

he went to the Secretary of the Navy at Washington on the twenty fourth to endeavor
to get permission to proceed on the voyage and shewed him the said Indorsement. The
Secretary told him he would lay the endorsement and Case before the President of
the United States and give an Answer by the twenty sixth of the same month on
which day the said Abner Snow with his Warrant on the Secretary of the Navy for
the Answer, which he gave to the following Effect: *That while the ene-
my's Squadron was hovering about the Waters of the Potomac Capt Snow could not proceed
on his voyage!* The said Abner Snow further saith that having on the third of August follow-
ing heard that the Enemy's Ships had all left the Potomac he went again on that day on
board of the Frigate to know whether he might proceed on his said voyage, Capt Morris
told him he could not, and made the further following Indorsement upon the back of the
said Clearance "In obedience to a general order from the Secretary of the Navy, Da-
ted July 29th 1813 I do hereby forbid the within mentioned Ship Baltic to proceed
with flour proceeding on her intended voyage, while the Enemy's force shall be so dis-
posed as to prevent a reasonable probability of her getting to Sea without falling into their
possession as the Enemy might derive such success & intelligence from her as would be
highly serviceable to themselves and injurious to the United States

U.S. Frigate - Adams

August 3rd 1813

Morris

Capt. U.S. Navy

And the said several Deponents further say that their not being able to perform the
voyage aforesaid proceeded from the Cause and Casualties aforesaid which as to them
were unavoidable, and that they returned to the port of Alexandria on the twenty eighth
of July where the said Ship Baltic had or now lies waiting the order of the owners
And I the said Notary public, I do hereby Certify that the said Abner Snow
made a note of protest in my Office on the twenty fourth of July last against the Causes
aforesaid and now prays a full execution as to the whole

J. B. Sherburne

Abner Snow

Alexander Allen