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Copenhagen 22 July 1813

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find a letter
addressed to you as Secretary of the Navy of the U. S. which
I hope you will consider proper and containing all that is
necessary in the present occasion, but as it has not been my good
fortune to have had a personal acquaintance with you, the
only knowledge of my Character you may have may possibly
be derived from sources not very friendly to me. Should this
be the case I have only to rely on the strength of your mind
and the justice & liberality of your disposition, to decide on
a case perhaps enveloped in as much obscurity and heretofore
treated with as much Injustice & Inhumanity as any that ever
came under your inspection. I never can, nor never will
acknowledge that the sentence under which I have laboured for
these five years was just, or that it was not, the result of
malice, and not the sound and disinterested opinion of just and

Honorable William Jones Esq
Secretary of the U. S. Navy
Washington