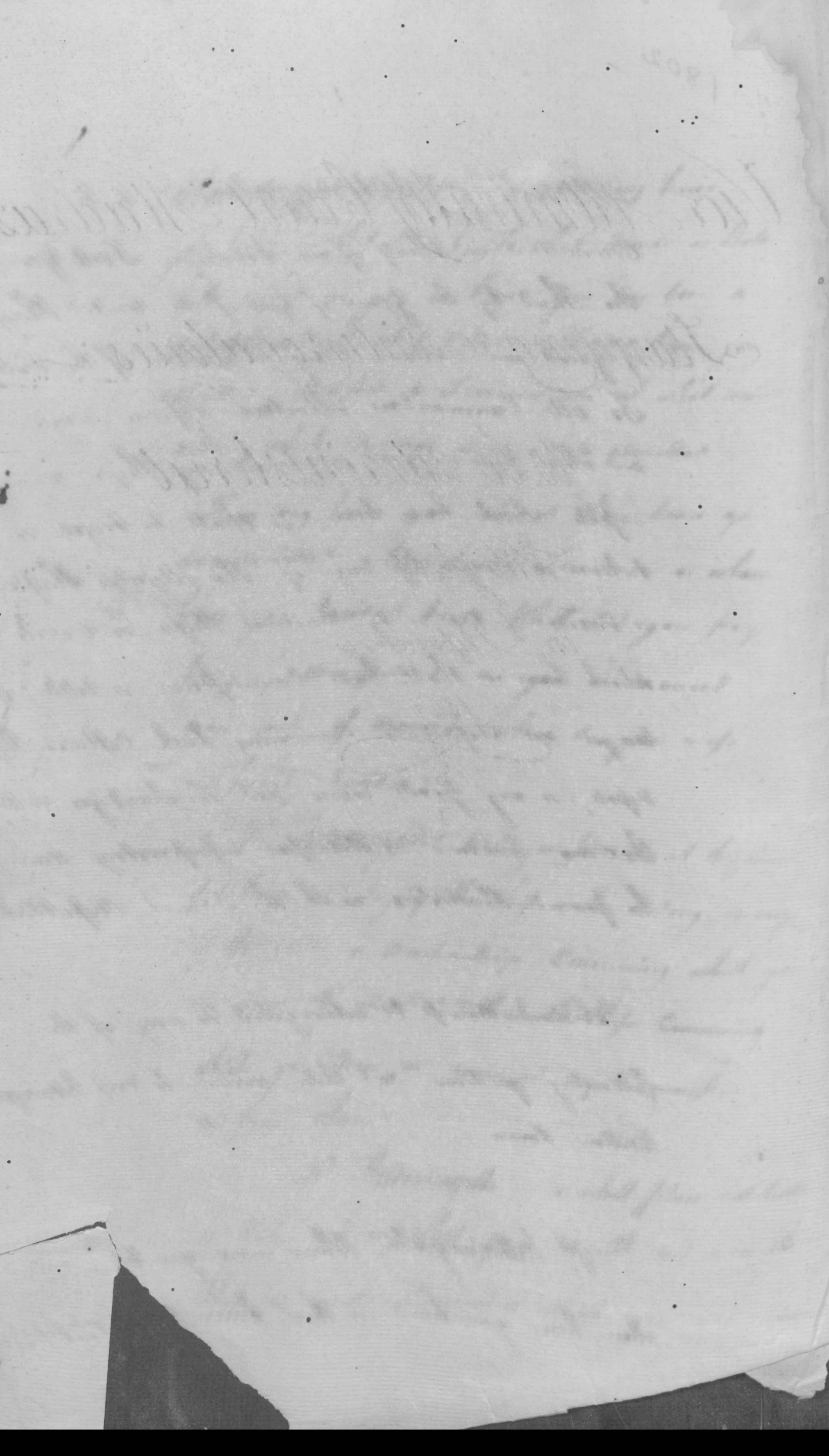




Standing Interrogatories to be
administered on behalf of our Sovereign Lord George
the Third by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom
of Great and Ireland King Defender of the Faith
To all Commanders Masters Officers Mariners
and other persons found on board any Ships and
Vessels which have been, or shall be seized or
taken as Prize by any of His Majestys Ships
or Vessels of War or by Merchant Ships or Vessels
which have or shall have Commissions or Letters of
 Marque and Reprisals Concerning such Captured Ships
Vessels, or any Goods, wares, and Merchandizes or board
the same; Examined as Witnesses in preparatory during
the present Hostilities with the French Republick.

Let each Witness be interrogated to every of the
following questions, and their answer to each Interrogatory
Written down.

1st Interrogate. Where were you born, and
where have you lived for these seven years last past?

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where do you now live, and have long have
you lived in that Place! To what Prince or State
or to whom are you or have you ever been a
Subject, and of what Cities or Towns have you
admitted a Burgher or Freeman, and at what time
and in what manner were you so admitted
How long have you resided there since you
were admitted a Burgher or Freeman, or where
have you resided since, What did you pay
for your admission? Are you a Married
Man, and, if Married, where do your wife
and family reside?

2^d Interrogate Were you present at the time
of taking and Seizing the Ship or her Lading, or any
of the goods or Merchandizes Concerning which you
are now Examined? Had the Ship Concerning
which you now are Examined any Commission?
and from whom?

3^d Interrogate In what place latitude
or Port, and in what year, Month and was the
Ship and goods Concerning which you are now

Examined

Examined, taken and Seized upon what pretence and for what reasons were they seized? Into what place or port were they Carried, and under what Colours did the said Ship sail? what other Colours had you on board, and for what reason had you such Colours? was any resistance made at the time when the said Ship was taken, and if yea, how many guns were fired, and by whom, and by what Ship or Ships were you taken? was such vessel a Ship of War or a Vessel acting without any Commission as you believe? were any other and what Ships in sight at the time of the Capture?

4th Interrogate What is the Name of the Master or Commander of the Ship or Vessel taken How long have you known the said Master, and who appointed him to the Command of the said Ship? Where did such Master take possession of her, and at what time, and what was the Name of the person who delivered the possession to the said Master? where doth he live? where is the said Masters fixed place of abode, If he has no fixed Place of abode,

then

then let him be asked where was his last Place of abode and where does he generally reside? How long has he lived there? where was he born, and of whom is he now a Subject? Is he married if yea, where does his wife and family reside

5th Interrogate of what tonnage or burthen is the ship which has been taken? what was the Number of Mariners and of what Country were the said Seamen or Mariners? Did they all Come on board at the same Port or at different Ports, and who shipped or hired them and when and where. —

6th Interrogate Had you or any of the officers or Mariners belonging to the ship or vessel Concerning which you are now Examined any and what part, share, or interest in the said ship, or her lading? If yea, set forth who and what goods or interest you, or they have?

Did you belong to the said ship or vessel at the time she was seized and taken? In

what

what Capacity did you belong to her? How long have you known her when and where did you first see her and was she built,

7th Interrogate What is the name of the ship? How long hath she been called? If yea what were they had she any passport or Sea-Brief on board, and from whom? To what ports and places did she sail during her said voyage before she was taken? where did her last voyage begin, and where was the said voyage to have ended? Set forth the quantity of every Cargo the ship has carried to the time of her Capture from the time you have known her, and what ports such Cargoes have been delivered at. From what ports and at what time particularly from the last Clearing Port, did the said ship sail previously to the Capture? Under whose direction and management has she usually been with respect to her Employment in Trade with whom do you correspond in the
Concerns

Concerns of the Vessel, and his Cargoes in what Country was she built as far as you know, or have reason to believe?

8th Interrogate What lading did the said ship carry out at the time of her first setting sail in her last voyage, and what particular sort of lading and goods had she on board at the time when she was taken? In what year and in what month was the same put on board before the different species of the lading and the quantities of each sort?

9th Interrogate Who were the owners of the Ship or Vessel, Concerning which you are now examined at the time when she was seized? How do you know that they were the owners of the said Ship at that time? of what Nation or Country are such Owners by birth? where do they reside, and where do their wives and families reside? How long have they resided there?

there? where did they reside before, to the best of your knowledge? To whom are they subjects.

10th Interrogate Was any bill of Sale made, and by whom to the aforesaid owners of the said Ship, and if any such was made in what Month, and year? where, and in the presence of what witnesses was such Bill of Sale made? was any and what Engagement entered into Concerning the purchase further than what appears upon the Bill of Sale? If yea, was it verbal or in Writing? where did you last see it, and what is become of it?

11th Interrogate Was the said lading put on board in one part and at one time, or at several ports and several times and at what ports by Name? Setforth what quantities of each sort of goods were shipped at each port.

12th Interrogate. What are the names of the respective laders or Owners, or Consignees of the said goods? what Countrymen are they where

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do they now live and carry on their business or trade?
How long have they resided there? where did they
reside before, to the best of your knowledge? and
where were the said goods to be delivered and for
whose real account, risk or benefit? Have any
of the said Consignees or Ladens any, and what
interest in the said goods? If yea whereon
do you found your belief that they have such
interest Can you take upon yourself to swear
that you believe, that at the time of the lading
the Cargo, and at the present time, and also if
the said goods shall be restored and unladed
at the destined ports, the Goods did, do, and
will belong to the same persons, and to none
others? what is the ground of your Knowledge
or belief?

13th Interrogate How many bills of
lading were signed for the goods Seized on board
the said Ship? were any of those bills of lading
false or Colourable, or were any Bills of lading
Signed

signed which were different in any respect from those which were on board the ship at the time she was taken! what were the Contents of such other bills of lading and what become of them?

14th Interrogate. Are there in great Britain any bills of lading, Invoices, or Instruments relative to the ship and goods Concerning which you are now Examined? If yes, Set forth where they are and in whose possession and what is the purport thereof and when they were brought or sent to this Kingdom. —

15th Interrogate. Was there any Charterparty signed for the Voyage in which the Ship Concerning which you are now Examined was seized and taken? what became thereof? when, where, and between whom was such Charter-party made? what were the Contents of it? —

16th Interrogate What papers, bills, of lading letters or other Writings were on board the ship at the time she took her departure from the last.

last clearing port, before her being taken as prize?
were any of them burnt torn thrown over board,
destroyed, or cancelled Concealed or attempted to be
Concealed, and when, and by whom and who was
then present?

17th Interrogate Has the ship concerning
which you are now examined, been at any time, and when
seized as prize and condemned as such? If yea set forth
into what port she was carried and by whom, and by
what authority, or on what account she was condemned.

18th Interrogate Have you sustained
any loss by the Seizing and taking the ship,
Concerning which you are now examined? If yea,
in what manner do you compute such your loss?
Have you already received any indemnity,
Satisfaction, or promise of Satisfaction for any
part of the damage which you have sustained
or may sustain by this Capture and detention,
and when and from whom?

19th Interrogate. Is the said ship or goods, or any and what part insured? If yes, for what voyage is such insurance made, and at what permission and when, and by what persons and in what Country was such insurance made.

20th Interrogate. In Case you had arrived at your destined port, would your Cargo, or any part thereof, on being unladen, have immediately become the property of the Consignees, or any other persons, and whom? or was the lader to take the chance of the Market for the sale of his goods?

21th Interrogate Let each Witness be interrogated of the Growth, produce, and manufacture, of what Country and place was the Lading of the ship or Vessel, Concerning which you are now examined or any part thereof?

22th Interrogate Whether all the said Cargo or any and what part thereof, was taken from the shore or quay, or removed or transhipped, from.

from one boat, Barque, Vessel, or Ship to another?
from what and to what Shore, quay, Boat,
Barque, Vessel, or Ship, and when and where
was the same so done?

23rd Interrogate are there in any Country
besides Great Britain, and where or on board any and
what Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels other than
the Ship and Vessel Concerning which you are
Now Examined any bills of Lading invoices,
letters, instruments papers or Documents relative
to the said Ship or Vessel, and Cargo, and of
what Nature are such Bills, of Lading Invoices,
letters instruments Papers or Documents, and
what are the Contents! -

24th Interrogate Were any papers
delivered out of the said Ship or Vessel, and
Carried away in any Manner whatsoever,
and when, and by whom, and to whom, and
in whose Custody possession, or power do you
believe the same now are?

25th Interrogate Was bulk broken
during the Voyage in which you were taken or
since the Capture of the said Ship? and when
and where, by whom, and by whose order
and for what purpose, and in what manner?

26th Interrogate Were any passengers on
board the aforesaid Ship? were any of them secreted
at the time of the Capture? who were the passengers
by Name? of what Nation, Rank profession or
occupation Had they any Commission for what
purpose and from whom? from what place were
they taken on board and when? To what place
were they finally destined, and upon what
business? Had any, and which of the Passengers
any, and what property, or Concern, or authority directly
or indirectly regarding the Ship and Cargo? were
there any Officers, Soldiers, or Mariners secreted on
board and for what reason were they secreted?
were any of His Britannic Majesty's Subjects on
board, or secreted or Confined at the time of the Capture?
Have long and why?

27th Interrogate Were and are, all
the passports sea briefs, Charterparties, Bills of Sale,
Invoices and papers, which were found on board,
entirely true and fair? or are any of them false
or Colourable? Do you know of any matter
or Circumstance to affect their Credit? By
whom were the passports or sea briefs obtained,
and from whom? were they obtained for this ship?
And upon the oath or affirmation of the persons
therein described or were they delivered to, or
on behalf of the person or persons who appears
to have been sworn, or to have affirmed thereof,
without their having ever in fact made any
such oath or affirmation? How long a time
were they to last? was any duty or fee payable,
and paid for the same? and is there any Duty or
fee to be paid on the renewal thereof? Have such
passports been renewed and how often? and
has the duty or fee been paid for such renewal? was
the ship in port in the country where the Passports
and sea briefs were granted? and if not,

where

where was the ship at the time? Had any person on board any Let pass or letters of Safe Conduct?

If yea, from whom, and for what business?

28th Interrogate If it should appear that there are in Ireland, or the British American Colonies, or in any other place or Country besides Great Britain, any bills, of Lading, Invoices, Instruments, or Papers relating to the ship and Goods Concerning which the witness is now Examined? then interrogate: Have were they brought into such place or Country? In whose possession are they, and do they differ from any of the papers on board, or in Great Britain, or Ireland, or Elsewhere, and in what particular do they differ? Have you written or Signed any letters or papers, Concerning the ship and her Cargo? If yea, what was their purport? To whom were they written and sent? and what is become of them?

29th Interrogate Towards what port or place was the ship steering her course at the time of her being first pursued and taken was her
Course

Course attended upon the appearance of the vessel by which she was taken? was her Course at all times, when the weather would permit directed to the place or port for which she appears to have been destined by the ship papers? was the ship before, or at the time of her Capture sailing beyond or within of the said Place or port to which she was so destined by the said ship papers? at what distance was she therefrom? was her Course attended at any, and what time, and to what other port, or place, and for what reason?

30th Interrogate By whom, and to whom, hath the said ship been sold or transferred, and how often? at what time, and at what place, and for what sum or consideration? Hath such sum or consideration been paid or satisfied? was the sum paid, or to be paid, a fair and true equivalent or what security, or securities, have been given for the payment of the same, and by whom.

and

and where do they live now? Do you know or believe
in your conscience, such sale or transfer has been truly
made, and not for the purpose of Covering or Concealing
the real property? Do you really believe that if the
ship should be restored, she will belong to the persons
now asserted to be the owners, and to none others?
Are there any private agreements for the return of the
ship to her former owners at the Conclusion of the
War or at any other period?

31st Interrogate What guns were mounted
on board the ship, and what arms and ammunition
were belonging to her? why was she so armed? were
there on board any other guns, Mortars, Howitzers, Bolls,
shells, Handgranades, Muskets, Carbines, Pikes, Halberds,
Spartans, Swords, Bayonets, Locks for Muskets, Flint
Ramrods Belts Cartridges, Cartridges boxes, Pouches,
Gun powder, Saltpetre, Nitre, Camp Equipage Military
Tools, Uniforms, Soldiers Clothing or accoutrements
or any sort of warlike or Naval Stores? were
any of such warlike or Naval Stores, or things
thrown

thrown overboard to prevent suspicion at the time of the Capture? And were, and are any such warlike stores before described, concealed on board under the name of Merchandise, or any other colourable appellation in the ship papers. If yea what are the marks on the Casks, Bales, and packages, in which they were concealed? are any of the before named articles and which, for the sole use of any Fortress or Garrison in the port or place to which such ship was destined?

Do you know or have you heard of any ordinance, placart, or Law existing, in such Kingdom, or State, forbidding the exportation of the same by private persons without licence? were such warlike, or Naval stores, put on board by any publick authority? when, and where, were they put on board?

32^d Interrogate. What is the whole which you know or believe according to the best of your knowledge and belief, regarding the real

and

and true property and destination of the Ship and Cargo
Concerning which you are now Examined, at the
time of the Capture?

Additional Interrogatories

1st Interrogate. Did the said Ship in the
Voyage in which she was Captured or on, or during
any and what former Voyage or Voyages, sail under
the Convoy of any Ship or Ships of War, or other Armed
Vessel or Vessels? If you interrogate for what reason
or purpose, did she sail under such Convoy? of what
force was or were such Convoying Ship or Ships?
And to what State or Country did such Ship or Ships
belong what instructions or Directions had you or
did you receive on each any one of such Voyages
when under Convoy respecting your sailing or
keeping in Company with such Armed or
Convoying

Conveying Ship, or Ships, and from whom did you receive such instructions or Directions?

Had you any and what Instructions or Directions and from whom for resisting or endeavouring to avoid, or escape from Capture, or for destroying, Concealing, or refusing to deliver up your Ships documents and papers or any and what other papers that might be, or were put on board your said Ship?

If you interrogate particularly as to the Tenor of such Instructions and all particulars relating thereto? Let the witness be asked if he is in possession of such Instructions or Copies thereof, and, if yes, let him be directed to leave the same with the Examiner to be annexed to his Deposition?

2^d Interrogate. Did the said Ship during the Voyage in which she was Captured, or during any and what former Voyage or Voyages, sail to or attempt to enter any port under blockade by the arms or forces of any, and which of the belligerent

belligent powers? If yes when did you first learn
or hear of such port being blockaded and were
you at any, and what time, and by whom,
warned not to proceed to, or attempt to enter such
blockaded port? and what course did you pursue,
and after, being so warned off? -

Additional Interrogatories