

that this unfortunate Occurrence was not authorized by His Majesty's Government, and that suitable Reparation will be made for the Injury, if on Enquiry the British Officer shall be found the Aggressor.

No. 3.

COPY of a Letter from Mr. Monroe to
Mr. Secretary Canning; dated Portland
Place, July 29th, 1807.

Sir,

ALTHOUGH I have no Instruction from my Government on the Subject, it is my Duty to request the Attention of His Britannic Majesty's Government to a late Aggression on the Sovereignty of the United States, of a very extraordinary Nature. The Circumstances of the Transaction are too distinctly marked to leave any Doubt of the Extent of the Outrage, or of the Reparation which it obviously claims. By Accounts which are entitled to full Confidence, it appears, that on the 23d of June last, His Majesty's Ship the Leopard attacked an American Frigate off the Coast of the United States, with a View to assert and enforce the unfounded and most unjustifiable Pretension to search for Deserters, and after having killed and wounded a Number of her Men, entered on board, and carried away forcibly several of the Crew. The Conduct of the British Officer, which, in itself, forms an Act of

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