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Baltimore 26th July 1814

J. O.

Sir

This day an application was made to me for a command of a sloop by a Captain Deq of this place who informed me he had been unfortunate, having been taken three times, and then went on to state that the last time he was taken, he sailed from North Carolina. That being there, he was applied to, by a Mr Matthias Rich of this City, to command a vessel, Rich said he was the owner, having a sloop of sale, but that her Register was in the name of Pennyman & Hathaway of this place, that she was called the Morning Star, that he for some time refused going in her, but from large offers, he at last agreed, and sailed from Wilmington in North Carolina on the 12th June 1813, bound as was said for St Jago in Cuba, that on her passage she was captured by a British lined ^{armed} vessel, that the Capt Deq was taken out, and kept on board the English.