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Secret Memorandum

Centurion at Halifax 27th July 1812.

The former Minister of his Majesty in
America having granted 180 numbered licences and 5
distinct ones for vessels under American, Portuguese and
Swedish Colours to carry provisions to the Army in Spain &
Portugal, and return in ballast, and further 14 for Ameri-
can vessels loaded with wool for the Dock Yards in England.
20 for those loaded with cattle & flour for the West Indies or
the government of West Brunsrick. Having given permission
to American Merchant vessels loaded with provisions for
England, and to take English Merchandise in return; and
the following vessels viz. Bingham, Stag, Harriet, Orion,
Centurion, are under such Circumstances, as to be particular-
ly protected, and can pass without fear of being molested
by any of his Majesty's vessels, as vessels being employed in
an innocent Commerce, and according to the intention herein
expressed; and vessels which are provided with licences
from His Excellency Sir John C. Sherbrooke, to import
provisions to Halifax, are free from detention. I have
likewise granted 20 protections to Mr. Robert Elliott for
vessels loaded with flour and other provisions for Spain
& Portugal. And I have written a letter to Mr. Andrew
Allen, his Majesty's Consul in Boston, specifying that
all vessels having a copy of that letter among their papers,