

and yet they escaped punishment and were protected from any
disreputations of Governmental displeasure. Capt Gordon and his
officers contrary to my opinion previously expressed, gave two
entertainments on board the Chesapeake in Hampton roads,
while she was laying, and only waiting for their orders to
proceed on her cruise. - indeed when I am addressing myself
to a gentleman whose knowledge and experience enable him
to decide on facts, it is only necessary to request your
reference to the log book of that ship, to prove that the
unfortunates are the guilty, for when you observe that she
laid twenty two days in Hampton roads with her whole
crew on board, and her orders ready, argument is unnecessary
to prove the inattention of those dishonorable accusers, whose
only shift was to take some advantage and remove the blame
to some more important person. It would however be
imposing too much on your time and patience nor to
call your attention to a review of these very unpleasant
circumstances, and my only wish in life is to have an
opportunity to prove to the world in general and my
Country in particular that I have suffered without fault
{ cause for there are circumstances known to those intimately
acquainted with the particulars of that affair, that

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