Sir,

Scarce had I finished my letter of this morning to your Excellency, that the Captaine of one of the french ships mentioned in it came on shore, and declared to me that as he was near the fort and just ready to enter the Port, the Galley, fitted out by the merchants of this town to defend it, hailed him; and having not understood what the officer said, fired a Gun at the said ship. a Killed man whose head was carried away by the shot, is but an agravation of the offence offered to his most Christian majesty's Saviour and flag, for which I ask a satisfaction which I expect as well from your Justice as from the atrocity of the fact considered in itself. at my Request the commanding officer (for the Captain was not on board at that time) was immediately apprehended and sent to Gail. he pleaded the want of a salute which he Required from her.

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