

The vessel is rubbed up - that Laford the former Cook  
to Jerome Bonaparte in Charles street furnished supplies,  
and Legaster a Tavern keeper at the point also furnished  
supplies - that Dumas who is on Board enlisted them,  
they confess they were on Board when the ship O'Halle  
was taken that two or three Muskets were fired at her  
that they kept Possession of her about thirty hours  
during which time they confined all the crew but four  
below, that the Captain discharged her on the ground  
that all the Cargo was not British - that the Captain  
told them he had a commission from the General at  
Gaudaloupe - that they were put on shore near West  
River on Tuesday A.M., that they left on Board thirteen  
men all French - they say that the vessel was destined  
to Norfolk for provisions and to alter her side we  
saw of a vessel with two field pieces under Captain  
Musi and Duvall up to a Magotby where we heard  
the vessel was but she returned without finding her  
The French ships Boat under Leuitt Mann with the  
French officer and some American Volunteers and  
French men also went off, she has not yet returned  
We have thought it right to give you this inform-  
ation by express - the men are in prison

your Hble Servt

Robert Wright

To Thoroughgood Smith Esqur

Sir

Annapolis August 30 1781

Your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> Instant by Mr Ho-  
lmgate I received last night - I had before the  
receipt of that letter given orders to Captain Duvall's  
send a Sergeant and eight men with the Prisoners  
to Baltimore, and to deliver them to the officers of  
Guard, who had the Custody of the three men.