

New York, September 25th 1789.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of this date, addressed to the President of the United States, I am directed by him to inform you that when he nominated you for Naval Officer of the Port of Savannah he was ignorant of any charge respecting you - and, not having, since that time, had any other exhibit of the facts which were alledged in the Senate, ~~he does not consider himself competent~~ than what is stated in the certificates which have been published by you, he does not consider himself competent to ~~propose~~^{give} any opinion on the subject. I am Sir,

Your most obedient servant
W Backus.

Copy to
B. Fishbourn
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