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with the Julia who was to carry the Vice Admiral's dispatches; — by the American papers, their Squadron consists of four Frigates and two Sloops — President, United States, Congress, Essex, Hornet and Argus; Constitution may perhaps have joined them; — Constellation and Chesapeake are repairing; John Adams at New York, or cruising; they have some Privateers out, many rowboats I believe in the Bay of Fundy, but we have not none of them at Sea yet, and their large Privateers are chiefly down to the Southward to watch the Gulf and passages; a considerable Trade in Flour and Corn is already moving from the States to Spain, Portugal and Teneriffe, in Vessels transferred for the purpose to the Spanish, Portuguese and even Swedish flag, with passports from the British or Foreign Ministers; — I have conformably to the Vice Admiral's orders, done all in my power to facilitate this intercourse, and have forwarded to New York the Portuguese passports found in some Vessels we turned; — the prisoners taken in Merchant Ships, we have released on parole, not to serve against Great Britain until exchanged; — the crews of the Ships of War, and of any Privateers we may take, I shall send to Prison, to make a distinction between them and to be in readiness for exchange; — we had no news of any Military movements on either side when we sailed, we have American Newspapers to the 14th Instth and from them it appears that their Armies had not yet entered our Frontier either from Albany or by Detroit; — I inclose a Copy of the Vice Admiral's Orders, to which were verbally added his instructions for the most conciliating conduct which War would allow of particularly in regard to American coasters, and their exposed Ports on the coast of New England, we have accordingly not annoyed them yet, but I fear their Privateering will soon urge us to severer Warfare we have seen but few and destroyed only two Vessels since we left the land, being studious whilst seeking Commodore Rogers to avoid Separation in chase after