

United States Frigate Constellation
Norfolk Harbour. March 5. 1813

Sir

On the 27th ult. Captain Cassin sent to me the enclosed notice. No. 1. which he took from the public house on shore. On the 28th I sent for Mr. Phillips and Mr. Rodgers and investigated the affair between them. It appeared by the evidence that Mr. Phillips having occasion to remove Mr. Rodgers's clothes from his trunk, he put them on the table, that Mr. Rodgers charged Mr. Phillips with putting them on a greasy table, that Mr. Phillips replied he did not know it was greasy and apologised for having done so. Mr. Rodgers then abused him very much and threatened to chastise him if he ever did it again, in consequence of this abuse Mr. Phillips challenged him on our coming to Norfolk, which Mr. Rodgers refused to accept, alleging to me his reasons were that he did not wish to violate the regulations of the ship for which I commended him, and stated to Mr. Phillips the impropriety of his conduct in violating the regulations of the Service but that if they would make suitable apologies to each other and make the affair up I would look over this first offence.