

the result? That Jenkin Ratford, a deserter from His Majesty's Ship Halifax, one of the ships named in the Admiral's Order, was found on board the Chesapeake. And that William Ware, Daniel Martin, and John Strachan, three deserters from His Majesty's ship Melampus, (a ship not named in the Admiral's Order, but coming within the spirit of it) were also found on board, and very properly taken out by Captain Humphreys.

How can Commodore Barron look honourable men in the face after a disclosure like this? It was in the open view of the Universe; putting the seal to all the former evasive, prevaricating answers that our Officers had received on application for their deserters: Nor can all the waters of Lethe blot out the disgrace.

If the American Government, had, in sincerity and good faith issued the order forbidding deserters from British ships to be enlisted on board the Chesapeake, would not Mr. Jefferson have instantly ordered a Court of Inquiry, to know why that order had been disobeyed, and to find out the culprits who had dared, by their disobedience of so salutary a regulation, to involve two countries in a contest, the great mass of the inhabitants of which sincerely wish to be at peace with each other? Has any such measure been adopted, or any disclosure of the circumstances which led to this transaction, been made by the American Government? And are not many of the American papers loud in their complaints, at the mysterious secrecy observed on this occasion? Does it not look too much like a design to push the public mind, blindfolded, to extremities?

If doubt can still remain in the mind of any person, whether Commodore Barron knew that the men who were taken out of his ship, were British deserters, we copy the following extracts from their own voluntary confessions:

John Strachan, after giving an account of his desertion from the Melampus, the first of February, in company with Ware, Martin and Little, says, "they went to Norfolk, where he, Martin and Ware, entered for the Chesapeake, that he knew the faces of several Englishmen on board the Chesapeake, but did not know their names, that *Commodore Barron promised to protect him.*"

William Ware, says, "that when they came before Commodore Barron, at the Naval Yard at Washington, he prom-

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