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TO THE BRITISH MINISTER J. MSS. (GEORGE HAMMOND)

Philadelphia, May 3, 1793.

Sir, —I received yesterday the representation and requisition which you were pleased to make on the capture of the British ship *Grange* by the French frigate *l'Embuscade* within the bay of Delaware, and immediately laid it before the President. The U. S. being at peace with both parties, will certainly not see with indifference it's territory or jurisdiction violated by either, and will proceed immediately to enquire into the facts and to do what these shall shew ought to be done with exact impartiality.

The recollection of evidence may require some small time, but measures are taken to keep things in the meantime in their present state.