

Charleston Jan 7. 2^o 1800

Mr. James

I have been in Holland since
the Unprecedented act of Violence was Committed on
the Chesapeake, under your Command, and am
perfectly at a loss to know wholly the Cause,
I was Compell^d in Holland to advocate your
proceedings & Still Hope that your Every Action
will prove you fully adequate & deserving the
thinking part of your Countrymen's praise

I have Seen the Report of
the Court of Enquiry, and Deem it Rascally -
and appears to me, to be grounded, with
prejudice - I hope if there is a Court
martial they will Examine facts & do
away what those fellows have done. I wish
you would write me a long letter stating some

of the facts - for since my arrival I
have heard so many opinions I am at a
loss to know how things really were

I hope this will find you Betty
& family in perfect health
Nancy joins with me

Yours
A. M. Ladd



R.

Amsden

James Barron

Hampton

Virginia

Gov. of Capt. J. Smith

Aug 11 1858

J. McKeen