

*pretensions of neutral merchants, he thinks it right to guard both his facts and his opinions against this source of jealousy, by one brief remark—contests in the prize jurisdiction arise almost exclusively from claims of property preferred by neutrals ; and therefore, the business of the prize courts, would obviously be impaired, not extended, by narrowing the legal confines of the neutral flags.*

*If the intelligent reader should stand in no need of this information, he will still feel such caution in an anonymous writer, not to be excessive ; for however sacred a national cause may be, it is become too common a rule, to suppose that no man exerts himself in it from a public motive, if a private one can possibly be suspected.*

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