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The post brought me yesterday of the 20th Instant. Before I say any thing about news I must ~~inform~~ mention that you have been misinformed relative to my appointment by Congress — It has I suppose taken its rise from a letter I received on my way up from Mr Morris desiring me to act as accomptant of the Continental taxes, which I immediately informed him upon my arrival here I could not ~~[illegible]~~ do consistent with our Constitution, at least so it might have been construed — there were other reasons which would have been sufficient to induce me to decline the offer — — Rhode Island is very obstinate Agt the 5 pt C.l whether they will give money at their next session (in October) is very uncertain —

The paper will give you some particulars of the loss of the Eagle a French Frigate in this bay; she was commanded by Capt.n la Touche who had a ~~particular~~ Commn from his King for the protection of our trade — this Vessell carried 20 — 24 pounders, besides 12 of a lesser weight — & everything compleat quite new, had on board a Crew for the Guadaloupe now at Baltimore which was to compose part of la Touche's squadron — Mr Marbois tells me that two hundred thousand livres were lost: The Enemy have got the Eagle off, at I suppose into New York by this time — Several persons of distinction ~~on~~ some men in her, they got on shore among them ~~two~~ one or two ~~called~~ styled princes — Our dispatches were not later than the 29th of June — Mr Grenville was then at Paris — The death of Lord Rockingham and the ~~change~~ alteration in the Ministry in the

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