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Department of War
January 6th 1795

Sir,

A Ship called Les Jumeaux (or the Twins) Captain Ruault, armed and equipped in the port of Philadelphia, as a Cruiser contrary to our neutrality and the law of the United States in such case provided, has lately escaped from the River Delaware. It appears by the report of the Officers employed to seize her, that she sailed from Bombay Hook the 2 instant.

The proof is positive that the ship has been unlawfully fitted out, as above mentioned. A description of her and of her equipments so far as known is inclosed. As the necessity of concealment prevented her completing her equipments in such manner as to commence an immediate cruize, it is probable that in order to complete them, she will put into some port in the Cheasapeak or other port in the United States

It is therefore the request of the President of the United States, that you will cause the requisite measures to be taken for seizing the above mentioned ship with her tackle furniture and stores; and also for apprehending the Captain together with such of his Officers and Men as have participated with him in violating the laws of the United States.

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I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Excellency's
obedient Servant
Timothy Pickering
Sec.y of War

His Excellency
John Hoskins Stone
Governor of Maryland