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Frigate Chesapeake June 23. 1801
Hampton Roads. June

Com^{dr} - I Banon acknowledges the receipt of a note addressed to him by the undersigned of the Letter it enclosed. a Copy of which it appears had been previously forwarded to the Honorable Secretary of the Navy.

Com^{dr} - I Banon cannot forbear observing, that he is conscious the two Charges therein specified are ill founded. the Conduct of preferring them at this moment. is premature and illiberal and the Measure oppressive in the highest degree. he has however forwarded a Copy of that Letter by this days mail and is ready to meet the Charges it contains. the Enclosure is a Copy of what he has written on the occasion.

To the Lieutenant & Sailing Master
on board the Frigate Chesapeake

Com - adol. Bannan
To the
Lieutenant J. S. Bauling
Master - on board
The Privateership
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