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Hamilton - Croker
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Private

Foreign Office
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John
Mr. Hamilton presents his Compliments
British Consul at Norfolk
to Mr. Croker & transmits to him some
private information which has been received
from America -

Encloses an eight page letter (untranscribed)
from New York dated Sept. 30 and unsigned
giving the writer's views as to why American
ships are defeating British ships at sea:

- Ships of same class are larger & heavier
- Half the American seamen are British
- Americans select only the best men
- British seamen are tired & dissatisfied
prefer capture to confinement
- American seamen more practiced at gunnery
and Marines (are sharpshooters in the tops.)
- Americans have a graduated elevation screw
on the gun which allows all guns to be
set at same angle or one of them scoring a hit.