

on their leaving the ship. Ours were taken, worn, and never restored, together with what nautical instruments they could lay their hands on. When spoken to by the American officers on the subject, the answer was, *such things were free plunder*. A day or two after the action I was conversing with lieut. Budd and Mr. Nicholls, near the taffel, respecting the engagement, when it was observed some of the Shannon's men were listening to our conversation. Immediately after, lieut. Falkner, the commanding officer, ordered centinels to be placed at the mizen mast. And, said he to them, if you see any of the Chesapeake's officers abast the mizen-mast, cut them down; if you see them conversing together, cut them down without hesitation.

It will be remembered the three officers who caused this order were all severely wounded, We received no caution and overheard it by accident. So great was the rage for plunder, that captain Lawrence, before his death, could not obtain a bottle of wine from his private sea stores, without a note from the doctor to the lieut. commanding. I pass over the robbing of the midshipmen on board the Shannon, as it did not come under my immediate notice. If your request could have been made earlier, I should have felt gratified in making a fuller statement.

Yours respectfully,

WM. A. WEAVER.

Hon. LEWIS CONDIT, *Washington.*



*His Majesty's Ship San Domingo,*

*Chesapeake, May 10th, 1813.*

SIR,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, respecting a man named O'Neale, taken by the detachment from the squadron under the orders of rear Admiral Cockburn. This man has been released upon the application of the magistrates of Havre de Grace, on parole,