

what renders this transaction more deserving of notice, is, that of the men delivered up, one was an Irishman, and another a native of Manchester. Mr. Brooks, midshipman, stating to Capt. Saunders that he thought it wrong to deliver up these men, as the Americans would not deliver up British deserters, was immediately put under arrest by Captain Stopford, who was determined not to be prevented by the misconduct of others, from doing what he thought was proper and gentlemanly.

Let us now minutely attend to the conduct of Capt. Stopford on this occasion: Did he enter into a nice discussion of the right he had to retain these American deserters? Did he go with Mr. Madison, into all the windings, and turnings, contained in his nonsensical jargon of instructions transmitted on this subject to Mr. Monroe? Or, did he urge a reason, which he might with more propriety have offered, that the men in question, were born in His Majesty's dominions?—No: he had recourse to none of these subterfuges. He felt as an officer ought to feel on such an occasion: he honourably did as he would wish to be done by; and as far as respected the right these men might have to his protection as British subjects, he justly considered them as renegadoes, who deserved neither the confidence or protection of either country.

We will now contrast the conduct of Captain Stopford, with the shameful treatment he afterwards received, from the American government:

When the Chichester left the West-Indies, four men two belonging to the Royal Artillery, one to the 15th regiment, and one to the 37th, who had been unwell, but were getting into a state of convalescence, were sent on board her, that in a voyage to the States, their recovery might be perfected. These men deserted from the Chichester, and, with their British uniforms on, entered into the American service. They were seen on shore after they had entered, by the Serjeant of Marines of the Chichester, and one of them had the impudence to offer to shake hands with him, but he rejected his offer with becoming contempt.

Those men were applied for by Capt. Douglas, the Commanding Officer of the Squadron in the Chesapeake, and the answer he received was, if any such men had enlisted, they were gone up the country with a detachment.