

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

HEAD QUARTERS, CHARLESTON,

November 4, 1812.

“Information having been given upon oath to lieutenant Grandison, who at present commands in the naval department here, that six American seamen, who had been taken prisoners on board 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 captain 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.”

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*Copy of a letter from captain Moon, of the privateer  
Sarah Ann.*

NASSAU, NEW PROVIDENCE,

October 14, 1812.

Six of my crew, claimed as British subjects, were this day taken out of jail and put on board his majesty’s brig the Sappho, and sailed for Jamaica, where ’tis said they are to be tried for their lives ; consequently I questioned each respectively as to the place of their nativity, and title to protection by the American government, when they stated as follows, to wit :

David Dick, seaman, that he was born in the north of Ireland, but has resided in the United States ever since the year 1793 ; has served ten years in the United States’ navy, viz. on board the frigates Ches-