

found that Gen. Dearborn had not returned from Boston. The commandant
his stead Col. Fenwick assured the applicant himself that it was not in
power to grant a flag; but that Gen. Dearborn might do so was he in town.
Guided the owner of that vessel dispatched the smack to the commandant
the Hook Col. Dennison. who gave a flag as in the case now submitted, by
means the Lady Washington Barge was ransomed from the enemy for less than
half their value — It was my original intention to let this case
you deception, nor should I have deviated from it, had not Commodore
requested I should give you these particular circumstances which he had
communicated, altho I stated to him every particular; he also knew I could
not pay the Fort without permission as I have violated no law
ly. I must respectfully demand on the part of all concerned a restoration
of our property — As an injured Citizen appealing to the Administration
for redress, I have made a candid exposition of my grievances —

The Betsey is an old vessel with a valuable Cargo which
daily receiving injury from her leaky situation, I therefore pray your
deception that she may be restored to

Yours Respectfully

Chas. H. Gordon