

er party in acts of cruelty, exciting horror, rather than of fulfilling its pledge to innocent persons in support of rights fairly obtained, and sanctioned by the general opinion and practice, of the nations of Europe, ancient and modern.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

JAS. MONROE.

Department of State, April 14, 1814.

*Copy of a letter from Commodore Rodgers to the Secretary of the Navy, dated*

U. S. frigate President, Boston, Jan. 14, 1812.

SIR—Herewith you will receive two muster-books of his B. M. vessels Moselle and Sappho, found on board of the British packet Swallow. As the British have always denied that they detained on board their ships of war, American citizens, knowing them to be such, I send you the enclosed as a publick document of their own, to prove how illy such an assertion accords with their practice. It will appear by these two muster-books, that so late as August last, about one eighth part of the Moselle and Sappho's crews were Americans! Consequently if there is only a quarter part of the proportion on board their other vessels, they have an infinitely greater number of Americans in their service, than any American has yet had an idea of.—Any further comment of mine on this subject, I consider unnecessary, as the enclosed documents speak but too plainly for themselves.

I have the honour, &c.

JOHN RODGERS.

Hon. Paul Hamilton, secretary of the navy.

*Copy of a letter from Commodore Decatur, to the Secretary of the Navy, dated*

U. S. ship United States,

New-London, March, 18, 1814. }

SIR—I have the honour to forward to you enclosed, a despatch received by me from captain Capel, the commanding officer of the British squadron before this port,

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