

Excellent Sir

St Malo June 27th 1788

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Having Rec^d Commission as Capt. to cruise against
the English in the Cutter called the American Union
Mounting 4 carriage and ten Naval Guns, most of the
crew and myself being formerly on board of the Black
Prince Privateer under the Command of Capt Marchant
and Capt Dorclin, their Commission signed by J^d Lailleny
our Prize Money we have given over to M^r Boreau
& Comp^{rs} of Dunquerque to receive the same when paid by
M^r Fortis, our Commission is French, but as all of us are
American Subjects Claims of Excellence's protection in
the following Year we left Dunquerque May 30th on our
Cruise, which we continued in the Channel when on the 26th
Inst. at 3 in the Morning was chased by two English
Frigates and one cutter who continued the chase for 24 hours
untill we got safe into this port. This day has Rec^d
Orders from the Commissioners of this port that our privateer
is stopped in this harbour by Order of M^r Sartine
Claims as Americans J^d Excellence's timely Assistance
to twenty four of us here detained, J^d Excellence's
Commands we are ready to obey, Remains with
Respects to J^d Nepeun and the rest of American Gentlemen
Yrs - Joseph Meyrick