

taken place in the department of foreign affairs : that the result would, in the main, have been satisfactory, is more than I am authorised to say, though I flattered myself with the hope that it would be so. Lord Hawkesbury assures me that he will give to the several subjects, which have been pretty fully discussed, an early and impartial consideration ; and I am in hopes that Lord St. Vincent will likewise be inclined to attend to our reiterated remonstrances against the impressment of our seamen, and the vexations of our trade."

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*Extract of a Letter from Rufus King, Esq. to the  
Secretary of State.*

" New York, July, 1803.

" SIR,—I take the liberty to add a few miscellaneous articles, by way of supplement to my last dispatch.

" AMERICAN SEAMEN.

" As soon as the war appeared to me unavoidable, I thought it advisable to renew the attempt to form an arrangement with the British Government for the protection of our seamen. With this view, I had several conferences, both with Lord Hawkesbury and Mr. Addington, who avowed a sincere disposition to do whatever might be in their power to prevent the dissatisfaction on this subject that had so frequently mani-