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To his Excellency the Governor and the Honorable the Council of the State of Maryland.

The Petition of Robert Hayes of the Borough of Norfolk in the State of Virginia Merchant, and of James Craig also of the said State of Virginia agent and attorney for Godfry Wood of the Island of Bermuda, Mariner,

Sheweth

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

That the said Godfy Wood is the sole and proper owner of the Schooner Delight now in the port of Baltimore, and that the said Robert Hayes is the sole & proper owner of the Cargo on board of the said Schooner.—

That the said Schooner with her said Cargo on board lately prosecuted a Voyage to the Island of Antigua and proceeded thereon until the twenty seventh day of May in the year fourteen hundred and ninety four when they were seized and taken by the Captain of an armed Vessel of the French Republic commanded by James Laurent and carried as prize to the port of Baltimore.

That the said Schooner at the time of her said Capture was within the limits and under the protection of the United States lying at Anchor, and not distant from the Sea Coast of the United States more than one half of

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