in Both of Which We Claim the Victory
although We Lost Nearly the one Half of
the Men that Was Engaged in Each Battle
at Present the Frenchmen Consentring their
Whole force & a General Engagement is
Very Shortly Expected Which I have no
Doubt Will Terminate against us
It appears that a fregat belonging to the
United States Call'd the President had
an Engagement With one of our Sloops
of War in Which We had thirty Men
Killed & Wounded Which Circumstance
I think Very Likely to Produce a War
between the Two Countrys, I am Extremely
Sorry
to Mention that We have Lost Two of our Club
Since you Left this Horace Little Charles
McCalister Departed this Life about Six
Months ago & ~~Samuel~~ Left a poore family
but a few Individuals Collected about four
Hundred Pounds for the Support of the Children
& Mr Samuel Hewet Died about four
Months ago he was but a short time
Married he had no Wife & Children
he had some Natural Which he Intended
to Provide for but poore Thing the one
Left Destitute our Family Has been
Very Well since you Left this & all things
Very in the Same Way as when you
Left this

Yours Sincerly

David Briggs

P S Do not Omitt Writing
Regularly