Late M. D. S. Chesapeake at Anchor
Hampton Roads June 30th, 1807

Commodore James Barron

The officers whose signatures are attached to the
included copy of a letter addressed
to the Honble. Secretary of the Navy,
think it their duty to apprise
you of its being forwarded—
respectfully & co.
the Power to order a Court of enquiry into their conduct. At the same time they are compelled by imperfect duty, the honour of their Flag, the honour of their countrymen, all that is dear to them, to request that an order may be issued for the arrest of Commodore Edward Barra. on the charge herewith exhibited which the undersigned pledge themselves to prove true —

Yet, on the probability of an engagement for which, they desire to claim the ship for action —

I send on the utmost to stop or destroy such vessel which on account of his duty to have come —

The
Honble. Rob. Smith
Secretary of the
W. S. Navy
Washington
The undersigned officers of the late
U.S. frigate Chesapeake feeling deeply
ashamed of the disgrace which must
be attached to the late in their open
surrender of the U.S. ship
Chesapeake to the English
don't at New London of 50 guns,
without their previous knowledge or
consent and dwory of passing to their
country and the world that it was the
wish of all the ship's officers to have
rendered themselves worthy of the
honor to arrive by a determined
resistance to an unjust demand.

I therefore respectfully request the
Secretary of
June 23, 1817

Commodore James Barron
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