with, though unbecoming any man belonging to a State in alliance with his Majesty. I wrote to that naval officer upon ye matter, & formaly desired him to return those papers. Three days have elapsed since, and having received no answer from him, I beg Sir, that you would be so good as to give him proper orders on the subject, that ye Said Captain may recover his papers, & conform himself to ye laws of France under ye Colours of which he Sails.

Your Excellency's principles of equity, as well as your attachement to ye alliance can not permit me ye least doubt, but you will do it instantly, & I shall be proud to transmit to his Majesty this instance of ye readiness, with which his Consul General in Maryland obtained an immediate justice, & that the zeal with his authority is supported, in every respect equal to that with those of ye united States meet in France.

I have ye honour to be with respect

Sir

Your Excellency's Most humble

& obedient Servant

Le Chev^r D'annmours