[August 21, 1786]

Most Honored Sir!

I take the freedom to beg your Excellency's assistance
I had the misfortune to loose my father Commander of a very
Large Ship call'd Le Couteulx upon her passage from
Norfolk to Havre de Grace, my father was one of the
oldest Capt. out of Philadelphia, if you have made any
stay in that place, his name, his Caracter & fortune, will

be

be wellknown to your Excellency: I am turnd out of the Ship as if I was a common Sailor by the merch.t to whom the Ship is Consignd to, I cant get neither Victels, nor Vages, nay even one single part of my own Cloathes, because they were in the same Trunk as those of my father, who had Tobacco & Staves in the said Ship on his acount, & of which the same merchant has taken possession without my Consent.

I thought Decency & the Respect to such a good father requird that I should mourn for him; I have in Consequence got a black mourning Suit, but being without money & that merchant refusing to Supply me with some I cant pay its amount altho of no great Consequence — it is impossible to discribe to your Excellency how I have been us'd by that merchant, who promis'd me at first very fair things, but at last us'd me very ill — I have applyd to the american Agent Andr.e Limozin Esq.r who hath done much in the behalf of the american Nation, but he saith, he is not properly intitled to assist me in Such Occasion

Therefore

Therefore I am obligd to trouble your Excellency &
to beg his assistance

I remain with the highest Regard

Your Excellency's

Havre de Grace 21st. August
1786.

very humble & most
Obedient servant

Robert Robertson

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