay, and that by the magnitude of
the pledge in our hands, the Enemy may
be induced from Policy if not from
disposition to treat our Citizens with less
rigour than he accustomed to do

The fogs which prevail in the seas
in which you are to cruise may be
considered as forming an objection upon
the presumption that the superior enemy
cannot be discovered until close on
board; but admitting the fact, it is
counterbalanced by the facility which it
affords to a fast sailing vessel to escape
from a superior enemy, that it conceals
your own ship until an inferior in
force and sailing is under your
guns, that by running close in with
the land you are sure to have clear
weather, altho' the fog may be even
so thick two or three leagues off, and
by taking a position off some known
usual landfall for ships entering the
St Lawrence, you intercept them as
they approach the land, the moment
they develop from the fog bank —
after all, Vigilance & preparation are
the only safeguards in any and
every situation — With these
instructions you will proceed to sea