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Dear Bulles [3]

[1807]

Your kind favor of the 25 Ulto did not Reach me until yesterday, I now hasten to answer as you appear to wish to hear from me Personally although I write in Pain not being able to Sit up but have to Lay on my Side, my worst wound is what you would call Shaiking [?] but to me that have so many darts in the heart and them shot by my Country men without knowing the Merits of my Case It is Scarcely felt Except when, dressing The other two are getting well fast. the Conduct of the British was Cruel in the extreme it is certainly infamous in every Point of View, but the Manner in Which the Government has acted and is about to act towards me does not fall far Short of it, Knowing as they do the Situation of the Ship Lumbers in every Quarter more like a transport than a Man of War, without, I may say (With Propriety) the Principle officer[S?] necessary to Prepare a Ship for defense, the gunners Worthless Cowardly and trifling in the Extreme no Boatswain no Carpenter and a Veriety Dor other necessary Persons deficient oR not appointed, never did I Set Sail in a Ship so totaly unprepared for defense in all my Life, the Hull and Rigging was in good order, and this is all that can be Said and in fact it is all that the Crew had time to attend to, and you know that Since the Peace with France, and the war with Trivoli, that the training of the People to a Knowledge of the

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use of their Reason after the first gun was fired from the Leopard until the fire was over. Mr Brook also one of my accusers cut a very conspicuous figure in the Same Way. Look at a Copy of his Logg (forwarded to the office by me) Book, and compare it with his charges and I imagine you will conclude with me, that he had not Recovered his Senses when he wrote it. Mr Graton Commandes the after division and never moved one Single article out of it. not even the Cabin Bulkhead [?] ever struck his attention and to the two guns in the Cabin there was only four men during the time of the fire, had not Mr Eliot been in this division I have Reason to believe there would have not been one man Remaining. Mr Crain Reported that he had during the action thrown overboard out of his division 3 men but on being called on for their names, to make Some Plausible excuse for such a falsity he said, that man, was cut into so many peaces that he thought there must have been at least three. Allen I am told stood his ground with more obstinancy than any of them but this is all he did, for it was out of his division that the one gun was fired he is the most infamous and the most Vindicative Rascal of them all he came to that Ship with all the Prejudices that his friend Comdr H could inculcate and I am induced to believe that all the Reports now in circulation Prejudicial to me have originated with him.

You say in your letter to my Brother that there was some disagreement between my officers and myself about Striking the Colors. believe me, that there was no order of mine executed with one hundreth Part of the Alacrity that this was after the Ensign was hauled down which was Adone on the order to Strike the Collors, I observed that the Pennant was still flying when all those heretofor dum fellows, Balled out to the topmen to hall it down. I only ask People to Suspend their opinions for the Present. Let the true story come out and then I shall meet, with confidence, the consequences, my own consciense approves my conduct had I been Prepared and Supported I would never have hauled down the Chesapeakes Colors to the Leopard until the dammage had put the fate of the day out of Question but on the contrary those very officers who have contrived to make impressions favorable to themselves ware so petrified [ ] that on being asked by me (about the middle of the action) if there was no officer on that deck that thought it was his duty to give some orders about Securing the Rigging Remained as - have befor said dum, my allusions in the first part of the letter to the Conduct of the Government towards me arrises from their me Previous [?] to my trial then by Saying to the World he disapproves his conduct by his own account which account was calculated to save all from disgrace, It is the first

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