

as I. S. The tenders Despatch and Franklin which went down
two yesterday at day-light have not yet returned. The decision of Govern-
ment in giving up the officers and crew belonging to the Tartarus
(not considered as prisoners of war) appears to astonish most persons
at this quarter. They observe it is strange when the British consider
their men taken in our merchant vessels and river craft as prisoners
of war, that we give up their men sent in arms against us who
they give up to be driven from their vessels by the weather.

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