

*ified to protect them, although they were deserters from an English Man of War."*

Jenkin Ratford, before his execution, acknowledged, "that he was born in London, that he voluntarily entered into His Majesty's Service; that he deserted in the jolly boat of the *Habrix*, in company with George North, captain of the main top, Henry Saunders, boatswain's mate, Richard Hubert, sail maker, and another man whose name he did not know, that that they all entered at Norfolk for the *Chesapeake* frigate, and afterwards joined her at the Federal City; that in a short time Richard Hubert ran away, and was seen at Alexandria by some of the crew, about three days after, and that George North and Henry Saunders ran away during the time the ship was coming down the river. That Richard Hubert was from Liverpool, and formerly belonged to the *Leander*, and that Saunders was an Irishman. On his defence, Ratford said, "that at the time of their entering for the *Chesapeake*, Lieutenant Sinclair asked them if they had not a second name." On this suggestion, Ratford altered his name to Wilson, and also entered on the *Chesapeake's* books. To this circumstance it is owing, that the names of North and Saunders were not to be found in the books, and to their having deserted on the passage of the *Chesapeake* from Washington to Norfolk, is also owing that they were not, like Ratford, found hid in the coal hole of that frigate. What protection Commodore Barron, after all his promises, afforded to these deluded, unhappy men, his own feelings must long before this time have suggested to him.

After the preceding statement of facts, we believe it will be very difficult for Mr. Jefferson to satisfy any man, "that this enormity was without provocation or justifiable cause."

We shall now briefly notice his other assertion, "that hospitality under such circumstances ceases to be a duty."

After the statement we have given of the treatment our Squadron received in the *Chesapeake*, it will naturally be enquired, "What can Mr. Jefferson mean by *hospitality*?" It is true, that our ships were furnished with provisions in the *Chesapeake*; and as far as this hospitality extended, an equivalent return was constantly made in the punctual and regular payment for those provisions; and thus this account of hospitality, was very nearly balanced. But were those supplies to be put in competition with the daily injury received in the