

WASHINGTON.  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DECEMBER 22.  
Imprisonment of Seamen.

The Speaker laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States—  
*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*  
I transmit to the House of Representatives a report of the Secretary of State, complying with their resolutions of the 9th inst.

JAMES MADISON.

December 21st, 1812.

REPORT.

The Secretary of State, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 9th inst. requesting information touching the conduct of British officers towards persons taken in American armed ships, has the honor to lay before the President the accompanying papers marked A. B. C. from which appears, that certain persons, some of whom are said to be native, and others naturalized citizens of the U. States, being parts of the crews of the U. States' armed vessels the "Nautilus" and the "Wasp," and of the private armed vessel the "Sarah Ann," have been seized, under the pretext of their being British subjects, by British officers, for the avowed purpose, as is understood, of having them brought to trial for their lives, and that others, being part of the crew of the Nautilus, have been taken into the British service.

The Secretary of State begs leave also to lay before the President the papers marked D. and F. From these it will be seen, that whilst the British naval officers arrest as criminals such persons taken on board American armed vessels as they may consider British subjects, they claim a right to retain on board British ships of war, American citizens who may have married in England, or been impressed from on board British merchant vessels; and that they consider an impressed American, when he is discharged from one of their ships, as a prisoner of war. All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES MONROE.

Department of State, December 10, 1812.

(A)

Sir John B. Warren, to Mr. Monroe.

HALIFAX, September 30, 1812.

SIR,

Having received information that a most unauthorized act has been committed by Commodore Rodgers, in forcibly seizing twelve British seamen, prisoners of war, late belonging to the Guerriere, and taking them out of the English cartel brig Endeavour, on her passage down the harbour of Boston, after they had been regularly embarked on board of her for an exchange, agreeable to the arrangements settled between the two countries, and that the said British seamen, so seized, are now detained on board the United States' frigate the President as hostages; I feel myself called upon to request, Sir, your most serious attention to a measure so fraught with mischief and inconvenience, destructive of the good faith of a flag of truce and the sacred protection of a cartel. I should be extremely sorry that the imprudent act of any officer should involve consequences so particularly severe as the present instance must naturally produce, if repeated; and although it is very much my wish, during the continuance of the differences existing between the two countries, to adopt every measure that might render the effect of war less rigorous, yet, in another point of view, the conviction of the duty I owe my country would, in the event of such grievances as I have already stated being continued, not admit of any hesitation in retaliatory decisions: but as I am strongly persuaded of the high liberality of your sentiments, and that the act complained of has originated entirely with the officer who committed it, and that it will be as censurable in your consideration as it deserves, I rely upon your taking such steps as will prevent a recurrence of conduct so extremely reprehensible in every shape.

I have the honor to be, with the highest consideration, Sir, your most obedient and most faithful humble servant,

(Signed) JOHN B. WARREN,  
Admiral of the Blue, and Commander in Chief, &c.  
His Excellency James Monroe, Esq.  
Secretary of State.

Mr. Monroe to Sir John B. Warren.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, October 28th, 1812.

SIR,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 30th September, complaining that Commodore Rodgers, commanding a squadron of the United States' navy at the port of Boston, had taken twelve British seamen, lately belonging to his Britannic Majesty's ship Guerriere, from a cartel in the harbor of Boston, and that he detained them on board the President, a frigate of the United States, as hostages.

I am instructed to inform you, that inquiry shall be made into the circumstances attending it, and the cause which produced the act, of which you complain; and that such measures will be taken, on a knowledge of them, as may comport with the rights of both nations, and may be proper in the case to which they relate.

I beg you, Sir, to be assured that it is the sincere desire of the President to see (and to promote, as far as depends on the United States) that the war which exists between our countries be conducted with the utmost regard to humanity. I have the honor, &c.

(Signed) JAMES MONROE,  
Sir John B. Warren, Admiral of the Blue,  
and Commander in Chief, &c.

(B)

Washington, December 17, 1812.

SIR,

I have the honor to annex a list of 12 of the crew of

the late United States' sloop of war Wasp, detained by Capt. John Beresford, of the British ship Poitiers, under the pretence of their being British subjects.

I have the honor to be, respectfully Sir, your obedient servant,

GEORGE S. WISE, Purser.

Hon. Paul Hamilton, Secretary of the Navy.

[Here follow several other documents, already published, or not deemed of material importance, except the following:]

(C)

Extract of a letter from Major-General Pinckney to the Secretary of War, dated.

Head-Quarters, Charleston, 4th Nov. 1812.

"Information having been given upon oath to Lieut. Grandison, who at present commands in the naval department here, that six American seamen, who had been taken on board of our privateers, had been sent to Jamaica to be tried as British subjects for treason, he called upon the Marshal to retain double that number of British seamen as hostages. The Marshal, in consequence of instructions from the Department of State, asked my advice on the subject, and I have given my opinion that they ought to be detained until the pleasure of the President shall be known. The testimony of Capt. Moon is herewith. I hope, Sir, you will have the goodness to have this business put in the proper train to have the President's pleasure on this subject communicated to the Marshal."

The message and documents were on motion referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

JUST RECEIVED.

RYE FLOUR,  
PORK,  
CYDER,  
OATS,

And for Sale by JOHN L. VENNOR, at Cheap Rates.  
St. John, 11th January, 1813. 4s

SACRED MUSIC.

JOHN RODGERS.

RESPECTFULLY informs the inhabitants of this City and its vicinity, that he intends opening a School on Wednesday evening next, for the purpose of teaching SACRED MUSIC, in the upper part of Mrs. HARBEL's house in Princess Street—where he hopes by a strict attention to his Pupils, to give general satisfaction.

Evenings of tuition Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays—Scholars to furnish their own candles.  
Terms fifteen shillings per quarter—half in advance.  
Monday, 11th January, 1813.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE Subscriber intending to leave this Province early next Spring, (for Europe) requests all those to whom he is indebted to send in their accounts by the First of April, and all those indebted to me, to make immediate payment, or their accounts will be left with an Attorney to sue without discrimination—All Houses, Lots, Lands and Furniture, will be Sold by THOMAS INGLEYBY.  
Saint John, January 1, 1813.

NOTICE.

THE Co-Partnership of MUNSON JARVIS, RALPH M. JARVIS and WILLIAM JARVIS, under the Firm of MUNSON JARVIS, & Co. will by mutual consent be dissolved on the 24th of this instant June;—All Persons having any Accounts against said Firm, are requested to present them for payment; and those indebted to the said Firm are hereby desired to settle their Accounts without delay with MUNSON JARVIS and WILLIAM JARVIS.

M. JARVIS, & Co.

LIKEWISE,

All Persons indebted to MUNSON JARVIS and RALPH M. JARVIS, under the Firm of MUNSON JARVIS & SON, are once more requested to call and settle their several balances with RALPH M. JARVIS, without further delay, or they will be under the disagreeable necessity of putting their several Accounts into the hands of an Attorney.

M. JARVIS & SON.

St. John, 18th June, 1812.

NOTICE.

THE Dissolution of the Partnership between GEORGE M'CALL and ARCHIBALD R. HENDERSON, having taken place in consequence of the death of Mr. M'CALL—All Persons indebted to the said Firm, or to GEORGE M'CALL prior thereto, are hereby required to settle the same without delay with ARCHIBALD R. HENDERSON; and all those who have any Demands either against Mr. GEORGE M'CALL, or the said Firm of M'CALL and HENDERSON will present the same.

LYDIA M'CALL, Executrix.  
ANDREW CROOKSHANK, Executor.  
Saint John, N. B. 25th May, 1812.

CAUTION.

WHEREAS repeated depredations have been committed on Lots No. 12 and 13, situated on Long-Island, Kennebeckacis—This is to forward all persons from cutting or carrying off Hay, Wood, Hoop-poles, &c. or otherwise trespassing on said Lots; as in that case, they will be prosecuted with the utmost rigor of the Law. THOMAS MILES.  
Saint John, 13th November, 1812.

Carpenter's Protections for Sale at this Office.

PROVINCE OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

By HUGH MACKAY, Esq. one of the Justices of the Common Pleas for the County of Charlotte.

NOTICE is hereby given to all whom these presents may concern; that upon the application of Colin Campbell, and Joseph N. Clarke, of the Parish of St. Stephens, in the County of Charlotte, in the said Province, to me duly made—I have directed all the Estate as well real as personal within the said Province of New-Brunswick, of Niel M'Kinnon, late of Saint Stephens, in the same County, which said Niel M'Kinnon, is departed from the said Province, and hath not resided within the same for the term of six months preceding the aforesaid application of the said Colin Campbell and Joseph N. Clarke, to be seized and attached; and that unless the said Niel M'Kinnon, doth return and discharge his said debt within six months from the publication hereof; all the Estate as well real as personal of the said Niel M'Kinnon, within the Province aforesaid, will be sold for the payment and satisfaction of the Creditors of the said Niel M'Kinnon.

Dated at Saint Andrews, this twenty-third day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

HUGH MACKAY, J. C. P.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of the late WILLIAM GARDEN, Esq. of Fredericton, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested within twelve calendar months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said estate are desired to make immediate payment to JANE GARDEN, Administratrix. JAMES FRASER, Administrator.  
Fredericton, 14th November, 1812.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of HENRY M'KAY, late of the Parish of St. Mary's, York-County, deceased, are requested to send their accounts to the Subscriber, duly attested, within Twelve Months from the date hereof, and those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to DANIEL BLACK, Administrator.  
Hempstead, (Queen's-County) March 12, 1812.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of JAMES DAWSON, late of Dipper Harbour, Farmer, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested, within Twelve Months from the date hereof; and those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to MARGARET DAWSON, Executrix. JOHN FERGUSON, Executor.  
Saint John, February 10, 1812.

ALL persons having any just demands against the Estate of the Reverend JOHN AGNEW, deceased, are requested to present them duly attested within Twelve Months from the Date hereof; and those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to STAIR AGNEW, Administrator.  
Monkton, June 13th, 1812.

ALL Persons having any legal demands against the Estate of the late JAMES WOODHOUSE, of Miramichi, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested within Eighteen Calendar Months from the date hereof; and all Persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to GEORGE DUNCAN, GEORGE LAURIE, Administrators.  
Miramichi, July 2, 1811.

ALL Persons having demands against the Estate of JOHN M'NETT, late of Manguerville, deceased, are requested to present the same, duly attested, within Twelve Months from the date hereof; and those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to JAMES TAYLOR, Administrator.  
Manguerville, 30th January, 1812.

ALL Persons having demands against the Estate of JAMES PLACE, late of Manguerville, deceased, are requested to present the same, duly attested, within Twelve Months from the date hereof, and those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to JONATHAN HARDING, Administrator.  
Manguerville, March 31, 1812.

ALL Persons having demands against the Estate of the late WILLIAM CHEW, of Fredericton, deceased, are requested to present the same to the Subscriber within twelve months from the date hereof, and those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to DUNCAN M'LEOD, Admr.  
Fredericton, April 10, 1812.

ALL persons having any demands against the Estate of JAMES H. LAMB, late of Fredericton, Merchant, deceased, are requested to send them in, duly attested, within Twelve Months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to HARRIET LAMB, Sole Executrix.  
Fredericton, 20th May, 1812.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of GEORGE HARTLEY, late of the Parish of Woodstock in the County of York, Farmer, deceased, are requested to exhibit their accounts to the Subscriber, duly attested, within Twelve Months from the date hereof; and those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to ABIGAIL HARTLEY, Administratrix. JAMES HARTLEY, Administrator.  
Fredericton, 3d September, 1812.